

LATE-BREAKING PROGRAM ADDITION!

USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan

will join us for a breakfast talk

7:30 a.m., Saturday morning, January 21, 2012

Wally Allen Ballroom, Statehouse Convention Center

(next door to The Peabody)

This is an opportunity to hear from the country's most prominent sustainable agriculture advocate!

Starting at 6:30 a.m., a breakfast buffet will be available for purchase outside the Wally Allen Ballroom. Please plan to bring your breakfast into the ballroom to learn about the important work Deputy Secretary Merrigan is doing at USDA. A question and answer period will take place after her presentation. Don't miss this opportunity to join the discussion.

Long-time sustainable agriculture advocate Kathleen Merrigan was appointed second in command at the USDA by President Obama in 2009. In this position she has remained a fearless fighter for programs and policies that support sustainable agriculture.

She manages USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative, which emphasizes the need for a fundamental and critical reconnection between producers and consumers while revitalizing rural economies by supporting local and regional food systems in rural America.

We are honored to have Deputy Secretary Merrigan join us and are making adjustments to our planned program so that you can have this time with her.

The Information Exchange sessions, originally scheduled 8:30-10:00 a.m. on Saturday, have been rescheduled for 8:45-10:10 a.m.



**USDA Deputy Secretary
Kathleen Merrigan**

Deputy Secretary Merrigan manages the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative.



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