

Colorado Ag Classic to be held Dec. 7-8

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The seventh annual Colorado Ag Classic will be held Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 7-8 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland.

The Colorado Ag Classic is the joint convention of the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers (CAWG), the Colorado Corn Growers Association (CCGA), Colorado Sunflower Administrative Committee (CSAC), Colorado Sorghum Producers (CSP), Colorado Seed Growers Association (CSGA) and Colorado Seed Industry Association (CSIA).

The convention will begin on the evening of Dec. 7, with a legislative social, dinner and an auction to benefit CAWG and CCGA's state and national legislative efforts.

Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture John Salazar will kick off the general session on the morning of Dec. 8, followed by Hubert Hamer, chair of the USDA NASS Agricultural Statistic Board, who will speak on USDA reports, how they are estimated and compiled, and their influence on the markets.

The keynote speaker is Reva Bhalla of STRATFOR Global Intelligence. Bhalla will speak on the importance and influence of the global economy for Colorado farmers.

Breakout sessions on Dec. 8 begin at 8 a.m. and include the choice of a grain marketing presentation with Dan Maltby or a workers' compensation safety meeting.

The afternoon sessions include a repeat of the grain marketing presentation, the impending world food crisis and precision agriculture's role in world food needs, Farm Bill policy development, a sorghum update, a question and answer session with keynote speaker Bhalla, truck regulations and safety inspections, and conservation issues in the Farm Bill.

A trade show will also take place during the Colorado Ag Classic. Representatives from agricultural businesses from around the state will be present to answer questions on their products.

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More information on Colorado Ag Classic registration and hotel costs and program details is available at www.coloradowheat.org , or call 970-449-6994 for more information.

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