

# Agricultural Outlook Forum 2003



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**S**harpen your strategy for 2003 by attending the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 79<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Outlook Forum.

Noted experts, top industry and government officials and producers will share their insight on the challenges of staying competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup>

century. The program will feature a close look growing competition from Central and Eastern Europe, Brazil and Asia, and the latest on WTO agricultural negotiations. Under Secretary of Treasury John Taylor has been invited to brief attendees on global economic and financial conditions.

Focus sessions also will highlight the competitive forces producers face at home, ranging from the growing complexity and cost of regulations, to access to markets and information, to assuring food safety and changing eating habits.

The Forum will provide an early look the 2003 agricultural outlook as leading analysts debate planting, trade, and price prospects for farm commodities. You'll also receive a set of new USDA long-term commodity projections to 2012.

Following a year of weather-reduced crops in many countries, meteorologists will discuss the El Niño phenomenon and its impact on agriculture.

Networking opportunities abound at the Forum, which attracted 1,400 attendees last February. Register now for the best value. For full program and registration details, access [www.usda.gov/occe](http://www.usda.gov/occe), e-mail [agforum@occe.usda.gov](mailto:agforum@occe.usda.gov); or call toll-free 877-891-2208.

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