2014 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference
Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, December 16, 2014

8:30 am  Registration

9:00 am  Welcome
Bob Chambers, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC) and Stephen Wright, Associate Director, University of Maryland Extension

9:15 am  Commodity Price Prospects for 2015, Kevin McNew, President, GeoGrain and Adjunct Professor, AREC, University of Maryland

10:00 am  Break

10:30 am  Agricultural Conservation Practices and Water Quality in Maryland
- Water Quality Trading, Susan Payne, Maryland Dept of Agriculture
- Maryland’s New Certainty Program, Colin Jones, Maryland Dept of Agriculture
- Agricultural BMPs and Cost-Sharing, Patrick Fleming and David Newburn, AREC, University of Maryland

11:45 am  2014-15 Maryland Legislative Update, Colby Ferguson, MD Farm Bureau

12:15 pm  Lunch

1:15 pm  Farm Bill
- Farm Bill Update, Howard Leathers, AREC, University of Maryland
- Conservation Compliance, Jon Hall, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service

2:30 pm  Energy Policies for Maryland Agriculture
- State Energy Programs for Maryland Agriculture, Dean Fisher, Maryland Energy Administration
- Federal Energy Policies for Maryland Agriculture, Sebastien Houde, AREC, University of Maryland

3:30 pm  Concluding Remarks
Cheng-i Wei, Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UMD