Director Mark Killian of the Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) and Tom Davis, president of the Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona (ABWC) are requesting that you reserve Monday, December 10th, 2018, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, for the 4th Annual Agribusiness Roundtable: "What is the Future of Arizona Agriculture? The Good, The Bad and the Unknown."

We will be meeting at Salt River Project’s PERA Club, 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, Arizona.

The Agribusiness Roundtable is an opportunity to meet as leaders and colleagues to discuss important agribusiness related issues in the state of Arizona and beyond.

We are pleased to announce that Ted McKinney, the USDA Undersecretary for Trade, will be our Keynote Speaker for this event. He will discuss the Trump Administration’s policy and the current efforts to bring better trade for American agriculture.

Also we have a panel of National Agriculture Journalists who will bring their unique perspective to a “round-up” of issues facing American agriculture today and in the near future. We will also discuss Water Issues, Anti-agriculture Animal Rights Issues, Agriculture Labor Issues, Consumer Food Trends and the opportunity to grow Hemp in Arizona. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

We know your time is valuable, but hope that you will attend, get acquainted and network with agribusiness colleagues, show how important your business is, and why agriculture is the key to Arizona’s future. There are some great opportunities to help sponsor this year’s Roundtable. Most of all we would like you to come and participate and enjoy the association. Please feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested.

We hope to see you on Monday December 10th!

Sincerely,

Mark W. Killian
Director, Dept. of Agriculture

Tom Davis
President, ABWC
The 2018 Arizona Agribusiness Roundtable will look at a number of “Hot Topics” and how these topics affect agribusiness in Arizona. The program includes a well-respected group of national agriculture journalists and other professionals in the field of agriculture to share their view of Agriculture today, tomorrow and in the future.

This collaborative effort by the Arizona Department of Agriculture and the Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona offers an opportunity for you to ask questions, share your views and network with fellow ag professionals.

Agribusiness is a vast support structure that forms one of the largest economic segments on this planet. It is a significant contributor to the gross domestic product of every country on this globe. It is a huge and essential industry, yet in the eyes of many it is invisible. We need to understand how we can help protect and insure the viability of this important and powerful industry for our state, country and the world.

This meeting is for farmers, ranchers, agribusiness bankers, investors and finance people, equipment suppliers, seed and crop protection services, crop and livestock support services, energy providers, water providers, agricultural educators, veterinarians and other agribusinesses. Bring your voice to the table!

### Keynote Speaker

**Ted McKinney**

Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs

### Journalist Panel

- **Caren Cowan**
  Publisher
  *New Mexico Stockman & Livestock Market Digest*

- **Chuck Jolley**
  President, Writer & Editor
  *Jolley & Associates—Drovers, Food Safety News, Dairy Herd*

- **John Phipps**
  Columnist
  *Farm Journal & TV Host of U.S. Farm Report*

- **Orion Samuelson**
  Agri-Business Director
  *WGN Radio and RFD TV*

- **Kylene Scott**
  Associate Editor
  *High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal*

### Speakers

- **Lynn Jacquez**
  Principal & Managing Partner
  CJ Lake LLC

- **Brian McGrew**
  Industrial Hemp Program Manager
  Arizona Department of Agriculture

- **Jim Manos**
  CFO
  Hickman Egg Farm

- **Ed Gerak**
  Executive Director
  Arizona Power Authority

- **Tim McCabe**
  President
  Arizona Food Marketing Alliance

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