



# Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee

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3:00 p.m.

1150 Minnesota Senate Building

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1. Call to Order
2. Poultry Industry Presentation on Avian Influenza
  - Bruce Kleven on behalf of Jes Westbrook, President, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association
  - Dr. Carol Cardona, DVM, PhD, DACPV; Pomeroy Chair in Avian Health, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine
3. Informational Presentation on Forever Green Initiative and Continuous Living Cover
  - Dr. Don Wyse, Co-Founder, Forever Green Initiative, University of Minnesota
4. SF 1314 (Seeberger) Forever Green Initiative University of Minnesota appropriation
  - Dr. Mitch Hunter, Associate Director, Forever Green initiative
  - Anne Schwagerl, Vice President, Minnesota Farmers Union; Co-Founder, Prairie Point Farm; Co-Founder, Perennial Promise Growers Cooperative
  - Mac Erhardt, President, Albert Lea Seed
  - John Satumba, Global Bakery Category Technical Leader, North America Regional R&D Director, Cargill
  - David VandenEinde, Vice President, Global Oils & Fats R&D Leader, Cargill
  - Alexandra Griffin, Graduate Student, University of Minnesota
  - Randy Ellingboe, Manager (Ret.), Minnesota Department of Health Drinking Water Protection Program

5. SF 1353 (Gustafson) Continuous living cover crops and cropping systems appropriation

- Colin Cureton, Director of Adoption and Scaling, Forever Green Initiative
- Christopher Abbott, Founder, Perennial Pantry
- Ben Penner, Vice President, Perennial Promise Growers Cooperative; Founder, Ben Penner Farms
- Wilber de la Rosa, Manager of Farm Outreach and Technical Assistance, Regenerative Agriculture Alliance
- Dan Skogen, Director of Government Relations, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

6. Adjournment