ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Participants will explore the food system from farm-to-table in Uruguay while considering aspects of animal welfare and health, food safety, food protection, and public health.

Site visits along the food supply chain, facilitated discussions with key government and private sector leaders, and interactive cross-cultural group activities are designed to integrate knowledge and skills in food safety, animal health and public health.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Develop awareness, understanding and familiarity of the food system in exporting countries such as Uruguay and appreciate the global integration of public-private practice within food systems.
- Appreciate similarities and differences among the food systems in Uruguay, the United States and other countries.
- Promote and catalyze collaborative group leadership through:
  o Network building opportunities,
  o Experiential and structured learning activities,
  o Collective group activities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Food and animal health industry professionals.
- Government regulators and policymakers.
- Students in veterinary medicine and other academic graduate health certificate and degree programs.

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FARM TO TABLE STUDY PROGRAM

Uruguay
October 25-31, 2010

Presented by:

- Universidad de la República, Facultad de Veterinaria, Uruguay
- University of Minnesota, Center for Animal Health and Food Safety and Global Initiative for Food Systems Leadership
- Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Public Health Program
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and is limited to 20 participants.

REGISTRATION FEES
The registration fee will be announced in the early Spring of 2010, but is estimated to be between $700-1000 USD. Scholarship funding may be available to assist with registration fees.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
- Course materials and instruction.
- Hotel accommodation during the program (all hotels include breakfast). Please note that there will be an additional charge for single occupancy.

PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:
- Travel to/from Uruguay
  - Participants will be expected to make arrangements and pay for their own travel to and from Uruguay. The program will be commencing and ending in Montevideo, the capital city of Uruguay.
- Ground transportation from the airport to the hotel in Montevideo.
- Lunches, dinners and incidentals are not included in the registration fee. Please note that breakfast is included in the cost the hotel rooms.
- Health insurance (proof of insurance required).

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS
Activities in Uruguay will highlight the farm, processing, retail, government and academic sectors of the food production chain. Site visits will include an extensive beef cattle operation and local dairy farm; a beef slaughter plant and dairy processor; a local butcher shop and national supermarket chain; government and private sector food production facilities; and animal and public health organizations. Participants will also meet with faculty and students from the Universidad de la República veterinary school in Uruguay.

Participants will contribute knowledge and insights through daily roundtable group discussions and small group presentations on assigned topics.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAID ABOUT THE 2009 FARM TO TABLE STUDY PROGRAM
“The world is getting smaller and we need to continue these activities to appreciate our neighbors”
- Dustin Weaver, Junior at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine

“This trip allowed me to see in integrated form how food safety in Uruguay is (literally) from The Farm to the Table”
- Marlyn Romero Peñuela, Professor of Epidemiology, Preventive Medicine, and Public Health at the Universidad de Caldas, Columbia

“I very much appreciated the diversity of the group and what the different people’s views brought to the program”
- Rosario Aguirre, Uruguayan Beef Producer from the Rocha region

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER:
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