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Ks Farm Groups set Annual Commodity Classic Event

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) - Kansas farm groups are planning to gather next month for their annual Commodity Classic convention.

The free event begins at 7:30 a.m. on Feb. 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan.

Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey will be speaking at a joint morning session with the Women Managing the Farm conference.

Other speakers include Chris Standlee, executive vice president of global affairs for Abengoa Bioenergy. He plans to talk about the company's Hugoton project and the future of cellulosic ethanol.

Other featured speakers include Rod Snyder president of The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture's Field to Market project.

Barry Flinchbaugh, an agricultural economy professor at Kansas State University, will present what he calls the lessons learned from the three-year debate on the 2014 farm bill.

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