Tuesday June 4th

11:00  Registration Opens—Annenberg Conference Center

1:00–1:05  Conference Opening—Hagler Auditorium
Graham Scoles, NABC Chair

1:05–1:50  Keynote Speaker
Roger Beachy, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
Global Institute for Food Security

SESSION 1: MEETING OVERVIEW

1:50–1:55  Chair’s Comments
David Baltensperger, Professor & Head of Soil & Crop Sciences Dept.,
Texas A&M University

1:55–2:20  Transgenic Papaya Story: Still a Public Sector Anomaly?
Dennis Gonsalves, Center Director,
USDA Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center

2:20–2:45  Benefits of Biotech Specialty Crops: The Need For A New Path Forward
Tony Shelton, Professor, Dept. of Entomology, Cornell University

2:45–3:10  Potential Concerns of Different Stakeholders to Genetically Engineered Specialty Crops
Gregory Jaffe, Director,
Biotechnology Project, Center for Science in the Public Interest

3:10–3:25  Panel Q&A
3:25–3:40 BREAK—Hospitality Room 1011 B

SESSION 2: CASE STUDIES

3:40–3:45 Chair Comments
David Baltensperger, Professor & Head, Dept. of Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M University

3:45–4:10 Orange Juice – Will it be Available to Drink in the Future? (Agriculturally or Commercially)
Rick Kress, President, Southern Gardens

4:10–4:35 Biotech and Apples – Why they Fit
Neal Carter, President/Founder, Okanagan Specialty Fruits

4:35–5:00 Bringing Biotech Potatoes to Market
Haven Baker, VP of Marketing Initiatives, J.R. Simplot

5:00–5:25 Vegetable Case Study
John Purcell, VP of Technology Development, Monsanto

5:25–5:40 Panel Q&A

5:40–6:00 BREAK—Hospitality Room 1011 B

6:00–6:30 POSTER SESSION—Rotunda: George Bush Presidential Library

6:30–8:30 WELCOMING REMARKS AND RECEPTION
Mark Hussey, Vice Chancellor and Dean, Texas A&M AgriLife
Craig Nessler, Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Wednesday June 5th

SESSION 3: THE REGULATORY PROCESS AND TECHNOLOGY ACCESS FOR SPECIALTY CROPS

8:00–8:05 Welcome and Chair’s Comments—Hagler Auditorium
Dan Lineberger, Professor & Head, Dept. of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University
8:05–8:30  **Regulation of Plant-Incorporated Protectants by the US Environmental Protection Agency**  
Chris Wozniak, Biotechnology Special Assistant, US Environmental Protection Agency

8:30–8:55  **Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future of USDA’s Regulation of Agricultural Biotechnology**  
Dave Heron, Assistant Director, USDA/APHIS BRS Policy Coordination Programs

8:55–9:20  **Ensuring Food and Feed Safety: U.S. Food Law and FDA’s Biotechnology Consultation Process**  
Robert Merker, Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer, FDA/Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition

9:20–9:45  **Canadian Regulatory Process for Plants With Novel Traits**  
Patricia McAllister, Acting National Manager, Plant Biosafety Office, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

9:45–10:05  **Panel Q&A**

10:05–10:20  **BREAK—Hospitality Room 1011 B**

10:20–10:25  **Chair’s Comments**  
Dan Lineberger, Professor & Head, Dept. of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University

10:25–10:50  **Getting to Yes: How to Achieve Pre-Market Approval**  
Scott Thenell, Owner and Principal Consultant, Thenell & Associates LLC

10:50–11:15  **Cultural Shift**  
Peter Schuerman, Director of Innovation Management, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

11:15–11:40  **Intellectual Property For Crop Transformation: A Continuing Saga For Agricultural Innovation In The Public Sector**  
Alan Bennett, Executive Director, PIPRA; Professor of Plant Science, University of California, Davis

11:40–12:00  **Panel Q&A**
12:00–1:00  **LUNCH—Room 1011 C**

**Manufacturing Vaccines**

Brett Giroir, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, 
The Texas A&M University System; Principal Investigator, Texas A&M Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing

**SESSION 4: PERSPECTIVES FROM RELEVANT GROUPS**

1:00–1:05  **Chair’s Comments**

Daniel Leskovar, Professor and Center Director, 
Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, Uvalde

1:05–1:30  **Sustaining Ag for the Texas of Tomorrow**

J Allan Carnes, Mayor, Uvalde, Texas

1:30–1:55  **The “Stacked” Pipeline of Biotech Specialty Crops and Regulatory/Market Barriers**

Thomas Redick, Global Environmental Ethics Counsel (GEEC), 
Clayton, MO

1:55–2:20  **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis of the Texas Vegetable & Fruit Industry**

Bill McCutchen, Executive Associate Director, 
Texas A&M AgriLife Research

2:20–2:35  **Panel Q&A**

2:35–2:50  **BREAK—Hospitality Room 1011 B**

2:50–2:55  **Chair’s Comments**

Daniel Leskovar, Professor and Center Director, 
Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, Uvalde

2:55–3:20  **Genetically Engineered Specialty Crops Need Regulatory Assistance**

Alan McHughen, CE Biotechnology Specialist & Geneticist, 
University of California

3:20–3:45  **Human Health Benefits from Specialty-Crop Foods**

Mary Ann Lila, Director, Plants for Human Health Institute, 
North Carolina State University
Transforming Modern Agriculture Through Synthetic Genomics Technologies
Jim Flatt, Chief Technology Officer, Synthetic Genomics

Panel Q&A

BREAK—Hospitality Room 1011 B

Breakout Sessions

BREAK & Transportation to AgriLife Center

BANQUET & KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
Commissioner Todd Staples, Texas Department of Agriculture

Thursday June 6th

SESSION 5: NEXT STEPS

Welcome & Breakout Reports—Hagler Auditorium
Steve Pueppke, Associate Vice President for Research & Graduate Studies, Michigan State University

Panel Discussion
Steve Pueppke, Bill McCutchen, Tony Shelton, Gregory Jaffe, Neal Carter

BREAK—Hospitality Room 1011 B

Continue Panel Discussion

LUNCH:
Student Voice Report

Conference Closure