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## **41<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Industry Dinner scheduled for January 26, 2012** **Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will speak**

The Delaware Council of Farm Organizations invites the public to attend the 41<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Industry Dinner that will be held on January 26, 2012 at the Dover Downs Hotel & Conference Center. Festivities begin with a reception at 5:00 PM with dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. Reservations and payments must be made by **December 30, 2011**. For more information, contact Lisa Falconetti at the Delaware Department of Agriculture: Phone – 302.698.4554 or E-Mail – [lisa.falconetti@state.de.us](mailto:lisa.falconetti@state.de.us) .

During an enjoyable evening full of good food and fellowship, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack will be the featured speaker; and DDA Secretary Ed Kee will present the Secretary's Award for meritorious service to Delaware agriculture. This time honored Delaware tradition provides an opportunity to celebrate Delaware's hard working farmers, honor the First State's rich agricultural heritage, and discuss current and potential challenges to the industry. Attendees will also have the chance to thank elected officials for their support and advocacy of agriculture in Delaware in 2011 and the future.

Individual tickets cost \$60.00 and a 10 seat table will cost \$550.00. **Event reservation forms and information** are accessible as follows:

- By e-mail from [deagindustrydinner@gmail.com](mailto:deagindustrydinner@gmail.com)
- By mail from the **Delaware Council of Farm Organizations, P.O. Box 986, Dover, DE 19903.**
- On-line at [www.dda.delaware.gov](http://www.dda.delaware.gov) under *Hot Topics*.

Event updates regarding attendees, the menu, and photos of Delaware agriculture are available on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Delaware-Agricultural-Industry-Dinner/170916926254767>.

Kenneth Wicks, President, Delaware Council of Farm Organizations said, "I am extremely pleased that USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack will join the Council, the public, agricultural industry attendees, and our public officials as we celebrate Delaware's \$8 billion agricultural industry. We are indeed honored by his acceptance. The reservation deadline is fast approaching so I urge those interested in attending to sign-up as soon as possible."

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