



# Midwestern Legislative Conference

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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a very timely upcoming virtual meeting sponsored by the CSG Midwest Legislative Conference Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

On August 10, one third of Iowa's crops were destroyed by 100 mph winds that blew down acres of corn, soybeans, silos, trees, homes and barns. Four people died.

On August 24, the southern coast of the United States was facing the threat of two hurricanes in 24 hours. Hurricane Laura killed 36 people and did an estimated \$8.7 billion in insured damage.

Today, wildfires are burning millions of acres across the American West and have killed a total of at least 15 people.

A significant portion of these impacted rural residents.

Join us for an hour on Friday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. ET/9:00 a.m. CT/8:00 a.m. MDT to focus on the **Rural Response to Natural Disasters**. As instances of extreme weather become more common and the federal response to disaster remains fragmented, local communities increasingly bear the burden of coordinating disaster recovery and planning for resilience to future events with few resources. Rural communities must respond differently to these disasters than urban areas. Join us to talk about how we predict these disasters, what they are and how to prepare for them.

## RURAL RESPONSES TO NATURAL DISASTERS

TIMES ARE IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE

8:50 a.m. Conference room doors open

Speakers: Dr. Scott Collis, Atmospheric Scientist, Argonne National Laboratory  
Mike Naig, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Ralph Eichler, Manitoba Minister of Economic Development

Please register for this meeting on-line at the [CSG Zoom link](#)

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