Key Highlights in 2012:

- Rajesh Kumar from India - recipient of Kleckner Trade & Technology Advancement Award.
- Global Farmer Network (GFN) – grown to 100 farmers from around the world who have attended the Global Farmer Roundtable, the 7th annual event was held in conjunction with the World Food Prize.
- Major publications such as USA Today, New York Times, Wall Street Journal Europe, Washington Times, Daily Nation (Nairobi), and CNBC Africa used GFN commentary, interviews or as sources.
- Biotech Counters – over 3 billion acres of biotech crops planted and harvested globally.
- Trade Tracker monitored statements by Presidential Candidates on trade during the election year.
- Dean Kleckner transitioned to the role of Chairman Emeritus in August.
- Global Farmer Network engaged and Ted Sheely (Board, California) instrumental on the ground in the effort against California Proposition 37.

Coming in 2013:

- Larger push into social media and use of website as an authoritative international resource.
- Global Farmer Network – continued building and expansion of international spokespersons.

Website Activity 2012: viewers from over 183 nations and 7300 cities across the globe

Media Activity: samples that utilized TATT or items of interest on Global Farmer Network members:

Ag News 890 AM Radio (N. Dakota) - “Terry Wanzek (Board, ND) to represent N. Dakota on America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education advisory council” Jan 25 referenced his work with TATT.
Ag Professional - “CropWorld focus was on sharing crop technology” Mar 30 had Bill Horan and Tim Burrell (Board, IA) speaking.
This Week In Agribusiness - Tim Burrell (Board, IA) column on Prop 37 talked about by Orion Samuelson, Sept 22 broadcast.
Agri Africa (S. Africa) - “Rebuild the African Breadbasket with the Power of Fertilizer and Promise of Biotechnology” by Gilbert Arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) on Apr 13.
12 by Ross Korves; “Prop 37 will hurt every Californian” Oct 8 by Ted Sheely; “Indian farmer: Give us full access to GM crops” Oct 16 by Rajesh Kumar (2012 Kleckner Award, India); “African farmer to California: Prop 37 will impact me” Oct 29 by Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya).

Farm Press Blog - Opera star, farmer, innovator all rolled into one’ about Ted Sheely’s (Board, CA) son Zach on Jan 27.
Farmers Guardian (UK) - “Plan now to overcome possible water restrictions this season’ quoted Lindsay Hargreaves (2009, UK) Jan 20.
Farmers Guide (UK) - “Engage, engage, engage is the message at AIC Conference” included Ian Pigott (2012, UK) who spoke.
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Our GM policy is starving Africa” Dec 20 by Ian Pigott (2012, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Opaque regulations work for lawyers, not consumers” Nov 16, on CA Prop 37 by Ian Pigott (2012, UK).


Farm News Daily (UK) - “Farmers should hasten slowly” Nov 11 quotes Jim McCarthy (2009 Kleckner Award, Ireland).
FarmWeek (Illinois Farm Bureau) - “Measuring global food security in face of disaster” Aug 13 by John Reifsteck (Board, IL).
FarmWeek - “Fiscal cliff debate has far-reaching implications’ quotes Ross Korves in Nov 19 edition.
FNBarber - Tim Burrack’s (Board, IA) “An open letter to California voters from an Iowa farmer: Prop 37 impacts me, too” Nov 5.
Food Chemical News - referenced John Reifsteck (Board, IL) Mar 8 column (Words matter: Biotechnology does not contaminate) Mar 21 in “Concerns grow about wording of US-EU organic equivalence pact”.
Food Safety News - Ted Sheely (Board, CA) quoted in “Celebrities Join in Prop 37 Labeling Fight” Oct 10.
Forbes.com - “Who will cover the costs of California’s Prop 37” Nov 2 by Nicholas Kalaitzandonakes (Moderator, 2012 GFR).
Fort Dodge Messenger - Bill Horan (Board, IA) quoted Feb 26 in ‘Area com sales could increase by $10 million’.
Fort Dodge Messenger - “Eyes on Brazil” quoted Bill Horan (Board, IA) Mar 4 following a trip to Brazil with a delegation that also included former board member and current Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Northey.
Fresno Bee - Ted Sheely (Board, CA) quoted in “Farmers of unmodified crops fear sales troubles, lawsuits Oct 17.


Grand Forks Herald - “Farm bill should grow food, not food prices” by Terry Wanzek (Board, ND) July 1.
Grand Forks Herald - “Farmers need drought-resistant crops” Aug 12 by Terry Wanzek (Board, ND).


Global Harvest Initiative - "A Voice for Emerging Indian Farmers” on Nov 9 featured Rajesh Kumar (2012 Kleckner Award, India) who was on GHI’s panel following the release of the 2012 Global Agricultural Productivity Report during the World Food Prize.


Habarileo (Tanzania) – “Pineapple revolution is coming” Aug 13 covered Tanzanian president Kikwete visiting Booms farm in Ghana owned and operated by Anthony Botchway (2011, Ghana).


Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman - “Dude, it’s real, sustainable beef” by Carol Keiser (Board, FL) in early April edition.
Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman - “Orange Alert: Activists try to slime a promising product” July 25 by Bill Horan (Board, IA).
Iowa Far Farm Bureau Spokesman - “Trade and Technology Help Offset Drought’s Effect on Consumers” Aug 22 by John Reifsteck (Board, IL).


Iowa Farmer Today - “Obama needs trade promotion authority to complete unfinished business...” May 24 by Deon Kleckner.
IPS, Inter Press Service - “Africa: Calling for a GMO-Free Continent” Nov 29 referenced Motlasi Musi (2012, S. Africa) as a member of the Global Farmer Network and his support for access to biotechnology.
Irish Independent - “Farmer: Prop 37 impacts me, too” Nov 5.
Irish Times - “Agri-food cheifs to get masterclass in sustainable food growth” Sept 5 mentions Jim McCarthy (2009 Kleckner Award, Ireland) as speaker at conference.
Irish Examiner - “Conference to hail ‘time of opportunity’ for young farmers’ Oct 27 mentions Jim McCarthy (2009 Kleckner Award, Ireland) as speaker at Macra na Feirme annual conference in Waterford, Ireland.
KAIT8KFVS12TV (Missouri) - “Some southeast farmers expected to grow best crops in state due to irrigation” Aug 14 quoted and recorded an interview with Mike Geske (2011, US-MO). The Southeast Missourian had similar story Aug 12.
Kearney Hub (Nebraska) - "Farm bill’s future still uncertain" Dec 4 covered Ross Korves presentation to the 95th annual Nebraska Farm Bureau Convention.
Kiplinger Agriculture Letter - talked to Ross Korves and Mary Boote on general ag trends and the outlook for ag exports.
KMU AM Radio - Fresno, California - Ted Sheely (Board, CA) appeared on the Oct 31 Ray Appleton Show to talk about Prop 37.
MAC Newsletter, Michigan Agricultural commodities - Ross Korves quoted Jan 13 in “District concerned with land values.”
Marc Gunther - blog host at Fortune magazine posted Feb 7 “Biotech crops are winning over farmers”. Global Farmer Network members Jeff Bidstrup (2008 Kleckner Award, Australia), David Hill (2007, UK), and VKV Ravichandran (2010, India) commented.
Mujeres & Cía (Spain) - Jose Luis Romeo (2010, Spain) talked on “Biotechnology in agriculture” and mentioned Jan 30 in “More than 4000 people have visited “Biopositivizate” about weekend event in Madrid.


NPR, National Public Radio - “As Scientists Question New Rat Study, GMO Debate Rages On” Sept 20 included photo of Giorgio Fidenato (2010, Italy) and his corn field after anti-GMO activists trampled it in 2010 (below).

OFAB, Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology in Africa - posted “We must remove the landmines that limit access to biotechnology in Africa” by Motlatsi Musi (2012, S. Africa) Nov 22.

Ohio Country Journal and Ohio Ag Net - “GM labeling Proposition 37 fails in California” Nov 8 quotes Dea Kleckner.

PBS Television - Ted Sheely (Board, CA) farm in the Food Machine episode, and short episodes Growing Tomatoes and iFarm of “America Revealed”.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - Ted Sheely (Board, CA) referenced Oct 21 in “Should genetically altered food be labeled?”

PR Newswire - “Senior Figures in Crop Technology Sector Gather at Global Conference” Nov 1 includes John Reifstreek (Board, IL) presenting.

Precision Pays - “Technology in Focus at Global Farmer Roundtable” Oct 29 includes audio interview with Dean Kleckner.

Red River Farm Network - Ross Korves in Feb 6 weekly news highlights, ‘The Busiest Political Year in Our Lifetime’.

Red River Farm Network, Radio - Mike Hegert interviewed Tim Burrack (Board, IA) May 10 on invitation to Oprah to visit his farm.

Reuter’s - Dr. Robert Thompson (past GFR moderator) quoted Sept 12 in “Fears of global food price crisis recede”.

Reuters - Ross Korves interviewed May 21 on GMO labeling and what’s driving the anti-biotech movement.

Rural Weekly (Australia) – “Cotton on to Conference” Aug 24 included Jeff Biddstrup (2008 Kleckner Award, Australia) receiving the Cotton Australia Service to Industry Award.

San Diego Union-Tribune – “Special report: Aquifers shrink, nation digs deeper” Aug 4 included picture and quotes from Ted Sheely (Board, CA) at conclusion of article.

The Scotsman (Scotland) - “Jim McCarthy rages against the EU machine” Mar 10 on the 2012 Kleckner Award recipient.

Seed Feed Television - “A Portuguese Farmer’s Request for the Freedom to Choose Technology That Helps Feed the World” by Gabriela Cruz (2010 Kleckner Award) posted Apr 24.

The Southland Times (New Zealand) - “Challenge to grow ‘more food from less’” Nov 7 features Craige MacKenzie’s experience at the 2012 Global Farmer Roundtable.


Stock & Land (Australia) - “Massive future for no-till” Aug 10 featured Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) who spoke at events.


Straight Furrow, New Zealand’s - “Cotton on to Conference” Aug 24 included Jeff Biddstrup (2008 Kleckner Award, Australia) receiving the Cotton Australia Service to Industry Award.

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Terra e Vita (Italy) - Giuseppe Elias (2008, Italy) had ‘Conservative di corsa’ in Jan 21 edition.


USA Today - Feb 10 included Ross Korves analysis ‘Thailand’s Domestic Rice Policies Upset Trade Patterns’.

USA Today - “GMO labeling efforts will hurt Africans” Nov 2 by Gilbert Arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya).

Viata Brailei (Romania) - Lucian Buduzdan (2007) Jan 8 ‘Largest cereal producer in Braila expect poor production in 2012’.

VTDigger.org - ‘Wanzek: Genetically modified food is perfectly healthy’ by Terry Wanzek (Board, ND) Apr 17.


Washington Times - “Obama risks trade war with China” - President should take enforcement unit back to the drawing board’ Feb 1.

Washington Times - “Dude, it’s real, sustainable beef” opinion Apr 3 by Carol Keiser (Board, FL).

Washington Times - “Expanding the trans-Pacific partnership” by Dean Kleckner May 17.

Washington Times - Carol Keiser (Board, FL) Sept 18 “Keep your free birth control - we’ll take free trade: Women want a strong economy”.


Waterford Today (Ireland) - mention of Jim McCarthy (2009 Kleckner Award, Ireland) speaking at annual Young Farmers Conference in Nov 2 article.

WNAX Radio - Yankton, South Dakota - Ross Korves interviewed May 14 on the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Yahoo! Finance (others) - Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) and his wife Cintia involved with Bioceres, as mentioned Feb 29 in “Arcadia Biosciences and Bioceres Form Verdealca, and Agricultural Technology Joint Venture”.


Other Links, Blogs, Tweets, Posts:

Abibpecs, Assoc Brasileira da Industria Produtora... - Brazilian pork imports and harmonization of standards (Korves analysis)
AdFarm blog - Farmers from around the world talk communications tech (2012 Global Farmer Roundtable)
Afribiz - Iowa Caucus: A comparison plot for candidates (Burrrack column)
AdFarm Contact 2012 Expo & Summit - Masters and Mavericks (Bill Horan profile)
Agrilinks, USAID - Catch up on the 2012 World Food Prize (pic; Rajesh Kumar GH panel)
Agriculture Food & Security - The value of trust in biotech crop development... (TATT cited as source)
Agricultural Retailers Association - Truth trumps false food politics (Sheely column)
Agricultural Retailers Assoc - Agricultural markets watching Indian monsoon (Korves analysis)
AgriZAC concerned by Biotechnology in Europe (Cruz)
AgroZAC - Workshop on GMOs Sept 27, 2012 (Ellasus)
AgroNews - Ghana's biosafety law finally receives presidential assent (article link)
AnWeek - Farm groups testify at ag hearing (Pam Johnson - 2010, Iowa)
AgWired - Ziminfo Bytes Nov 23 - Kleckner Scholarship included
AgWired - New NCGA President Meets Press at NAFB (Pam Johnson, 2010, US-Iowa)
All Ag News - Analyst gives 4 key reasons ag should watch TPP FTA talks (Korves WNAX radio interview)
Association PROBio - Jose Luis Romeo; “Quienes usan transgenicos juegan con ventaja” (Romeo, Spain)
Badlands Journal - Why labeling of GMOs is actually bad for people and the environment (article link)
A Better Iowa - Burrack: That delicious sweet corn is made better by science (Burhack, Des Moines Register)
Better Farming (Ontario) - Taiwan's beef about ractopamine in pork (Korves analysis cited)
Beyond the rows – Sweet corn made better by science (Burrack, Des Moines Register)
BIO Food & Ag Biotech Weekly News, April 20-26, 2012 - Seed. Feed. Food (Gabriela Cruz column)
BIO Food & Ag Biotech Weekly News, August 3-9 – Farmers need drought resistant crops (Wanzek column)
BIO Food & Ag Biotech Weekly News, July 20-26 - Hawaii’s biotech papayas hold a lesson for America (Ken Kamiya column)
BIO Newsletter, July 11 - Biotech food labeling: Can common sense prevail in Congress? (Wanzek column)
BIOtechNow - Biotech food labeling: Can Common Sense Prevail in Congress? (Wanzek column)
BIOtechNOW - Labeling foes: Fight if you want, but we’ve got to feed the world (Bor column referenced, USA Today)
Black Sea Grain - Why assessing China's demand for corn remains uncertain (Korves)
Black Sea Grain - Argentina’s export tax blamed for grain decline* (Roberto Peiretti quoted)
Bob the green guy - GM food label battle gets Vermont test (Farm Press, Wanzek column)
British Crop Production Council, BCPC - CropWorld North America 2012 (Burack, Horan speaking)
California Growers Association - California farmers feel pain (article link)
CA Right to Know - Westlands cotton grower appears in ads opposing Proposition 37 (Sheely)
Caring for the Land - A letter to Oprah (Burack column)
CCAFS CGIAR - RIO+20 and Sustainable Agriculture: How to feed the world without wrecking the planet (blog link)
ChABSA, Chesapeake Area Biological Safety Assoc - Biotechnology enters mainstream agri-production in Asia (article link)
ChASBA - Ghana’s biosafety law finally receives presidential assent (article link)
Checkbiotech - Genetically modified crops to get faster approval, USDA says (article link)
Checkbiotech - A Portuguese farmer asks for the freedom to choose... (Gabriela Cruz column)
Checkbiotech.org - German farm group regrets BASF’s GMO move to US (article link)
Checkbiotech.org - Survey: Transgenic alfalfa leads plantings (article link)
Checkbiotech.org - Genetically modified crops to get faster approval, USDA says (article link)
ChinaGrain - Large harvest unlikely to make up the Chinese corn gap (Korves quoted)
Ciencia Ciencia - Come visit my farm (Burack column)
CIMMYT’s Blog - Corn and Wheat: preparing engines to boost agriculture (Peiretti, Argentina)
Clippings - Leading US farmers’ representative to speak at global crop conference (Reifsteck, CropWorld)
Congoo - Hostility to GM crops costing Europe dearly (Cruz column, Farm Press)
Congoo - Kashi under fire for GMO ingredients (article link)
Congoo – Romney backs Latin American free trade zone advisor says (article link)
Congoo - Transatlantic FTA plan off radar in presidential race (article link)
Cotton Market News - India’s export ban offers lessons to cotton industry (Korves analysis)
Crop Biotech Update (ISAAA) - 2012 Global Farmer Roundtable online nominations open
Crop Biotech Update (ISAAA) - Zimbabwe farmers call for GMO production to ensure food security (article link)
CropGen - Papayas (Kamiya)
CGIAR CCAFS – A famine proof world requires investment in farm research (article link)
Daily Bhaskar (India) - Soaring prices rob vegetables of sheen (Rajesh Kumar quoted)
Daily Farmers of Ontario, Dec 6 E-Clippings - TPP talks enter new phase (Korves analysis)
Daily Kos - Westlands cotton grower appears in ads opposing Proposition 37 (Sheely)
Democratic Underground – The cost of hunger drought only one factor behind high food prices (Geske, Spiegel)
Digg.com - Food: The Ultimate Weapon of War (Horan column)
Drugs - It’s time to end the job-killing US sugar policy (article link)
Divulgacao de Biotecnologia (Portugal) - Portuguese farmer asks for freedom of choice of technology in Europe (Cruz)
DuPont in South Africa - Zimbabwean woman shares farming success to advance world food security (Martha Kanengoni)
East Anglian Daily Times - Hope for best but plan for worst, drought summit told (L. Hargreaves quoted)
Ethanol Producer Magazine - China increasingly good market for US corn, DDGS, experts say (Korves)
EuropeanBio - We must remove the landmines that limit access to biotechnology in Africa (Musi column)
eOrganic (Cornucopia Institute) - Battle brewing over labeling of GM food (NYT, Burrack referenced)
Executive Newswatch - May 11, American Farm Bureau - An open letter to Oprah from a corn farmer (Burack column)
Exporter.com - Colombia looks to court US manufacturers with free trade (article link)
Exporter.com - Obama budget reflects White House focus on enforcement (article link)
Exporter.com - Beyond Baseball’s Guest Workers (article retweet)
Exporter.com - President Obama’s Trade Policy Agenda (Korves analysis)
Exporter.com - Wheat, weather and trade policy (Korves analysis)
Exporter.com - China’s reform race against time (article link)
Exporter.com - Regulatory harmonization as a solution to the MCOOL meat case (Korves analysis)
Facebook, CBI - Mexican progress on biotech crops (Korves analysis)
Facebook, Anti-GMO - Genetically modified corn regulation sows seeds of discontent (article link)
Facebook, Green State TV - Standing up to the true mission of the “Just Label It” crowd (Sheely column)
Facebook, GMO Awareness Group of the North Olympic Peninsula - Standing up to the true mission of the “Just Label It” crowd
Facebook, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative - (Bor posting)
Facebook, Agriculture and Theology Project - Our GM policy is starving Africa (Pigott FWI column)
Facebook, AfricaBio - We must remove the landmines that limit access to biotechnology in Africa (Musli column)
Facebook, Organic Council of Ontario - Canada’s GM regulatory model improving (article link)
Facebook - Highlights of the 2012 CANFA Conference: Roberto Peiretti
Facebook, ISAAA AfriCenter - New and improved GM approval database at ISAAA (TATT blog)
Facebook, AfricaBio - Biotechnology on the ballot (article link)
Facebook, Farm & Ranch News - Lugar: A natural option for US Trade Representative (Kleckner column)
Facebook, Alabama Dept of Ag & Industries - US may double soybean exports to Russia... (article link)
Facebook, ISAAA AfriCenter - Cabinet would do well to avoid scare-mongering over GMOs (article link)
Facebook, OFAB (Open Forum Ag Biotech in Africa) - Cabinet would do well to avoid scare-mongering over GMOs (article link)
FANRPAN - Winner of the 2011 FANRPAN Movers and Shakers Civil Society Award... (Global Farmer Roundtable)
Farm Futures - Iowa Caucuses bring green pro-opportunities for farmers to communicate (P. Johnson, quote as NCGA)
Farm Management Canada - The limits to organic farming in feeding the world (article link)
The Farmers Daughter - Scientists defend GMO crops as safe (article link)
Farming For You - Dear Oprah, Visit My Farm! (Barrass column)
Farms.com - Ukraine reconsiders wheat export ban (Korves analysis)
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Food & Beverage Litigation Update - Foreign companies look to expand presence in China’s Dairy Industry... (article link)
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Food Safety News - GMO labeling poised to make California’s Nov 6 ballot (TATT referenced)
GE Free Lake County News - NYT: Battle brewing over labeling of GM food
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Genetic Literacy Project - “Agent Orange Corn”: NGOs skirt science... (Horan column)
Genetic Literacy Project - Fifth generation farmer defends biotechnology (Rigolizzo column)
Genetic Literacy Project - An open letter to Californian pro-GM farmer... (Barrass column)
Genetic Literacy Project - Protests set for Food Prize events (article link)
Global Food for Thought, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Apr 7-13 - Biotech can safeguard Africa’s breadbasket (WSJ, Borr)
Global Ghostwriter - Global Farmer Roundtable (Les Kletke, Canada)
Global Harvest Initiative - US committed to expanding trade and investment with Africa (article link)
GM Watch - Pro-GM “smallholders” speak out (Rajesh Kumar article)
GM Watch - Battle Brewing Over Labeling of Genetically Modified Food (NYTimes, Barrass column referenced)
GM Watch - Africa - Calling for a GMO-free continent (anti comments against TATT Global Farmer Network)
GM Watch - Europe - (link to TATT from news in Portugal)
GM Free News, India - India must listen to its farmers: An Indian farmer’s appeal to access GM crops (Ravichandan column)
GMO Pundit - An open letter to Oprah: Come to my farm and see why biotech crops make sense (Barrass column)
GMO Pundit - We must remove the landmines that limit access to biotechnology in Africa (Musli column)
GMO Pundit - Down Under Doesn’t Want to be Left Behind When it Comes to Biotechnology (Baldock column)
GMO Pundit aka David Tribe - Philippines role out for biofortified rice before 2012 (article repost)
Government, GROWMARKS - Unity of Government and Co-operatives of Ontario (Reifshneck blog)
Google+, Stewart Brand - South African activist embraces “gene revolution” (Motlatsi Musi, 2012, S. Africa)
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Grainnet - USGC: Why assessing China’s corn demand remains uncertain (Korves)
Growers for Biotechnology - Vermont’s REAL Food Safety Issue (Wanzek column)
Harvest Public Media - How will the farmer of the future feed us? (Mary Boote referenced)
Hawaii News and Island Information - Statewide Ag Commodities Join Forces to Market, Export Hawaii Brand (Kamiya, Hawaii)
Hawaii 24/7 - Commodities join forces to market, export Hawaii ag brand (Kamiya, Hawaii)
Hoosier Ag Today - Indiana’s Howell and USGC Team Witness History in the Making (GFN, Doyle Lentz quoted)
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Illinois Farm Bureau, Standing out in the field blog - Backlash at it's best (Horan column cited)
Informarine.net - Port of LA sets US record for shipping export containers (article link)
Institute of Agricultural Science for Southern Vietnam - Notice 2012 Global Farmer Roundtable
Iowa Corn sTalk - Global corn market and the US drought (Korves analysis)
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Iowa State Ag Entrepreneurship Initiative - Aspirations of Global Proportion (photo of Kumar on panel at 2012 WFP included)
Iowa Food & Family Project – Here’s to the healthy delicious sweet corn (Barrass column)
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Twitter, Calebous Juma - USDA gives final approval to herbicide resistannt sugar beets (article retweet)
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Twitter, US Foreign Policy - Citizen Diplomacy: Agriculture Brings People Together (Boote column)
Twitter, Matt Bogard @AgEconomist - Powered by Biotechnology ( Clause column)
Twitter, GMO Pundit - The Science of Things That Aren’t So (article retweet)
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Twitter, julijohnston - Must read. Thx to @TruthAboutTrade for posting explaining importance of trade with China (column)
Twitter, US Wheat Associates - Now available: Global status of GM crops for 2011 from ISAAA (TATT blog)
Twitter, ND Farm Bureau - top stories (included TATT)
Twitter, CropLife International - China to invest in agriculture innovation to boost food security (article retweet)
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Twitter, asiasbiobizness - Organic farming cannot feed the world (Keiser column)
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Twitter, @Crophugger - How biotechnology can save farmers (article retweet)
Twitter, @AgBioWorld - A ban on the use of crops with transgenic traits is unscientific and India needs new tech... (article retweet)
Twitter, @AgEconomist - Campaign to label biotech foods a waste of time and money (article retweet)
Twitter, @p carnold - Spanish Gov’t: GM maize is more environment friendly than conventional (article retweet)
Twitter, Julianne Johnston - Wouldn’t it be awesome if Oprah actually visited Burrack’s farm? (Burack column)
Twitter, Marc Pacchioli @Crophugger - Harmonizing regulations for increased international trade (Korves column)
Twitter, GMO Pundit - Bjorn Lomborg on the Rio Green Summit Poverty Pollutes (article retweet)
Twitter, Arizona Farm Bureau - AZFB Times, top stories of the day (TATT included)
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Twitter, Matt Bogard @AgEconomist - Genetically enhanced seeds to get carbon credits (article retweet)
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Webaraza farmer - How Kenya is building a sustainable banana (article link)
Western Farm Press - Prop 37 judgement upon us (Harry Cline; article link referenced)
Whitewater Creek Farm - Pastured poultry and egg - Africa swine fever in Russia and pork imports (Korves analysis)
Whitehouse Media - N. Dakota State Senator says biotech food labels could be costly and confusing for consumers (Wanzek column)
Whybiotech.com - Research from Australian scientists and insights from a Portuguese farmer... (Cruz column)
Whybiotech.com - Farmer-legislator says Vermont bill on labeling would be bad for farmers and consumers (Wanzek column)
The Yoga of Ecology - Battle brewing over labeling of GM food (NYT, Burrack referenced)
YouTube - Cherilyn Nagel on farming in Saskatchewan (Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel, 2008, Canada)
YouTube - Benefits of modern food production (Dr. Robert Thompson)
YouTube - Times Supreme Support Local - Kamis Farms, Oahu (Ken Kamiya, Hawaii)
YouTube, MeetAmericasFarmers - Pam Johnson, Corn Farmer, Floyd, Iowa. Corn Genome
YouTube - Roberto Peiretti, 2012 Argentine Harvest
YouTube - Farmer Ted Sheely: No on 37 (video for ad campaign)
Speaking, Organization & Other Activity:

99th Indian Science Congress - VKV Ravichandran (2010, India) spoke on “Biotec crops - viable option to enhance farm productivity: A farmer’s perspective” Jan 6 at the, 2012 event at KIIT University in Bhubaneswar, India.

IX World Soybean Research Conference (WSRC) - Gabriela Cruz (2010 Kleckner Award, Portugal) invited to be on panels at event Feb 17-22, 2013 in Durban, South Africa.

2012 Presidential Form on Agriculture – Mary Boote attended Sept 12 at World Food Prize Building in Des Moines, Iowa.

140 Conference / Aglowa - Mary Boote (CEO) talked on how TATT uses social media Aug 17 in Ames, Iowa.

2012 Presidential Candidate Trade Tracker - statements on trade by 2012 candidates tracked during election cycle.

TATT Trade Tracker – regular updates on stories of interest regarding trade issues.

AAFRSiD (Argentinian No-Till Farmers Association) - Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) presented at annual meeting Aug 8-10.

Advisory Committee on Biotechnology & 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) - John Rigolizzo, Jr. (Board, NJ) attended May 29 in Washington, DC to provide public comment focused on the trade implications that would arise if a compensation mechanism for GM gene flow is established in the US.

AGCO Africa Summit - Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) invited to speak on panel “Mechanization: The Key for a Better Future?” Jan 23, 2011 in Berlin, Germany.


Agricultural Industries Confederation, Agribusiness 2013 - Ian Pigott (2012, UK) spoke at Nov 14 event about “Careers in Farming and Food Supply” initiative, and emphasised the need to educate consumers, and young people in particularly, about the realities of the agricultural industry in the 21st century.

Agricultural Science Association Conference – Jim McCarthy (2009 Kleckner Award, Ireland) was a panelist Sept 14 at the “ASA Conference 2012: The Agenda for Sustainable Food Growth” in Druids Glen, Ireland.

Agrobiotechnology in Portugal - Gabriela Cruz (2010 Kleckner Award) on roundtable Jan 24 in Lisbon.

American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting - Dean Kleckner attended Jan 8-11, 2012 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

APAARI and PCAARRD (Asia-Pacific Assoc of Ag Research Institutions and Philippine Council for Ag, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development) - Rosalie Ellasus (2007 Kleckner Award, Philippines) invited to be a representative and presenter at ‘Stakeholders’ Interface on Genetically Modified Crops’ in Manila on Sept 27.

Advanced Agronomy Conference / ARECA, Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta - Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) was the keynote speaker Nov 19-20 in Edmonton, Canada.

BIO 2012 International Conference - Mary Boote (CEO) attended event in Boston June 18-21.

Brazilian Association for Agribusiness (ABAG) - Richard Dijkstra (2011, Brazil) gave a speech to the organization on May 18 using some information presented by Dr. Robert Thompson (moderator) during the 2011 Global Farmer Roundtable.

CAAPAS (American Confederation of Associations in Sustainable Agriculture) - Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) attended “20 years of CAAPAS foundation” October in Concepcion, Chile.

Canadian Agricultural Trade Policy and Competitive Network Workshop – based on trade policy analyses he wrote, Ross Korves was invited to participate Sept 29 in Toronto, Canada.

CANFA (Conservation Agriculture and No-Till Farming Association) - Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) spoke July 23 in Griffith, Australia.

Charting the Course: Food Security & Trade in the Asia-Pacific and LAC Region - Mary Boote (CEO) at seminar sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank and the Int’l Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council May 17-18, 2012 in Washington, DC.

Chinese Vice President Visit - Dean Kleckner and Mary Boote invited to attend official State of Iowa Dinner in honor of Chinese VP Xi Jinping Feb 15 in Des Moines.

Chinese Delegation - Bill Horan (Board, Iowa, US) hosted regulatory officials from China on his Iowa farm June 15. Their purpose was to learn US production practices, The group is in charge of determining what GMO crops/products are allowed into China.

CIMMYT - Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) invited to “Launch of the Maize and Wheat CGIAR Research Programs” hosted by CIMMYT from Jan 16-20, 2012 in Mexico City.

Conservation Ag Conference (Italy) - Giuseppe Elias (2008, Italy) spoke Feb 28, ‘Misura 214 azione M (agricoltura blu un volto nuovo la nuova PAC)” in the Lodi Province.

Council for Native American Farming and Ranching - Michael Jandreau (2010, South Dakota, US) was appointed to the group by US Agriculture Secretary Vilsack. He is Tribal Chairman of the Lower Brule Siou.

CropWorld Global 2012 - John Reifsteck (Board, IL) spoke- Sustainable Agriculture Intensification: making it happen - at the conference Nov 6-7 in London, UK.


Des Moines Golden K Kiwanis Club - invited Dean Kleckner to speak at a meeting.

During Invest in Agriculture Symposium - John Reifsteck (Board, IL) spoke Dec 11 in New York. Topic was “A View from the farm... A focused look behind farmer buying decisions.”

Eastern Regional Conference of The Council of State Governments - John Rigolizzo, Jr. (Board, NJ) spoke on panel “The Ins and Outs of Labeling Genetically Modified Organisms” July 21 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Environmental Working Group (EWG) - Bill Horan (Board, IA) spent 3 hours June 28 meeting with and educating EWG members from California and Washington, DC on corn bell production - he felt that the day “opened some eyes” and was positive.

Farm Foundation - Mary Boote, Carol Keiser, and Bill Horan were at event, “The Politics, Economics and Science of Public Lands” Jan 5-7 in Sedona, Arizona.

Third Annual Feed and Pet Food Joint Conference - Ross Korves spoke at event held Oct 9-11 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Global Harvest Initiative, 3rd Annual Global Agricultural Productivity Report - Rajesh Kumar (GFN, India) was a presenter at the side event during the World Food Prize on Oct 17 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Goldman Sachs - inquired about Tim Burrack (Board, IA) speaking on a Farm Economy call.


Iowa Farm Bureau Economic Summit - Mary Boote and Dean Kleckner attended July 23-24.

ISAAA Conference - Gilbert arap Bor (2012 Kleckner Award, Kenya) participated at event in Nairobi during November.

Kleckner Scholarship Fund - The Kleckner Scholarship will be utilized each year to support at least one global farmer's participation in the Global Farmer Roundtable - donations are tax deductible, please donate at klecknerscholarship.org.

Korea Rural Economic Institute - Ross Korves invited to speak to the government think tank Oct 19 in Seoul, S. Korea.


North East of Scotland Farm Management Association - Jim McCarthy (2009, Ireland) spoke in March at the annual meeting in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Philippine Congress Biotech Seminars – Rosalie Ellasus spoke to media on Sept 17, “Filipino Farmers Experiences in Planting Biotech Crops”; and Sept 18 to policy-makers, “Development and Prospects of the Philippine Corn Industry: Farmers Experiences in Planting Biotech Crops”.


TATT Annual Board Meeting – held Aug 22-23 in Chicago, Illinois. Bill Horan and Tim Burrack assumed the roles of Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year as Dean Kleckner becomes Chairman Emeritus.


USDA Ag Outlook Forum - Mary Boote (CEO) and Carol Keiser (Board, FL) attended Feb 23-24, 2012 in Arlington, Virginia.

USFRA - Mike Geske (2011, US-Missouri) was elected to the executive committee of the US Farmers and Ranchers Alliance.

US Grains Council, China Trip - Ross Korves presented at conferences during the month of March.

VNTFA Conference (Victoria No-Till Farmers Association) - Roberto Peiretti (2010, Argentina) spoke July 25 in Ballarat, Australia.

Wild Oats Grainworld 2012 - Alanna Koch (2007, Canada), Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, spoke on ‘Opportunities and Challenges in Agriculture’ Feb 28 in Winnipeg, Canada.

World Food Prize Borlaug Dialogue panels - TATT Global Farmer Network members Rajesh Kumar (India) and Isidro Matamoros (Honduras) were on panels at the WFP.

World Sustainable Agriculture Congress 2012 - Rosalie Ellasus (2007 Kleckner Award, Philippines) panelist for “GM seeds and new high yield seeds: which holds the future for sustainability?” July 10-12 in Singapore.