

[Subcommittee on Agricultural and Agri-Business Financing](#)

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The Agricultural and Agri-Business Financing Subcommittee held their fall subcommittee meeting in conjunction with the American Agricultural Law Association's 29th Annual Agricultural Law Symposium. The subcommittee was responsible for two presentations at the Symposium. The first consisted of a panel discussion that covered lease financing opportunities and issues for the agribusiness community, including a discussion of leasing options for alternative energy financing. The second involved a panel discussion of the dramatic impact on the pork industry caused by the organization of Triumph Foods, LLC and the construction of the first modern pork processing plant in over ten years. The panel focused on issues related to the emerging success of Triumph Foods and what the Triumph model shows for the future of integrated food production systems in the United States.

The subcommittee's presentation at the 2009 Spring Meeting will be on the use of forward contracting and other hedging strategies as a means to mitigate risk for throughput facilities and other users of agricultural commodities. The program will focus on the challenges that particular agricultural commodity users, including ethanol producers, recently encountered in dealing with uncontrolled fluctuations in commodity prices.

Hope to see you all in April!