



**AgTC/USDA Ag Shipper Workshop – Atlanta**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

**9 AM -- Registration, Coffee and Danish, Workshop: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Location:** Double Tree- Atlanta Airport 3400 Norman Berry Dr.

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Ag Shipper Workshops are a great opportunity for off the record, informal, round table style discussion of the most pressing current challenges facing exporters and importers.

**No press, ocean carriers or ports -- with the exception of invited high level carrier and rail guests and port sponsor.**

**Discussion continues over lunch, which will be served mid-day.**

**AgTC Member Fee: \$25      Non-Member Fee: \$125**

**We discuss the most pressing concerns facing exporters in ocean, port, rail and trucking. Following are some topics, if you have others, let us know and/or bring them with you!**

- **Ocean carrier alliances**, mergers, bankruptcies. What's next?! Forecast on the year ahead.
  - How all participants – ports, forwarders, truckers, carriers can improve exporters' supply chain – **Stuart Sandlin, President North America, United Arab Shipping Company**
- **SOLAS:** Mostly resolved, but some problems remain, requiring oversight
- **Rail:** Outlook for rail service and rates, repositioning inland, latest STB regulations.
- **Hanjin Bankruptcy:** impact on exporters, freight rates, and export competitiveness
- **Zika Virus:** China requiring containers/ships from Florida (**who's next?**) certified as fumigated.
- **West and East Coast Ports:** labor contract negotiations
- **Trucking:** Hours of service, weight limits, electronic monitoring logs, air quality standards, and more
- **Federal Maritime Commission** supporting exports -- prevent unfair congestion/per diem charges, etc.
- **Port Performance Metrics:** Will the Dept. of Transportation Working Group effect change?

**YOUR concerns and questions –encouraged throughout the Workshop. This is a Discussion, not speeches!**

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