

## USDA/DOJ Public Workshop Panels

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Friday's joint USDA/DOJ public workshop was a marathon with potentially over 2,000 people participating. You can follow some of what happened in my archived CoverItLive stream and the press conference featuring Sec. Vilsack and AG Eric Holder. For those of you who couldn't attend, couldn't listen to the live stream or need the audio for your reports or broadcasts I'm posting the 4 main panel sessions for you. I'm including a list of the participants of each too.



### **Keynote Roundtable Discussion** [Keynote Roundtable Discussion](#)

Eric Holder, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice  
Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Christine Varney, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice  
Betsy Markey, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives  
Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor, state of Colorado  
John Suthers, Attorney General, state of Colorado  
Steve Bullock, Attorney General, state of Montana  
John Stulp, Commissioner of Agriculture, state of Colorado

### **Producer/Feeder Presentation of Issues** [Producer/Feeder Presentation](#)

This panel will be an opportunity to hear first-hand from producers or feeders as they share their experiences and perspectives on the industry.

Moderators:

Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Christine Varney, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Panelists:

Mike Harper, sheep producer, Eaton, Colorado  
Dr. Taylor Haynes, rancher, Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Robbie LeValley, rancher, Hotchkiss, Colorado  
Harry Livermont, rancher, Interior, South Dakota  
Chris Petersen, hog farmer, Clear Lake, Iowa  
Allen Sents, feedlot owner, Marquette, Kansas  
Alden Zuhlke, rancher, Brunswick, Nebraska

### **Panel I – Trends in the Livestock Industry** [Trends In Livestock Industry](#)

This panel will discuss trends in the livestock industry, including issues associated with contracting, price transparency and the effects of concentration.

Moderator:

Philip Weiser, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Panelists:

Jerry Bohn, general manager, Pratt Feeders, Pratt, Kansas

Libby Cook, co-founder, Wild Oats Markets and Sunflower Farmers Markets

Mark Greenwood, vice president, commercial lending, AgStar Financial Services

Bill Heffernan, professor emeritus of rural sociology, University of Missouri

Mark Lauritsen, international vice president, director food processing, packing and manufacturing division, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union

Gilles Stockton, rancher, Range, Montana

Armando Valdez, rancher, La Jara, Colorado

Clem Ward, professor and extension economist, Oklahoma State University

## **Panel II – Market Structure** **Market Structure**

This panel will include a variety of market participants who will discuss market structure issues in the livestock industry.

Moderator:

James MacDonald, Chief, Agricultural Structure and Productivity Branch, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Panelists:

Bruce Cobb, general manager, Consolidated Beef Producers

[David Domina, attorney, Domina Law Group](#)

Mark Dopp, attorney, American Meat Institute

James Herring, president and chief executive officer, Friona Industries

Robert Mack, cattle producer/feeder, Watertown, South Dakota

Bob Miller, rancher, Okmulgee, Oklahoma

William Rishel, Richel Angus, Platt, Nebraska.

Charlie Rogers, owner/general manager, Clovis Livestock Auction

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