



Friday, January 9, 2009– 7:30 a.m.

Topic: Ohio's Agricultural and Food Export Profile

Speaker: Tim Sword, International Trade Specialist

Ohio Department of Agriculture

We are pleased to extend a personal invitation for you to join us for the next "Going Global" International Trade Forum. Our January forum focuses on Ohio's very impressive food and agricultural products exporting profile. We begin at **7:30 am and will end by 9:00 am on Friday, January 9th**. We will be meeting on the campus of **Kent State University Tuscarawas** in room 113 of the Science and Advanced Technology Building. KSU is located at 330 University Drive, New Philadelphia, 44663. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend.

Ohio is a leading agricultural and food exporter with annual global sales running around \$1.8 billion last year, and projected to increase to over \$2 billion. Tim Sword, an international trade specialist with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, works with Ohio's food and value-added agricultural products companies to build their exporting capacity. Even if you are not in the food business, we know you will find this presentation to be interesting and useful. Please plan to join us to learn more about the contribution these exports make to Ohio's overall economy.

Please RSVP to the ITAC office by Noon Wednesday, January 7th

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The next Trade Forum is February 6, 2009 and features the annual Ground Hog Day International Trade Forecast Breakfast featuring Michael Weidokal of ISA.

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