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World Energy Expert: Food Industry Should Plan on Continued High Energy Costs

Global Insight's Lindemer to discuss future role of renewable fuels at 2008 Center for Food Integrity Food Industry Summit

Kansas City, Mo (July 23, 2008) -- Energy costs for producing food are up 150 percent in the last four years and transportation now accounts for 20-cents of every food dollar. What lies ahead will be the focus of an internationally-recognized expert on the oil industry at the upcoming Center for Food Integrity (CFI) Summit.

“We should be prepared to see a continuation of high energy prices,” said Kevin Lindemer of Global Insight’s energy group. “They may not be as high as they are now but certainly they will continue at a much higher level than what we grew up with.”

Renewable fuels is only one piece of the puzzle according to Lindemer.

“There isn’t a single answer to the issue of energy supply and demand,” he said. “Renewable fuels will have a role, but there has to be an efficiency component. Do we have the right energy policy for the production of conventional fuels?”

Lindemer will speak during a breakout session on Energy/Sustainability at the Center for Food Integrity 2008 Summit, taking place October 8-9 in Indianapolis. He will be joined by Jason Clay of the World Wildlife Fund discussing the role intensive agriculture production plays in helping meet worldwide nutritional demands.

Additional sessions at the Summit will address Food Safety, Food Animal Well-Being and Immigration. Consumer panels will offer their perspectives on all of the topics and results of the 2008 CFI Consumer Trust Survey will be shared.

Additional information on the Center for Food Integrity 2008 Summit as well as downloadable audio from Kevin Lindemer are available at www.foodintegrity.org.

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