

AgNite to celebrate food, ag diversity

THE Minnesota Agri-Growth Council will host AgNite, a celebration of America's food and agriculture industry, on Sept. 2 during the second night of the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.

The evening event will showcase the food, agriculture and energy industries in a unique club atmosphere at The Depot, located on the Mississippi River's historic waterfront in downtown Minneapolis.

The event will be hosted by dozens of industry sponsors from around the country in addition to the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council.

"AgNite will be a grand celebration representing the scale and diversity of today's

food and agriculture industry," said Daryn McBeth, president of the council. "The historic significance of The Depot, located in the heart of Minneapolis' original milling district, will provide an inspiring setting for what will be *the* food and agriculture event when 50,000 visitors are in town for the GOP National Convention."

The event will include 3,000-5,000 guests, delegates, policy-makers, news media and industry leaders.

The five Platinum AgNite sponsors for the event are AgStar Financial Services, CHS Inc., Hormel Foods, Land O'Lakes and the Minnesota Corn Growers Assn. In addition, Monsanto, Syngenta, General Mills, Kraft Foods, American Farm Bureau Fed-



eration, Renewable Fuels Assn. and BNSF Railway have also signed on as sponsors for the event.

For more information about the AgNite event or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit www.agrigrowth.org, or contact McBeth at daryn.mcbeth@agrigrowth.org.