President George Bush will open the Summit in the White House press room Friday morning. The day-long informal meeting will allow the westerners to address the president and Congress, representing the concerns of 600 farmers and ranchers from their section of the country.

The Summit is held every four years to give farmers and ranchers a chance to tell the Congress how they believe the farm laws should be changed. The previous Summit was held in 1977, and a similar discussion is being held this year.

The purpose of the Summit is to bring together members of Congress and other key stakeholders to express their views on farm policy and to provide input into the development of the next Farm Bill. The participants include members of Congress, farm organizations, and other key stakeholders.