



The Exchange

The newsletter of the American Agricultural Economics Association

From the President

An Exciting Program



I hope you are all planning to come to the ASSA convention in Boston, January 6–8, 2006. We have an outstanding program, with great speakers and discussants

covering a variety of topics and interests. At this meeting, we will inaugurate a lecture series in memory of T.W. Schultz. Most appropriately, the inaugural lecture will be presented by Gary Becker. The activities in honor of

T.W. will begin with an AAEA invited paper session at 2:30 pm on Friday, January 6, in which outstanding members of our profession will present and discuss papers on the U.S. farm problems, transformation of traditional agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa, the poor but efficient hypothesis, and the human capital approach to entrepreneurship, with reference to the contributions made by T.W. Schultz to these issues. The session will be followed by a reception and dinner during which Gary Becker will present the inaugural

lecture. The sooner you sign up for the dinner, the better is the chance that you will get a seat.

The other AAEA sessions at the ASSA convention cover the broad spectrum of research and teaching that characterizes today's agricultural economics profession, including a session on the diet transition and obesity in developed and developing countries, two sessions on the welfare and distributional implications of trade liberalization, a session on HIV/AIDS and rural food security in Africa, and a session on the application of quasi-experimental methods in agricultural economics.

I hope to see you in Boston in January.

Per Pinstrup-Andersen

AAEA Events at the 2006 Allied Social Science Associations Annual Convention *January 6–8, 2006 - Boston, MA*

Reception (Immediately preceding the T.W. Schultz Memorial Dinner)
Westin Copley Place, Essex Center Ballroom
Friday, Jan 6, 2006; 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. All AAEA members and Schultz Dinner guests are invited!

T.W. Schultz Memorial Dinner and Keynote Address - Fee Event \$75
Westin Copley Place, Staffordshire
Friday, Jan 6, 2006; 7:00 p.m.

All AAEA Sessions
Westin Copley Place, Parliament Room
Friday, Jan 6, 2006, Saturday, Jan 7, 2006, Sunday, Jan 8, 2006

More information about the AAEA sessions at the ASSA Convention in Boston, can be found inside on page 8 or at <http://www.aaea.org/info/upcoming/assa.cfm>.

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AAEA Foundation

Foundation Board members indeed have been busy the first two months of this fiscal year. Scott Irwin, Vice-President of Programs, along with committee members Dan Bernardo and Dawn Thilmany, will be receiving and then reviewing proposals from those requesting funds from the Foundation Board. The Programs Committee subsequently will make recommendations to the Foundation Board regarding the funding level of the various proposals. The Board will discuss these recommendations at the ASSA convention to be held in Boston in early January. In the past, the Foundation has provided support for travel grants, international outreach activities, student programs, professional development, and AAEA outreach through C-FARE, CAST, COPAFS, and COSSA.

Kitty Smith, Vice-President of Development, and Luther Tweeten are formulating a proposal concerning guidelines for AAEA Foundation Endowment Fundraising. I will provide details in the January/February issue of *The Exchange*.

In addition, Kitty, along with committee member Tom Hertel and Executive Director Yvonne Bennett, are in the process of developing a systematic plan to increase sponsorship funding for activities at the AAEA Annual Meeting. Oversight responsibility for this plan rests jointly with AAEA President Per

Pinstrup-Anderson and me. This past year, sponsorship for the 2005 AAEA meeting totaled \$21,500. Our goal this year is to solicit sponsorship funds totaling \$30,000 at the 2006 AAEA Meeting in Long Beach. If the level of sponsorship funding at AAEA meetings grows, then potentially we may see a decline in registration fees. Clearly then, we have an incentive for working on sponsorship funding.

Foundation expenditures on programs or projects rely predominantly on endowment income, and most of the endowments are in the form of contributions to Appreciation Clubs. Primarily under the auspices of the Development Committee, in the near future, we will be targeting several new Appreciation Clubs. In that regard, please send your suggestion(s) to Kitty Smith (ksmith@ers.usda.gov) or to me.

Kitty Smith and I currently are serving on a task force to assist the AAEA Executive Board in finalizing a proposal for a change in AAEA Foundation governance. The charges to the task force are twofold: (1) to help design the new streamlined governance structure, maintaining the original intent and purpose of the Foundation; and (2) to propose a process of transition that would implement the new structure by July 31, 2006. The task force is chaired by AAEA Past President Laurian Unnevehr. The task force report is due

at the AAEA Business Office no later than December 10, 2005 in order to be shared with AAEA Executive Board members at the winter meeting in Boston. As I stated in the August/September issue of *The Exchange*, the need to make efficient use of endowment earnings is a vital stewardship responsibility.

The Foundation Board, largely due to the efforts of Robert Evenson, Alan Randall and Wally Huffman, is planning an event to be held at the ASSA winter meetings in honor of T.W. Schultz. The design is to follow the format of the Galbraith model established in the AAEA Annual Meeting. Nobel laureate Professor Gary Becker from the University of Chicago will be the T.W. Schultz lecturer at this inaugural event.

Finally, the Foundation Board expresses its sincere thanks to the staff of the AAEA Office for their continued help and dedication. Special recognition is due to Maarja Kolberg, Marilyn Moehlmann, Gayle Tate and to Yvonne Bennett. It truly is a pleasure to work with these hard-working folks!

Oral Capps

Oral Capps, Jr. (ocapps@tamu.edu)

Win a free membership!

Renew your membership early and receive a chance to win one of five free 2006 memberships! All members who have completed their AAEA annual renewal (either on-line, by fax, by phone, or by returning the paper form postmarked no later than 11/15) will be entered into a drawing for one of five free 2006 AAEA memberships. The drawing will occur on December 6, 2005. If you are one of the lucky winners, you will be refunded the cost of your 2006 membership. This offer does not apply to Foundation donations, section memberships or allied association dues.

You can complete your 2006 AAEA membership renewal today. It's fast, safe, and secure on-line at www.aaea.org, where all you need is your last name and member number to access the "Members Only" section. By now, you should have also received a membership renewal letter with a membership application in the mail. Fill out the form and fax it to 515.233.3101 or mail to AAEA at 415 S Duff Ave Ste C, Ames, IA 50010. Don't let your membership expire!

For The First Time Ever

AAEA is offering a three-year membership. This offer will allow you to avoid any dues increases through 2008! To take advantage of the new three-year membership offer, go on-line to www.aaea.org.

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The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month preceding the issue date (e.g., December 10, for the Jan/Feb issue). Submit all items to: AAEA, 415 South Duff, Suite C, Ames, IA 50010-6600; Phone: (515) 233-3202; Fax: (515) 233-3101; e-mail: newsletter@aaea.org; Internet: <http://www.aaea.org>

2004/2005 Foundation Annual Report Summary

- Received \$109,993 in contributions.
- Net assets increased \$140,871 to \$1,522,872 at year end, primarily due to increases in the fair market value of our investment portfolio.
- Provided \$50,395 for program support of approved projects.
- Established and chartered the Chester O. McCorkle, Jr. Student Scholarship Fund and presented the first \$2,000.00 McCorkle Scholarship Award to winner Caroline Gunning-Trant of University of California at Davis.
- Co-sponsored the "Australian Agriculture and Resource Economics Society (AARES)-American Agricultural Economics Association" Young Professionals Exchange Program.
- Provided co-support with the American Agricultural Economics Association Executive Board for Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE).
- Established the Ronald D. Knutson Appreciation Club.

Financial Status of the Foundation

A major goal of the AAEA Foundation is to build the endowment to a level that will allow significant support for projects and programs of the AAEA. In 1991, the Foundation Governing Board adopted goals for the endowment of \$250,000 by the end of 1993, and \$1 million by the end of 1999, which has been reached. The Foundation's annual budget is a combination of funds provided directly from endowment earnings under a "spending rule" and annual donations solicited to sponsor designated programs and Annual Meeting events.

Table 1 shows the value of the Foundation's total assets and the endowment since 1990. The Foundation adopted a spending rule several years ago that no more than six percent of the rolling three-year average of the total assets each year would be allocated for program support. Earnings in excess of six percent will remain in the endowment. If funds allocated from the endowment to the current budget are not all spent in the year for which they are allocated, the leftover amount is added to that available for the budget in the subsequent year, unless the Board decides to return the funds to the endowment.

In 2004, AAEA and the Foundation changed from a calendar year to a fiscal year of April 1 through March 31.

Table 1. Year end value of assets and endowment, AAEA Foundation, March 31, 1990-2005

Year	Assets	Endowment
1990	\$ 124,094	\$ 114,208
1991	\$ 174,534	\$ 165,338
1992	\$ 274,558	\$ 269,558
1993	\$ 363,582	\$ 362,523
1994	\$ 421,652	\$ 420,714
1995	\$ 603,807	\$ 597,632
1996	\$ 655,802	\$ 627,643
1997	\$ 804,777	\$ 747,901
1998	\$1,015,889	\$ 977,057
1999	\$1,249,150	\$1,161,247
2000	\$1,314,518	\$1,238,285
2001	\$1,237,696	\$1,192,219
2002	\$1,129,677	\$1,061,549
2003	\$1,384,387	\$1,334,310
2004/2005	\$1,530,190	\$1,512,698

Foundation Projects

The Foundation is guided by an elected and appointed Governing Board and operates as an integral unit of AAEA working closely with the Executive Board. The purpose of the Foundation is to solicit, collect, invest and disperse funds other than membership dues and other fees collected by the AAEA for its services and products.

The Board's major project areas and level of funding from the endowment in 2004/2005 were:

Student/Minority Programs	\$10,595
Professional Development	\$11,010
International Outreach	\$ 4,545
Outreach Organizations	\$ 7,245
C-FARE Support	\$17,000
Total	\$50,395

Appreciation Clubs

Appreciation Clubs have been the main source of new contributions to the endowment. Currently, there are 28 such clubs and four Special Purpose Funds. Contributions to these amounted to \$105,505 in 2004/2005. This represents 96 percent of the total Foundation gifts. At the 2004 Annual Meeting, new clubs were chartered in honor of Ronald Knutson and Chester O. McCorkle, Jr. Student Scholarship Fund. The Foundation is indebted to the many donors to clubs, and also to the club organizers, usually the honoree's students, through whose efforts the clubs are created. A total of \$12,500 in gifts and pledges is required to charter a club and \$25,000 must be contributed within four years to endow a club permanently.

To find out about donating to a particular appreciation club, or to form a new club, click on the "Donate to the AAEA Foundation" link at www.aaea.org, or contact the AAEA office at 515.233.3202 or foundation@aaea.org.

AAEA Office

AAEA Business Office Update

The AAEA Business Office has continued to focus on delivering programs and services in a professional and efficient manner. It is through increased efficiency and productivity of our office team that we have been able to hold membership dues at \$150 for the third year in a row. By the time you receive this issue of *The Exchange*, you should have received your 2006 AAEA membership renewal information. We are excited to be offering you the opportunity to renew for the coming three years at the current membership dues rate. That's right, for \$450 your AAEA membership will be renewed through December 31, 2008! We hope that you will take advantage of this new offering from AAEA.

The AAEA Business Office operation has continued to evolve, as we review and improve our processes. In streamlining much of what we do, we've been able to restructure several staff positions. This has resulted in the ability to hire a meetings manager who will be a fulltime employee without increasing the total number of AAEA team members. I am pleased to announce the hiring of AAEA Meetings Manager Ericka Eregbu. Ericka will spend a majority of her time planning and working with the AAEA Annual Meeting. She will also be a staff resource to our AAEA Sections and client groups (ACCI, AERE) in planning meetings, conferences and workshops, large and small.

Speaking of meetings, there is still plenty of time to register for the ASSA Convention in Boston, January 6–8, 2006. Registration for AAEA members is \$75 before December 2, 2005. Registrations after December 2, 2005 must be done onsite and will be \$125. A registration brochure is included in this issue of *The Exchange* for your convenience. When registering, please be sure to mark that you are a member of AAEA as this is how we share in the net revenue of these meetings. AAEA paper sessions are scheduled for each of the three days of this year's meeting (Friday, January 6, 2006 through Sunday, January 8, 2006).

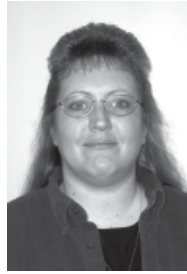
This year, AAEA will be celebrating the work of T. W. Schultz through an invited paper session on Friday, January 6, 2006 and the T.W. Schultz Dinner and Keynote Address featuring Gary Becker of the University of Chicago. Please see the ASSA registration materials for ticket information. There will be a reception immediately preceding this event and all AAEA members are invited to attend.

For additional information about the AAEA meeting being held in conjunction with the ASSA Meetings in Boston, please do not hesitate to contact Ericka at the AAEA Business Office (ericka@aea.org).

The entire AAEA Business Office team extends Seasons Greetings to you and yours. May you have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Yvonne

Meet the Staff... and Alice Hushagen



Alice Hushagen is AAEA's Association Services Representative and responsible for membership renewal entry, membership inquiries and meeting registration for clients. Originally from Iowa Falls, Iowa, Alice received an AA degree in Accounting from the Ellsworth Community College in Iowa and graduated with a Food and Nutrition degree from Iowa State University. Previously, Alice was the Communications Systems Coordinator at Iowa Select Farms, where she handled the alarm and other communication systems.

Alice currently lives in Iowa Falls, because she likes the closeness of the small-town community. She is active in her church, and serves on a committee and the church parish council. She enjoys reading romance and science fiction novels, crocheting and cross-stitching, taking walks and bird-watching.

When asked why she likes working at AAEA, Alice said it is because of the family-like closeness of the Association. This provides her the opportunity to closely interact with and get to know the AAEA members.

The Executive Director of AAEA, Yvonne C. Bennett, CAE, SPHR, handles governance issues and new projects, and works with all staff on operations, membership, promotion, communication, finances and meetings. As the Accounting Assistant, Gayle Tate works with the Accounting Manager on all financial aspects of the Association and the Foundation. Gayle works closely with the Foundation programs and projects, including travel grants and appreciation clubs. Kay Snopek, Membership Services Representative, is responsible for AAEA membership data, membership renewal entry, membership inquiries, meeting registration and office administration. Marilyn Moehlmann is AAEA Accounting Manager in charge of accounting, monthly reports, audit and section financial reports. Maarja Kolberg is AAEA's Communications Coordinator, supporting all areas of AAEA marketing and communications, membership and meeting promotion, and media relations. Terri Haffner is the Association and Member Services Manager, who handles office computers and network, member database programming and reporting. Terri leads the Employment Services effort and also supports all AAEA Foundation and Awards activities. Adam DeMarie is our Membership Services Assistant. He is a full-time Iowa State University student, working part-time to support a number of activities relating to the AAEA Annual Meeting and SS-AAEA.

Did you know?

Page charges for both *AJAE* and *RAE* will go up to \$95 per page beginning January 2006.

2006 AAEA Annual Meeting

Summary of Annual Meeting Submissions

Principal Paper sessions consist of two to four papers and are given the highest profile at the Annual Meeting. The AAEA Board of Directors accomplishes the peer reviews as well as the resolution of reviewed papers. Sessions should be in one of three formats: four papers and no discussants, three papers and one discussant, or two papers and two discussants.

Selected Papers are submitted under one of the 24 different subject codes and should be relevant to the profession/world, to include research methodology, and address the potential for generating discussion.

Organized Symposia highlight ideas or work-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are usually not encouraged. If such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In any

event, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience. Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters.

Tracks are reserved for the AAEA Sections and approved by the Board. They are multiple sessions (minimum of three related sessions) scheduled throughout the Meeting and devoted to a particular interest area or topic. They may consist of a combination of Principal Papers, Organized Symposia, and Posters (and sometimes Selected Papers).

Posters should have a clear, agricultural economics message and be attractively produced to capture the imagination of viewers. Submitters should plan to mount their posters on boards four feet high by eight feet wide less approximately one inch around the perimeter for the frame.

Pre- and Post-conference Workshops

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for pre- and post-conference workshops at the 2006 AAEA Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California. The deadline for proposals is December 1. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Office to develop a budget for final approval at the winter Board Meeting.

The proposals should address the following points: objectives of the workshop/conference, timeliness of the subject/topic, intended audience and expected attendance, planned follow-up/publications/outreach activities, details on the subject area (including potential presentations, speakers, total time required, etc.), contact information for workshop organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses), and complete budget information (including financial support expected, speakers' fees, catering needs, administrative fees and other income and costs).

Submit proposals as MS Word documents to submissions@aaea.org by December 1. For more information, contact the AAEA office at 515.233.3202.

Subject codes for 2006 Meeting submissions

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| 1. Agribusiness Economics & Management | Management |
| 2. Ag Finance & Farm Management | 14. Natural Resource Economics |
| 3. Consumer/Household Economics | 15. Natural Resource Modeling & Valuation |
| 4. Demand and Price Analysis | 16. Policy Analysis |
| 5. Emerging Technologies | 17. Political Economy |
| 6. Environmental Economics | 18. Production Economics |
| 7. Food & Agricultural Marketing | 19. Productivity Analysis |
| 8. Food Safety & Nutrition | 20. Research Methods/
Econometrics/Stats |
| 9. Human Capital & Labor | 21. Resource & Environmental
Policy Analysis |
| 10. Institutional & Behavioral Economics | 22. Risk & Uncertainty |
| 11. International Trade | 23. Community/Rural Development |
| 12. International Development | 24. Teaching, Communication and
Extension |
| 13. Industrial Org/Supply Chain | |



2006 AAEA Annual Meeting

AAEA Offers Opportunities to Present During 2006 Annual Meeting Selected Papers

AAEA seeks submissions for selected papers for the 2006 Annual Meeting in Providence. Proposals must be received by Tuesday, January 17, 2006, and should be submitted through the AAEA Web site's (www.aaea.org) link to the Community of Science (COS) Web site. Manuscripts previously presented at other meetings will not be accepted, and proposals should explicitly state that the material has not been previously presented.

All accepted papers will be given 20 minutes at the meeting for presentation and receive limited discussion from the moderator of the session, with four papers per session. Paper submissions will not be reviewed as potential selected posters even if they are not accepted in the selected paper category. At least one author must be a member of AAEA, and the author making the presentation at the Meeting must be a member of AAEA (or another sponsoring organization) and registered for the Annual Meeting. Each member may be the primary/presenting/contact author on only one abstract, but there are no limits to co-authorship on other abstracts submitted by other individuals. However, scheduling conflicts may arise and, unfortunately, may not be resolved for authors who are not the primary, presenting author due the complexity of resolving such conflicts. Each proposal will be reviewed by the selection committee, which will carry

out a blind review. Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter. The current status of the paper will also be listed in the COS system for authors to check.

Authors will be asked to classify their submission using one of the 24 subject codes (see listing on page 5). No abstracts will be published in the *AJAE*. An extended two-page, single-spaced abstract that clearly defines what will be presented in the final manuscript must also be submitted, preferably as a separate document to be attached. Authors should include, in this abstract, a discussion of the paper topic's relevance to the profession/world, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting.

The final manuscript has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8 ½ by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow *AJAE* style guidelines, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

One copy of the manuscript must be submitted to AgEcon Search no later than June 1st, 2006. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. Authors of papers withdrawn after June 15th will be noted in COS and this author information will be taken into consideration for reviews in future years.

Selected Posters

AAEA seeks submissions for selected posters for the 2006 Annual Meeting in Long Beach. Proposals must be received by Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, and should be submitted through the Community of Science Web site. The link to the Community of Science Web site can be found on the AAEA Web site at www.aaea.org. Material previously presented at other meetings will not be accepted, and proposals should explicitly state that the material has not been previously presented. At least one author must be a member of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting.

Each proposal will be reviewed by the selection committee, which will receive no information on the authors of the proposals. Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Poster selection is based on a two-page, single-spaced abstract or summary, which should include the information to be conveyed and how the poster format will be used to most effectively communicate that information. Please highlight in the summary how the poster format is the best of all available formats to display the information and specific plans for how an effective visual display of information will be constructed. Authors will be asked to classify their submission using one of the 24 subject codes (see listing on page 5).

Presenters should plan on a maximum poster space of four feet high by eight feet long, allowing for approximately one inch around the perimeter for the frame. There is no standard for minimum size or shape of the actual poster.

PLEASE NOTE: We have eliminated the Free Session format at the Annual Meeting and are now accommodating all Free Session submissions within the Organized Symposium format. If you were planning on submitting a Free Session for the 2006 Annual Meeting, please read the submission criteria in the call for Organized Symposia.



Organized Symposia

AAEA seeks submissions for organized symposia for the 2006 Annual Meeting in Long Beach. Proposals must be received by Tuesday, January 17, 2006, and should be submitted through the AAEA Web Site's link to the Community of Science (COS) Web Site. Material previously presented will not be accepted, and proposals should state explicitly that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

An organized symposium highlights ideas or work-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are usually not encouraged. If such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In any event, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters.

Submitters will be asked to classify their submission using one of the 24 subject codes. All presenting authors and panelists must be members of AAEA (or another sponsoring organization) and registered for the Annual Meeting.

Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter.

AAEA Deadlines

December 1, 2005 - Principal paper, track session and pre-/post-conference workshop proposal submission deadline

January 17, 2006 - Selected paper, organized symposium and selected poster proposal submission deadline

February 2, 2006 - 2005/2006 award nomination deadline

Principal Papers

Proposals for principal paper sessions are invited for the 2006 AAEA Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California. The proposed authors, co-authors and discussants may not have participated in the 2005 nor 2004 Annual Meetings with a principal paper as author, co-author or discussant in order to qualify as a principal paper author, co-author or discussant in 2006. Papers and discussions in these principal paper sessions are published in the fifth issue of the AJAE. Regular page charges will apply. Proposals from individuals or groups must be received in the AAEA office by December 1.

Proposals will be evaluated by how well they satisfy the following criteria:

- The proposed session supports the objective of the Association to further the development and dissemination of systematic knowledge of agricultural economics.
- The importance of the session is well justified.
- The proposed papers are innovative and likely to generate meaningful discussion during the presentation as well as interest in the printed version.

Issue/Interest Tracks from Sections

The AAEA Executive Board invites issue/interest track proposals for the 2006 AAEA Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California. The deadline for proposals is December 1. Selections will be made at the Executive Board meeting in early January.

Tracks are multiple sessions (minimum of three related sessions are required) submitted by sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a particular interest area or topic. The proposal must include the names of the organizers with addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. The proposal description should include the objective of the track, target audience and the number of sessions requested.

- The presenter and discussants are likely to prepare papers that make a contribution to the objective and present them in a clear and informative manner.
- The session theme and paper topics are not repetitive of themes and/or topics previously addressed in principal paper sessions.
- The set of sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of the membership.

Proposals should include session title, topics to be covered, a brief rationale for the topics, titles and two-page abstracts of each proposed paper, and names and addresses of authors, discussants and moderators.

Page limits for publication suggests limiting each session to one of three formats: four papers and no discussants, three papers and one discussant, or two papers and two discussants.

Presenters must be members of AAEA or another sponsoring organization and must be registered to attend the Annual Meeting. Send proposals in a single MS Word file to submissions@aaea.org by December 1.

If the proposed track includes organized symposia, complete proposals for each organized symposium session must be included. For organized symposium proposal criteria, see the call on page 6. Any principal paper included in the track must be submitted to the principal paper competition (see the call for principal paper sessions above).

Submissions will be evaluated on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Meeting. Please submit proposals to submissions@aaea.org. Attachments should be in MS Word format. For more information, contact the AAEA office at 515.233.3202.

AAEA News

AAEA ESIRC Committee Report Extension and Research Use of Soil Survey Maps Just Got Easier

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA has a new internet-based system for accessing detailed soil survey data for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties. The Web Soil Survey site will provide secure public access to the national soils information system. Soil surveys began in 1899 as part of the nation's earliest efforts on behalf of cooperative conservation. Prior to the development of this site, soil survey maps were printed and bound into soil survey books that were free to the public at local USDA Service Centers, NRCS field offices and public libraries. The once familiar soil survey publications used by farmers, extension specialists, and researchers will be phased out slowly and replaced by electronic information at this site.

The Web site has been designed with three easy to use features—Define, View and Explore and operates much like internet sites that provide locator and directional information. When viewers visit the web soil survey, they are asked to "Define" a geographic area of interest by selecting a state and county or just by highlighting an area or areas. Once a location has been defined and projected on the screen, the viewer has the choice to print the map and related information, save it to their hard drive or download the data for use in a geographic information system (GIS).

The viewer also can "Explore" the designated location for specific soils data giving the viewer important information on soil suitability in relationship to usage. This flexibility provides the viewer an opportunity to build a customized report that addresses the viewer's individual needs. Information can be delivered in a variety of formats to include print, CD, DVD or other media.

To access the Web site, go to <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>. Or, try accessing information about your own farm or home at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>. For more information, contact David Buland, David.Buland@ftw.usda.gov, NRCS, USDA and member of the AAEA Economics, Statistics and Information Resources Committee.

Welcome, New AAEA Members!

Aleksander J. Abram, The Ohio State Univ; **Belem D. Avendano**, Univ Autonoma De Baja California; **Lorea Barron Blasco**; **Nigel Griswold**, Michigan State Univ; **Johannes G. Hailu**, West Virginia Univ; **Shoichi Ito**, Tottori Univ; **Tiffany P. Laude**, Univ of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; **Jessica Miller**, Texas A&M Univ; **Joseph Monaghan**, Aon Re Inc; **Danna Moore**, Washington State Univ; **Jessica Grace Perdew**, Purdue Univ; **Iris D. Ponsano**; **Marvin H. Robison**, Economic Modeling Specialists Inc; **Ralf Steinhauser**, UC Berkeley; **Xiaoyong Zheng**, North Carolina State Univ.

AAEA sessions at the 2006 ASSA Annual Convention, Boston, MA

Friday, Jan 6, 2006

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T.W. Schultz Memorial Dinner and Keynote Address

Fee Event B
Westin Copley Place, Staffordshire
7:00 p.m. Presiding: Robert Evenson, Yale University and Wallace Huffman, Iowa State University
Opening Remarks: T. Paul Schultz, Yale University
Speaker: Gary Becker, University of Chicago

AAEA Sessions

Westin Copley Place, Parliament Room
10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The Diet Transition and Obesity in Developing and Developed Countries: Determinants and Policy Options
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. AAEA Invited Paper Session in Memory of T.W. Schultz

Saturday, Jan 7, 2006

AAEA Sessions

Westin Copley Place, Parliament Room
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Gainers and Losers from Agricultural Trade Liberalization under the Doha Development Agenda
10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Applications of Quasi-Experimental Methods in Agricultural Economics
02:30 p.m. - 04:30 p.m. Trade Liberalization: Welfare Distribution and Costs

Sunday, Jan 8, 2006

AAEA Session

Westin Copley Place, Parliament Room
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. HIV/AIDS and Rural Food Security in Africa

Did you notice? Those of you who are receiving paper copies of this newsletter will receive a registration brochure for the ASSA Convention inserted in this issue of *The Exchange*. Please register by **December 2!** More information about the ASSA convention is available on our Web site at www.aaea.org/info/upcoming/assa.cfm.

Call for nominations

2005/2006 AAEA Awards Program

The AAEA Awards Program recognizes the excellence in the work of agricultural and resource economists. The Awards Committee, chaired by Mary Marchant of Univ of Kentucky, welcomes nominations for all award categories. The subcommittee chairs (listed below) are the recipients of the award nominations due **February 2, 2006**. The amount of the award for Outstanding PhD Dissertation recipients will be \$1,000; Outstanding Master's Thesis award recipients will receive \$500 each. In the Teaching Award category, a maximum of three awards are given—one for less than 10 years' experience as a full-time professional, one for 10 or more years' undergraduate teaching as a full-time professional, and one for 10 or more years' graduate school teaching as a full-time professional. Please note that in the Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award category, a maximum of three awards is given: individual with less than 10 years of experience, individual

with 10 or more years' experience and a group award. More details, current criteria, and submission guidelines for each award can be found on the AAEA Web site at <http://www.aaea.org/fund/awards/aaea-award-info.cfm>. Please send nominations by **February 2, 2006**, to the appropriate Awards Subcommittee Chair, listed below:

Outstanding Master's Thesis: David Buschena, Montana State Univ, Dept of Ag Econ & Econ, 306 Linfield Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717. E-mail: buschena@montana.edu.

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation: Helen Jensen, Iowa State Univ, Dept of Econ, 578 Heady Hall, Ames, IA 50011-0070. E-mail: hjensen@iastate.edu.

Distinguished Teaching: James G. Beierlein, Pennsylvania State Univ, Dept of Ag Econ & Rural Soc, 207 Armsby Bldg, University Park, PA 16802-5601. E-mail: jgb@psu.edu.

Distinguished Extension/Outreach Programs: Gary Schnitkey, Univ of

Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, Dept Ag & Consumer Econ, 415 Mumford Hall, 1301 W Gregory Dr, Urbana, IL 61801. E-mail: schnitke@uiuc.edu.

Distinguished Policy Contribution: Joan R. Fulton, Purdue Univ, Dept of Ag Econ, 403 W State St, W Lafayette, IN 47907-2056. E-mail: fultonj@purdue.edu.

Quality of Communication: Patricia Duffy, Auburn Univ, Dept of Ag Econ and Rur Soc, Comer Hall, Auburn, AL 36849-5406. E-mail: pduffy@acesag.auburn.edu.

Quality of Research Discovery: Michael E. Wetzstein, Univ of Georgia, Dept of Ag & Appl Econ, 315 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602-7509. E-mail: wetzstein@agecon.uga.edu.

Publication of Enduring Quality: Matthew Holt, Purdue Univ, Dept of Ag Econ, 403 W State St, W Lafayette, IN 47907-2056. E-mail: mholt@purdue.edu.

New Issue of *Choices*

The current issue of *Choices* presents a collection of papers on Nonmarket Valuation for Informing Public Policy Debates that explore the approaches and uses to developing nonmarket values for goods that are not traded in the market place. *Choices* also contains pieces on Counter-Cyclical Payments Under the 2002 Farm Act: Production Effects Likely to be Limited, and The Sweet Smell of Subsidies Revisited. In addition, *Choices* surveys the Washington scene covering information on trade, livestock mandatory reporting, farm bill, BSE, environment, energy, Endangered Species Act, Hurricane Katrina's impacts on agriculture policy, and appropriations.

If you find aspects of these topics of interest, the entire set of papers is available courtesy of the AAEA at www.choicesmagazine.org. Also please watch for future issues where we plan coverage of Supply Chains, Biofuels, and GMOs, among other topics.

Students' Corner

A new school year has begun, and the Graduate Student Section officers would like to take a moment to wish you great success in your undertakings during this year! As a graduate student, you are probably well aware that it is imperative not only to make the grades, but also to involve yourself in professional organizations related to agricultural economics. The Graduate Student Section (GSS) of the AAEA provides a direct means through which you can boost your professional organization involvement. The GSS offers a variety of resume and vita-enhancing activities for its members, such as participation in its various competitions, leadership and networking opportunities, track sessions at the Annual Meetings, etc. Membership in the GSS section is open to all interested members of the Association who pay dues established by GSS. To join the Graduate Student Section, you must first be a member of the American Agricultural Economics

Association. The fee to join GSS is just \$5 for both regular and student members. The membership fee for the GSS is located on the AAEA membership form and fees are paid through AAEA. If you would like to take advantage of the opportunities GSS provides, be sure to indicate your interest in membership on the registration form!

For additional information about membership in GSS, visit our Web site at <http://www.geocities.com/aaeagss>. While there, you can also read our quarterly newsletter. It is never too late to join and take advantage of the opportunities GSS can provide! If you have any questions about GSS, please contact Christiane Schroeter (cschroe@purdue.edu) or Leigh Ann Love (LLove@ufl.edu).

Once again, we wish you all the best!

Whitney Oliver Peake
GSS Secretary

News

C-FARE Fall 2005 Activities in Washington, DC

As Congressional sessions draw to a close, and agencies manage their end of the fiscal year budgets, The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) remains active with the many arenas in our Nation's Capitol.

In September, C-FARE was approached to participate with a stakeholder driven activity aimed at creating a new grant at USDA's CSREES focusing on Long Term Agro-ecosystem Research (LTAR). Scientists from the agronomy, ecological, and economics organizations will serve on a Steering Committee which will plan and organize a stakeholder workshop to establish a description of an LTAR Program. Recommendations will be created about the research questions, approaches, number of sites, geographical location, and other issues at the late spring 2006 workshop. This is an outstanding opportunity for agricultural, natural resources and applied economists. C-FARE looks forward to working with AAEA and the steering committee economists.

C-FARE is also pleased to announce that AAEA Past President Dr. Laurian Unnevehr has been selected as the appointee for the category of "National Agricultural Research, Education, and Extension Organization" on the USDA Secretary's National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board. The Board provides guidance to the Research, Education and Economics (REE) mission area on policies and priorities for agricultural research, extension, education, and economics. The NAREEE Board also sponsors stakeholder listening sessions, reviews draft guidance for competitive-grant programs, and conducts annual reviews of the REE portfolio for relevance and adequacy of funding. Congratulations to Laurian on her appointment as a C-FARE Representative to the Board.

Last spring, C-FARE was approached by USDA's CSREES and ERS to create a database highlighting where our profession receives contracts and grants. The survey has been tested and will be emailed to all department chairs in October. We encourage each department to take a moment and answer the simple questions in the survey. The data will be available to all who participate. In addition, the information will help C-FARE and the profession better guide our efforts in Washington, DC in matters of federal funding of contracts and grants. If you have any questions, please contact C-FARE's Executive Director, Tamara Wagester, at 202-408-8522.

Beginning in January, C-FARE will be accepting applications for our Summer 2006 intern. The student will work in the C-FARE office with the Executive Director and also spend several weeks shadowing other professionals inside the Beltway. If you know a student who would be interested in learning first-hand about the role of agricultural economics in policy-making, please visit our Web site at www.cfare.org to view the guidelines for the C-FARE internship.

Call for Papers

2006 NAREA Annual Meeting

The 2006 NAREA Annual Meeting will take place in Mystic, Connecticut, June 11-14, 2006. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2006. Proposals for Symposia have no restrictions on format or content, but should emphasize audience discussion. Symposia proposals should include: 1) a title; 2) description of the topic; 3) reason why the topic is timely and of interest to the membership; 4) suggested format and description of the presentation; and 5) names and affiliations of presenters. Selected-papers will be selected based on an extended abstract of no more than two pages, double-spaced, in a 12-point font. Abstracts not meeting these criteria will not be considered. Individuals whose abstracts are selected will be notified on or about April 1, 2006, and will be asked to write a paper for presentation at the meetings in Mystic, Connecticut. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected-Papers Committee no later than June 1, 2006.

Symposia and Selected-Papers can be submitted either by mail or electronically. Mailed proposals must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2006 and sent to David Just, Department of Applied Economics, Cornell University, Warren Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-7801. Electronic submissions must also be sent by this date. If submitting electronically, please name the file as follows: NAREA yourlastname.doc. For further questions, please contact either David Just, Chair of the Selected-Papers Committee, (607.255.2086 or e-mail drj3@cornell.edu).

To advertise your position vacancy in *The Exchange*, go on-line to www.aaea.org/classifieds/ and fill out the appropriate form. You can also e-mail your advertisement to employment@aaea.org or fax it via 515.233.3101. The cost is only \$200 for 3 column inches, and \$60 for each additional column inch after that. To learn more, check out www.aaea.org/classifieds/. PLEASE NOTE: Fellowships and other announcements with any kind of stipend or salary attached will be considered employment ads and charged accordingly. Please check your application deadline against the publication dates of *The Exchange*. Cancellations will not be accepted after the submission deadline.

Employment

U of California, Davis Assistant Professor of Economics of Agriculture

Assistant Professor (tenure track) / Economics of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. (Pos. #99-02c).

Teach and conduct research concerning the economics of agriculture. Appropriate areas of specialization include agricultural policy, consumer economics, econometrics, economic development, environmental/natural resource economics, finance, industrial organization, international

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economics, marketing, production economics, or sustainable agriculture. All faculty in Agricultural and Resource Economics have Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) appointments, and are therefore expected to conduct applied research and outreach of relevance to the mission of the California AES. Apply on-line at <http://recruitment.agecon.ucdavis.edu> or send applications to Professor Richard Sexton, Chair, Search Committee, ARE/UCD, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616, or email AREsearch@primal.ucdavis.edu. Please reference the position number. The position is open until filled. To assure consideration, applications must be received by December 15, 2005. For the expanded position description, please see <http://arejobs.ucdavis.edu>. The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

U of California, Davis Assistant Professor of Environmental or Natural Resource Economics

Assistant Professor (tenure track) / Environmental or Natural Resource Economics, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (70%) and Department of Environmental Science and Policy (30%) (Pos. #98-03c).

Teach and conduct research in environmental economics or natural resource economics. All faculty in the two departments have Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) appointments, and are therefore expected to conduct applied research and outreach of relevance to the California AES. Apply on-line at <http://recruitment.agecon.ucdavis.edu> or send applications to Professor Douglas Larson, Chair, Search Committee, ARE/UCD, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616, or e-mail AREsearch@primal.ucdavis.edu. Please reference the position number. The position is open until filled. To assure consideration, applications must be received by December 15, 2005. For the expanded position description, please see <http://arejobs.ucdavis.edu>. The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

U of California, Davis Fellowships for Incoming Graduate Students in Fall 2006

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis invites applications for the following fellowships:

USDA Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowships will be awarded to incoming Ph.D. students in the area of agricultural marketing and management. These fellowships provide three years of funding and stipends per student. During their tenure UC Davis, fellows

will participate in innovative mentoring activities, special research internships in cross-institutional research, and special teaching opportunities.

The Frank H. Buck, Jr., Barton DeLoach, and Ben French Fellowships will be awarded to outstanding incoming Ph.D. students interested in agricultural, environmental, resource, or development economics. These fellowships provide tuition and a stipend in the first year of the Ph.D. program and guaranteed employment in the second year.

The UC Davis Fellowship in International Economic Development will be awarded to an M.S. student with a demonstrated interest in international development and an outstanding academic record. It provides one year of non-resident tuition, a reduction of instate fees, and a 50% time assistantship in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

In addition to these specific fellowships, the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics offers fellowship support to cover nonresident tuition fees, and supports applications of incoming students for other fellowships available on the Davis campus.

More details on these fellowships and on the application process are available at: <http://www.agecon.ucdavis.edu/graduateprogram/financial.php>. For additional information regarding the fellowship application process and selection criteria, please contact Laurie Greene, Graduate Program Coordinator, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95646, gradasst@primal.ucdavis.edu.

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California State U, Chico Dean, College of Agriculture

To begin Summer 2006. CSU, Chico, position of Dean for the College of Agriculture. Some of the qualifications include earned doctorate, outstanding administrative experience, experience/knowledge in the agriculture industry, successful external support and fund raising.

As a university that educates students of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, we value a diverse faculty and staff. CSU, Chico welcomes applicants who are knowledgeable about, and interested in, working within a crosscultural learning environment.

The College of Agriculture offers BS degrees in Agricultural Business and Agricultural Science. California State University, Chico is a fully accredited, state-supported member of a 23-campus CSU system serving a diverse student body of approximately 16,000. Located in the Sacramento Valley near the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Chico retains the charm of a small town with reasonable cost of living while offering excellent medical services, public and private schools, and many cultural and

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recreational activities.

Review of applications begins December 1, 2005. Applications received after that date may be considered if position is not filled. Please submit complete and current vitae, as well as names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least five references. A cover letter of interest should indicate how the applicant's qualifications relate to the responsibilities of Dean. Applicants should briefly articulate their philosophy of agricultural education and explain why they aspire to a major leadership position at this state of their careers.

Contact the Chair of the College of Agriculture Dean Search Committee, Office of the Provost, California State University, Chico, Chico CA 95929-0110; Phone: 530.898.6101; TDD 530.898.5870; www.csuchicoag.org.

For disability-related accommodations, call 530-898-6192, or TDD 530-898-5870. EOE/AA/ADA. CSUC only employs individuals lawfully authorized to work in the U.S.

Clemson U Associate Professor

The Department of Applied Economics and Statistics and the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs invite applications for a tenure-track faculty position in water policy economics. The position is a 9-month appointment with 75% research and 25% teaching responsibilities. The incumbent will have academic rank and home in the Department of Applied Economics & Statistics, and will be a member of the policy program team of the Strom Thurmond Institute. The incumbent will provide technical support to the policy decision-making process related to water allocation, covering a broad spectrum of economic, social, and technical/engineering issues. The incumbent will bring together expertise from the various disciplines within the University having interests in water use, as well as experts at other universities, government institutions, and the private sector to apply economic principles to quantify competing supplies and user needs for water; and to provide objective analysis of policy issues dealing with water supply and use. Teaching responsibilities, primarily at the graduate level, will support curricula in Environment and Natural Resources, Agricultural Economics, Policy Studies, and others. Contact Michael Hammig at 864.656.3225 or mhammig@clemson.edu.

Colorado State U Assistant Professor of Agribusiness Management and Marketing

Position: Assistant Professor of Agribusiness Management and Marketing. Ph.D. (Ag Economics or related field), 9-month Tenure-track, 40% teaching (agribusiness management, marketing and finance) and 50% research (supply chain management focused on coordination, emerging

technologies or food policy). Desired: Industry experience, willingness to work with Business College and interdisciplinary teams, and knowledge of agriculture. Closing date December 15, 2005 or until filled. Position available August 15, 2006.

For details and requirements see website at <http://dare.colostate.edu/positions> or contact Dr. Dawn Thilmany, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1172; Phone: 970.491.7220; E-mail: thilmany@lamar.colostate.edu. CSU is an EEO/AA employer.

Colorado State U Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics

Position: Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics. Ph.D. (Economics or Ag Economics), 9-month Tenure-track, 40% teaching (environmental economics) and 50% research (applied environmental economics including non-market valuation, ecological economics, water & other natural resources). Desired: strong quantitative skills including econometrics and experience or willingness to work with state and federal natural resource agencies. Closing date December 15, 2005 or until filled. Position available August 15, 2006.

For details and requirements see website at <http://dare.colostate.edu/positions> or contact Dr. John Loomis, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1172. CSU is an EEO/AA employer.

Cornell U Chaired Professorship in Trade Policy

The Department of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell seeks a distinguished scholar for the Nandlal P. Tolani Senior Professor in International Trade Policy. The candidate is expected to conduct a distinguished research program in international trade policy, with emphasis on Asia and particularly India. An equal split between research and teaching responsibilities, and the development of an excellent graduate and undergraduate teaching program is expected. This is an endowed chair with resources for travel and research.

The Department has a large and enthusiastic alumni base, many holding key positions in academia, government and business. The Department is part of a large and vibrant community of economists in different departments at Cornell, who come together under the auspices of University-wide "fields" for the supervision of graduate students.

Review of applications begins November 15, 2005 and continues until position is filled. Send letter of application, vita including publications and teaching experience, reprints of selected major papers, and three to five references to: Dr. William Lesser, Chair, Department of Applied Economics and

Management, Cornell University, 154 Warren Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-7801; phone (607) 255-4576; fax (607) 255-9984; aemdirector@cornell.edu. Cornell is an equal opportunity-affirmative action employer.

The International Food Policy Research Institute Research Fellow REF #05-147 (N)

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks an Economist for an entry level Research Fellow position in its Food Consumption and Nutrition Division (FCND). This is a three-year fixed term, renewable appointment. This position is based at IFPRI's headquarters in Washington D.C. but will involve travel to countries where IFPRI conducts its research.

As part of IFPRI's mission to search for policies that lead to sustainable reductions in poverty and hunger, FCND has a research program that focuses on understanding the impacts of interventions designed to enhance human capital formation – particularly those dimensions relating to nutrition – in developing countries. Current issues under study include the effectiveness of different methods for targeting the malnourished (in Haiti), the evaluation of alternative approaches to school feeding (in Uganda) and the use of conditional cash and food transfers to promote human capital formation in Latin American countries, south Asia and Turkey. In addition to this work, the successful candidate will join a team of Economists and Social Scientists working on these issues as well as have the opportunity to work on other research programs with the Division and Institute.

Specific duties include but are not limited to: help design, implement and analyze surveys aimed at evaluating human capital interventions; help design survey instruments and train field workers and developing-country collaborators; and conduct innovative research and write analytical papers based on the household surveys and communicate these results to diverse audiences.

Required Qualifications: Ph.D. in Economics or Agricultural Economics; minimum of three years of work experience since the completion of a Ph.D.; minimum of two published articles in recognized refereed journals; excellent econometrics skills; outstanding ability to perform thoughtful, critical analysis of own as well as existing research; experience in using household survey data for econometric and statistical analyses; demonstrated ability to produce quality research; ability to work with researchers from other social and biological sciences; knowledge and experience analyzing poverty and poverty-related issues in developing countries; and fluency in English.

Preferred Qualifications: Strong knowledge of statistical and econometric techniques used in panel data analysis and evaluations (randomized assignment, matching, etc.); experience working with complex household data sets from developing countries containing data on income, consumption and nutrition; familiarity with the literature on human

capital formation and evaluations; field experience in collecting quantitative household data in developing countries; fluency in another language.

IFPRI is one of the international agricultural research institutes organized under the umbrella of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The mandate of IFPRI is to identify and analyze alternative national and international strategies and policies for meeting world food needs in ways that conserve the natural resource base, with emphasis on low income and on the poorer groups in the countries.

IFPRI offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. IFPRI is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence. We encourage women and developing country professionals to apply. Application Deadline: Screening of applications will begin on October 14, 2005, and continue until the position is filled. E-mail a detailed letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of at least three references as attached Word documents to: IFPRI HRS, REF. #05-147, 2033 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. E-mail: IFPRI-HRINTL@cgiar.org. Please include REF. #05-147 in the subject line.

For more information on IFPRI, please visit our Web site at www.ifpri.org. EOE.

Louisiana State U Assistant or Associate Professor, Agribusiness Management and Finance

This position is 12-month tenure track—research 60%, teaching 40% at the department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center & Louisiana State University College of Agriculture, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Develop/conduct a nationally recognized research program in agribusiness management and finance, with emphasis on issues affecting agribusinesses in the state and/or rural land values. Collaborate and interface with other agribusiness research programs in the Department where appropriate. The person is expected to publish in major disciplinary journals, experiment station, and departmental publications, and to cooperate with personnel in the Cooperative Extension Service, other units of the Experiment Station and College, and the LSU Small Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Institute. The person is also expected to establish private sector linkages with agribusinesses in Louisiana and teach courses in agribusiness and finance. The closing date is December 1, 2005. A full description of the vacancy is available at the following web site: www.lsuagcenter.com; or contact Dr. R. Wes Harrison at 225.578.2727, wharrison@agctr.lsu.edu. The LSU Agricultural Center is a statewide campus of the LSU System and provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Employment

Michigan State University Finance Economist

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University is seeking an assistant professor to develop an outstanding research and teaching program in the area of finance. This is a tenure track position that will normally involve teaching two courses in agricultural finance, one at the undergraduate level and one at the graduate level. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a nationally and internationally recognized research program in financial economics and management, with emphasis on implications for agriculture and the food sector. Successful applicants would be expected to publish research results in professional journals and extend results to appropriate organizations where applicable. Candidates are expected to have a Ph D in agricultural economics, economics, or finance and should have strong theoretical, quantitative, and communication skills. The ability to work collaboratively and knowledge of U.S. agriculture and financial institutions are desirable. Please send applications electronically to Professor Steven D. Hanson, Department Chairperson, (e-mail: aec@msu.edu; phone: 517.355.4567) by December 15, 2005. Applications should include a letter of intent, resume, transcripts of Ph D coursework, and names and addresses of three references. Michigan State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution. Handicapped individuals have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.

U of Nebraska Four National Needs Graduate Fellowships

The Center for Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), in partnership with the Nebraska Rural Initiative, is seeking applicants for four National Needs Graduate Fellowships for the 2005–2006 and 2006–2007 academic years. These fellowships are available to support women interested in pursuing a Master's of Science Degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics at UNL with emphasis on agricultural and food industrial organization. The fellowships will carry a yearly stipend of \$15,000 in addition to a tuition waiver. Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States.

Application deadline for the fellowships is January 15, 2006. Applications are available online at <http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/>. For further information, please contact Professor Azzeddine Azzam by phone (402.472.5326) or by e-mail at aazzam1@unl.edu. UNL is committed to a pluralistic campus community through AA/EO. We assure reasonable accommodation under the ADA; contact Nancy Rekart at 402.472.3401 for assistance.

North Carolina State U USDA National Needs Fellowships

The Economics Graduate Program at North Carolina State University is pleased to announce three USDA National Needs Fellowships to support Ph.D. students entering in Fall 2006. The Fellowships are designed for students seeking the Ph.D. in Economics who want to pursue research careers in forest economics and related areas. Successful applicants will receive a \$22,000 annual stipend for three years and will be eligible for further departmental support until completion of degree. In addition to financial support, the Fellowships offer unique research opportunities with the US Forest Service, including participation in forest economics research projects, access to data, and professional mentoring.

To be considered, apply to the Economics Ph.D. Program indicating interest in a National Needs Fellowship (www2.ncsu.edu/grad/econ_grad_pgm). Applicants must be U.S. citizens. For more information, contact Dr. Tamah Morant at tamah_morant@ncsu.edu; www2.ncsu.edu/grad/econ_grad_pgm/index.html.

U of Rhode Island Research Asst Prof, Environmental & Natural Resource Economics

URI seeks a non tenure-track, academic-year, Research Assistant Professor for Environmental and Natural Resource Economics beginning during Spring of 2006 and limited to December 31, 2007, with extension at rank or possible conversion to tenure-track based on availability of funding, and satisfactory performance and evaluation. Required: Ph.D. in economics, resource or environmental economics, agricultural economics or closely-related field; ability to communicate effectively with the public, particularly for on-going research; see web site below for details. Areas of interest include experimental economics, dynamic optimization, econometrics, public choice theory, decision-making under uncertainty, law and economics, game theory, demonstrated interests or training in environmental or natural resource problems. Details of required and preferred qualifications are available at http://www.uri.edu/human_resources/2005%20non%20classified%20job%20descriptions/011222.htm. Send (no emails or faxes, please) letter of application, statement of teaching and research interest, curriculum vitae, copy of transcripts, samples of recent research, three letters of reference and other supporting materials showing evidence of required and preferred qualifications postmarked by November 20, 2005 to: Stephen K. Swallow, Search Chair, (Req # 011222), UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND, P.O. Box G, Kingston, RI 02881. URI is an AA/EEO employer and values diversity and also is an NSF ADVANCE institutional transformation university, working to advance the careers of women faculty, especially in the science and engineering disciplines.

U of Tennessee Assistant/Associate/Full Professor

This faculty member will: 1) provide leadership for statewide extension educational programs in rural economic development, 2) work closely with Extension agents, local officials, local/regional economic development agencies, planners, businesses, and interested citizens to develop and deliver highly relevant rural economic development educational programs, 3) work closely with other extension, research, and teaching faculty across the University to develop effective programs, 4) conduct applied research in support of the Extension program and remain abreast of current research and other developments in the area of work, 5) acquire significant extramural funding and fees to support the extension program, 6) employ appropriate educational methods, technology, and media including conferences and workshops, and 7) participate in the committee and governance structure of the Department, Institute, and University.

Potential areas of emphasis include analysis of local economies; training and development for community leaders; identifying fertile avenues for rural economic development and employment; business retention and expansion; tourism development; and financing options for economic development. Contact: Charles Hall, Professor, University of Tennessee, Department of Agricultural Economics, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville TN 37996-4518 USA; Phone: 865.974.7410; Fax: 865.974.9492; E-mail: crh@utk.edu.

UT is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs.

Texas A&M U Horticultural Marketing

Appointment: 12-month appointment (non-tenure track)
100% Texas Cooperative Extension; Texas A&M University System.

Responsibilities involve statewide leadership and coordination for extension educational programs, applied research, and development of grant and contract support in horticultural marketing, providing technical expertise and educational programs for industry audiences from producers to retail trade, and other relevant audiences. Educational program delivery will include publications, conferences, mass media releases, and computer and web-based software. This individual will cooperate with Extension, Research and Teaching faculty from Agricultural Economics/ Horticulture/ Food Science and other Departments, Administrators, County Extension Agents, and Regional Program Directors, as necessary in developing and delivering recognized programs for Extension faculty and clientele. Travel in- and out-of-state is necessary to fulfill job responsibilities.

A PhD degree in Agricultural Economics or closely related field along with course work in marketing, management, and

risk management is required. Preference will be given to candidates with experience, and ability to communicate effectively.

Application deadline is December 9, 2005, or until position is filled. Send a letter of application, current curriculum vitae, transcripts, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to: John P. Nichols, Professor and Interim Head; Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU College Station, TX 77843-2124; Phone: 979.845.2116; Fax: 979.862.1563; E-mail: jpn@tamu.edu.

The Agriculture Program of the Texas A&M University System is an equal opportunity employer.

Texas Tech U, Texas Ag Experiment Station—Lubbock Assistant Professor

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Texas Tech University in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station-Lubbock, Texas A&M University is seeking candidates for a twelve-month tenure-track Assistant Professor position (position number: 2007 TLF 042). The position is a split appointment between the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University (75%) and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station-Lubbock, Texas A&M University (25%) and is available May 16, 2006.

The faculty member is expected to establish an excellent teaching and applied economics research program. Initial teaching responsibilities will consist of teaching two or three classes per year, with one course being a graduate level course in the selected candidate's area of specialization. The faculty member will serve as an advisor and research supervisor for M.S. and Ph.D. students, in addition to advising undergraduate students. The selected individual is expected to develop a research program with the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station working on applied multi-disciplinary production and resource economics related problems. Potential research issues include but are not limited to biotechnology, water conservation and irrigation technology, technology adoption, precision agriculture, bio-based products, and economic thresholds for pest control. Additional research opportunities are available in a wide range of production, resource management, marketing, and trade topic areas. Excellence in teaching, the development of a successful applied research program including externally funded projects, and publication in refereed journals are necessary to earn tenure and promotion.

A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, Economics, or related discipline is required. Candidates are expected to have completed their doctorate by May 2006. Strong academic training in economic theory and quantitative methods is required. Strong econometric skills are highly desirable. Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to excellence in research, teaching, and service. Excellent

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communication skills, both written and oral, are necessary.

Applicants are requested to send a letter of intent, vita (including a list of publications), a statement of teaching and research goals, sample publications (maximum of three), any evidence of teaching experience, official transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. David Willis, Search and Screening Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University, Box 42132, Lubbock, TX 79409-2132. Screening of applicants will begin January 10, 2006 and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Women and members of other under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Texas Tech University is sensitive to the needs of dual career couples. Texas Tech University is an Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action Institution.

APHIS, Policy Analysis and Development Economist

As a member of the Policy Analysis and Development staff of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, the candidate will perform a variety of analyses on regulatory proposals and policy issues for the Agency. A solid quantitative background in economics and analytical techniques and proficient writing and speaking skills are essential. The candidate should be capable of designing appropriate approaches for evaluating economic impacts, determining relevant data requirements, collecting and analyzing information, and presenting conclusions or options in a lucid and concise manner. Ability and interest in working independently are requisite, although there will be projects in which the candidate will participate as part of a study team. The candidate will work at the Agency's headquarters in Riverdale, Maryland, with project-related travel on occasion. U.S. citizenship is required. Inquiries should be sent to Frank Fillo at frank.fillo@usda.gov.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U Asst Prof of Applied Microeconomic Theory

Applicants are sought for a tenure-track position in applied microeconomic theory. This is a research (65%) and teaching (35%) appointment, available January 1, 2006. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

Qualifications: Doctorate in agricultural/applied economics, economics, or related field with a strong background in advanced microeconomic theory and quantitative methods. Teaching experience is desirable.

The person in this position is expected to apply micro economic theory to policy relevant issues in agriculture, the food sector, or natural resources. The position supports the

Department's instructional programs through teaching and graduate advising. Teaching responsibilities are likely to include micro economic theory and an area of applied research. Development of a nationally recognized research program and obtaining external funds to support graduate students and research are expected and research collaboration with other faculty is strongly encouraged.

Applications should be made online at www.jobs.vt.edu. Inquiries should be directed to either Daniel Taylor, Search Committee Chair (Phone: 540.231.5032, Fax: 540.231.7417, E-mail: taylor@vt.edu) or Dr. Kevin Boyle, Department Head (Phone: 540.231.6301, Fax: 540.231.7417, E-mail: kjboyle@vt.edu).

Review of applications will begin January 1, 2006, and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Preliminary interviews will be held at the Allied Social Science Associations Meetings in Boston, Massachusetts January 5-8, 2006.

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U Asst Prof of Applied Econometrics

Applicants are sought for a tenure-track position in econometrics. This is a research (65%) and teaching (35%) appointment, available July 1, 2006. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

Qualifications: Doctorate in agricultural/applied economics, economics, or related field with a strong emphasis on applied econometrics. Teaching experience is desirable.

The person in this position will develop state-of-the-art econometric models as part of a research program addressing agricultural and natural resource issues and policies. Applications may include, but are not limited to, spatial econometric and panel data models. This position supports the Department's instructional programs through graduate and undergraduate teaching and graduate advising. Teaching responsibilities include graduate econometrics. The person in this position is also expected to provide quantitative support for applied research by faculty and students and to obtain external funding for a nationally recognized research program in one of the Department's thrust areas.

Applications should be made online at www.jobs.vt.edu. Inquiries should be directed to either Bradford Mills, Search Committee Chair (Phone: 540.231.6461, Fax: 540.231.7417, E-mail: bfmills@vt.edu) or Dr. Kevin Boyle, Department Head (Phone: 540.231.6301, Fax: 540.231.7417, E-mail: kjboyle@vt.edu).

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U of Wisconsin at Madison Energy Economics, Environmental Economics and/or Industrial Organization

Q4—Energy Economics, Q5—Environmental Economics, L—Industrial Organization, O3—Technological Change: Research and Development, Section I. U.S. Academic Full-Time, Tenured & Tenure Track (ADD Trade, Operations Research, and Policy).

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAE) invites applications for a tenure track position at any level in the fields of environmental and natural resource economics, the economics of technology and technical change, or industrial organization. Successful applicants must be committed to the development of an outstanding research and teaching program concerning the economic aspects of global energy options, alternative energy technologies, and energy policy as part of an interdisciplinary hiring initiative in energy systems and policy (<http://www.ies.wisc.edu/eap/clusterhire/index.htm>). Teaching duties will include one course per year related to energy issues as part of the Energy Analysis and Policy Program and one other graduate or undergraduate course in AAE. Applicants should submit a letter of application, vita, three letters of recommendation, a graduate transcript (entry level candidates only), and a research paper. Contact: Brad Barham, Chair; Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Taylor Hall, 427 Lorch Street, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706 (<http://www.aae.wisc.edu/www/>). These materials are due December 1, 2005. UW-Madison is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

People

Alabama A&M U

- **Appointment Change:** **Odili Onianwa**, Prof.

U of Alberta

- **Award:** **Wuyang Hu**, Food Distribution Research Society, William Applebaum Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding PhD Dissertation.

U of Arkansas

- **Award:** **Jennie Popp**, Outstanding Academic Advising Award, Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

U of California at Berkeley.

- **Visitor:** **Yacov Tsur**, Prof, Dept of Ag Econ and Mgmt, The Hebrew Univ of Jerusalem, Visiting Prof, one year.

Clemson U

- **New Appointment:** **R. David Lamie**, Assoc Prof.
- **Appointment Change:** **Scott R. Templeton**, Assoc Prof.

Cornell U

- **New Appointment:** **Collin Payne**, Postdoc Assoc.
- **Appointment Changes:** **William Lesser**, Susan Eckert Lynch Prof of Science and Business; **Eddy LaDue**, Prof Emeritus; **Bruce Anderson**, Prof Emeritus.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Molly Patricia Ames**, MPS-Ag, Farm Bus Mgmt Educator, Cornell Coop Ext; **Carlos Eduardo Gallegos**, MS, Econ and Fin Sectorial Analyst, Presidential Office of Honduras, and Prof of Econ, Univ Nacional Autonoma de Honduras; **Xiaobin Cai**, PhD, Principal Risk Analyst, Exelon Generation Co, LLC; **Mitsuhiro Inamura**, MPS-EM, Asst Mgr, Food Policy Planning Div, Min of Ag, Forestry and Fisheries, Tokyo, Japan; **Kentaro Katsumata**, MS, Researcher, Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Ag, Forestry and Fisheries, Tokyo, Japan; **Makoto Kondo**, MPS-Ag, Asst Dir, Office of International Trade Org, International Economics Affairs Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Tokyo, Japan; **Koji Kotani**, PhD, Post Doc Research Fellow, Yokohama National Univ, Yokohama, Japan; **Chanin Manopinives**, PhD, Consultant, Digital Associates, Thailand, and visiting lecturer, Thammasat Univ, Thailand; **Ning Zhang**, PhD, Sr Risk Analyst, Edison Mission Marketing and Trading, Inc.

U of Delaware

- **Leave:** **John Bernard**, sabbatical, Kansas and Japan, 2006.

U of Georgia

- **Award:** **Tatiana Gubanova**, 2005 Food Distribution Research Society William Applebaum Outstanding MS Thesis.

U of Idaho

- **Return from Leave:** **Wilson Gray**.

IFPRI

- **New Appointment:** **Doris Wiesmann**, Post Doc Fellow.
- **Visitors:** **Babatunde Omilola**, doc student, Sussex Univ, Aug 25–Sept 2; **Jackson Nkuba**, Maruku Ag Research and Development Institute, Sept 16–Oct 14; **Enid Katungi**, doc student, National Banana Research Prog, Kawanda Ag Research Institute, Sept 16–Oct 14; **Ali Subandoro**, consultant, Oct 3–Apr 15.

U of Illinois

- **Honorary Position:** **Laurian Unnevehr**, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

U of Kentucky

- **New Appointment:** **Roger Brown**, Lecturer.

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- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **R. W. Eldridge**, MS, Area Specialist, Univ of Kentucky, Farm Business Mgmt Program; **Venkat Veeramani**, PhD, Risk Mgmt Dept, Discover Financial Services, Inc; **Godfred Yeboah**, PhD, Statistician, IntegriGuard, LLC; **Ibrahim Bamba**, PhD in Ag Econ, Consultant, the World Food Programme.
- **Visitors:** **Dr. Yaming Zhang**, China, Prof and Asst Dean, Yanshan Univ School of Econ and Mgmt, Qinhuangdao.

U of Massachusetts Amherst

- **New Appointment:** **Sven Anders**, Post Doc Research Assoc, Nov 1, two years.

Michigan State U

- **Award:** **Kellie Raper** was named recipient of the 2005 Byrne Award for Emerging Leadership, Food Distribution Research Society.
- **Visitors:** **Dr. Cheick Oumar Diarra**, Mali, United Nations Office of West Africa, Visiting Scholar, Aug, 2006; **Perrine Burnod**, PhD student, Montpellier, France, INRA and CIRAD, Fall semester 2005.

U of Minnesota

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Kijong Kim**, PhD, Visiting Asst Prof, Bard Ctr for Environ Policy, Bard College; **Corbett Grainger**, MS, PhD student, Univ of California at Santa Barbara.

Mississippi State U

- **Appointment Change:** **Steve Turner**, Tenure.
- **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Porfirio Fuentes**, PhD, Ag & Development Policy Specialist and Program Mgr, USAID/Honduras Mission.
- **Visitor:** **Barry J. Barnett**, Dept of Ag and Appl Econ, Univ of Georgia, Seminar Presentation, Sept 16, 2005.

U of Missouri

- **New Appointments:** **Georgeanne Artz**, Asst Prof; **Amy Lake**, Ext Assoc, Comm Policy Analysis Center.
- **Appointment Changes:** **John Kruse**,

Research Asst Prof; **Leonie Marks**, Dir, MU Life Sci and Society Program.

- **Awards:** **Peter Klein**, Ludwig von Mises Institute Frank T. and Harriet Kurzweg Award for Outstanding Scholarship on Personal Liberty, Private Property and Individual Responsibility, 2005; **Michael Nolan**, MU Alumni Assoc, Faculty Award.
- **Honorary Positions:** **Peter Klein**, Board of Advisors, Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation, Independent Institute, Sept 2005; **Judith I. Stallmann**, Board of Institutional and Behavioral Econ Section, AAEA.
- **Return from Leave:** **Tony Prato**.
- **Visitors:** **Kwanho Bang**, Sr Researcher, International Technical Cooperation Center, Rural Dev Admin, Republic of Korea, visiting scholar with FAPRI, Aug 2005–Aug 2006; **Dr. Kinga Schiffer**, Sr Project Mgr, OTP Bank Ltd, Budapest, Hungary, visiting scholar with FAPRI and Dept of Ag Econ, Oct 2005–Sept 2006.

U of Nevada at Reno

- **New Appointments:** **Wuyang Hu**, Asst Res Prof; **Maureen Kilkenny**, Assoc Prof; **Michael Price**, Asst Prof.

New Mexico State U

- **Appointment Change:** **Dr. Jerry Hawkes**, Asst Prof.
- **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Raul Hurtado**, M of Ag, New Mexico State Univ.
- **Visitor:** **Dr. Hiroshi Mori**, Prof, Senshu Univ, Japan, Adjunct Prof, Sept–Nov 2005.

North Carolina State U

- **Award:** **Barry K. Goodwin**, William Neal Reynolds Professorship.
- **Visitor:** **Jean-Phillippe Gervais**, Univ of Laval, Quebec, Canada, Sept 1, 2005–Aug 31, 2006.

The Ohio State U

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Ashraf Abdul-Mohsen**, PhD, Research Scientist, USEPA; **David Shideler**, Research Scientist, USEPA.

Oklahoma State U

- **Appointment Change:** **Chanjin Chung**, Assoc Prof.
- **Award:** **Dr. Damona Doye**, National As-

sociation of County Agricultural Agents, Communications Award for the Oklahoma Beef Cattle Manual.

- **Visitor:** **Jaе Sun Roh**, Prof, sabbatic leave from Seoul National Univ, South Korea.
- ### Oregon State U
- **Appointment Changes:** **Bill Boggess**, Assoc Dean, College of Ag Sci; **Greg Perry**, Interim Dept Head, Ag and Res Econ.
 - **Award:** **Bruce Weber**, Distinguished Scholar, Western Ag Econ Assoc.
 - **Visitors:** **Ahn-Seong Jeong**, Prof of Ag Econ, Chonbuk Natl Univ, Korea, visiting scholar, Aug 2005–Aug 2006; **Hanho Kim**, Prof of Ag Econ, Seoul Natl Univ, Korea, visiting scholar, Aug 2006–Aug 2006.

Pennsylvania State U

- **New Appointment:** **Bayou Demeke**, PhD, Univ of Wisconsin at Madison, Visiting Asst Prof.
- **Appointment Changes:** **Kenneth Bailey**, tenure; **Timothy W. Kelsey**, State Program Leader for Econ and Community Development.
- **Awards:** **Stephen Smith**, Distinguished Member Award, Northeast Ag and Res Econ Assoc; **Jennifer James**, Penn State College of Ag Sci Award for Professional Development Projects, Leadership Workshop; **Richard Ready**, Penn State College of Ag Sci Award for Prof Development Projects, Prof Collaborations on Natural Ecosystems.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Ketja M. (Curley) Lingenfelter**, MS, Asst Dir, Governor's School, Penn State; **Mario G. Picon**, MS, Inter-American Development Bank; **Benjamin S. Weagraff**, MS, Economy.com, Inc; **Flora Nankhuni**, PhD, Post Doc, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies; **Qiuyan Wang**, PhD, Research Analyst, Independence Blue Cross; **Derek G. Brewin**, PhD, Asst Prof of Agribus and Ag Econ, Univ of Manitoba, Canada; **Yanguo Wang**, PhD, Discover Financial Services; **Mary J. Kipp**, MS, Instructor, Penn State, Dept of Ag Econ and Rural Sociology.
- **Honorary Position:** **Stephan Goetz**, 2003–2005 term, Chair of the ESCOP Social Sci Subcommittee.
- **Leaves:** **Theodore Alter**, sabbatical,

Univ College, Dublin, Sept–Dec 2005; **Stephan Goetz**, sabbatical, Univ of Nevada at Reno and Univ of Utah, Jan–May 2006.

- **Retirements:** **Ann Fisher**, 15 yrs.
- **Resignations:** **Darren Frechette**.
- **Visitors:** **Zorica Sredojevic**, Univ of Belgrade; **Gevorg Keshishyan**, Armenian Ag Academy; **Olga Lunika**, Primorskaya State Ag Academy; **Nikolay Platonovskiy**, Timiryazev Ag Academy; **Svetlana Baldanova**, Buryat State Ag Academy; **Larysa Feniak**, Vinnytsia State Agrarian Univ; Foreign Exchange prog, Aug 6–Dec 11.

Purdue U

- **New Appointments:** **Susan Chen**, Asst Prof; **Matthew T. Holt**, Prof; **Roman Keeney**, Asst Prof; **Kwamena Quagraine**, Aquaculture Marketing Dir.
- **Awards:** **Otto Doering**, Presidents Leadership Award, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Aug 2005; **D. Howard Doster**, 2005 Distinguished Service to the Am Ag Award, Am Ag Editors Assoc.

U of Rhode Island

- **Award:** **Christopher Anderson**, College Researcher of the Year, College Teacher of the Year.
- **Resignation:** **Timothy Tyrrell**.

South Dakota State U

- **New Appointments:** **Dr. Ding Du**, Asst Prof; **Dr. David Davis**, Asst Prof.

Southern Illinois U

- **New Appointment:** **Dr. Lyubov A. Kurkalova**, Asst Prof.

U of Tennessee

- **Retirement:** **Dr. S. Darrell Mundy**, 34 yrs.

Texas A&M U

- **New Appointments:** **William Douglass Shaw**, Assoc Prof; **Yanhong Jin**, Asst Prof.
- **Awards:** **Correction:** **Dr. A. Gene Nelson**, Western Ag Econ Assoc, Distinguished Scholar of the WAEA.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Gabriel Casillas**, PhD, Deputy Mgr, Banco de Mexico; **Grant Pittman**, PhD,

Economist, Bank of America; **Debra Rubas**, PhD, Ag Econ, USDA/FAS.

Texas Tech U

- **Appointment Changes:** **Eduardo Segarra**, Dept Chairman; **Michael Farmer**, Assoc Prof; **Don E. Ethridge**, Assoc Director of the College of Ag Sci and Nat Resources Water Ctr; **Jeffrey Johnson**, Asst Prof; **Samarendu Mohanty**, Assoc Director of the Cotton Econ Research Institute; **David Willis**, Assoc Prof with tenure.
- **Awards:** **Emmett Elam**, 2005 College of Ag Sci and Natural Resources Student Advising Award, Texas Tech Univ Teaching Academy; **Eduardo Segarra**, 2005 College of Ag Sci and Natural Resources Service and Outreach Award.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Jagada Chaudhary**, PhD, American Express; **Phillip Peabody**, MS, Texas Ag Credit.

Virginia Tech U

- **New Appointments:** **Kevin J. Boyle**, Dept Head; **William A. White**, Instructor; **Brian Whitacre**, Visiting Asst Prof; **Monica Licher**, Project Assoc; **Jacob Ricker-Gilbert**, Research Assoc; **David Orden**, joint appt as Sr Research Fellow, Markets, Trade and Institutions Division, IFPRI.
- **Appointment Change:** **James Pease**, Prof.
- **Awards:** **L. Leon Geyer**, Virginia Tech Alumni Award for Excellence in Outreach; **Dixie Watts Reaves**, Assoc of Cooperative Educators, Prof Contribution by an ACE Member Award for her involvement in the National Institute of Cooperative Education Youth Program.
- **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Fuzhi Cheng**, PhD, Postdoc Assoc, Cornell Univ.
- **Return from Leave:** **David Orden**.
- **Retirement:** **Wayne Purcell**, Alumni Distinguished Prof.
- **Resignations:** **Anya McGuirk**; **Christiana Hilmer**.

USDA/ERS

- **New Appointments:** **Katherine Smith**, Assoc Director, Office of the Administration; **Mary Bohman**, Director, RRED; **Barry Krissoff**, Deputy Director, Research for MTED.
- **Appointment Changes:** **John Wainio**,

Duty Station Change, Canberra, Australia; **Shahla Shapouri**, FAO, Rome.

USDA/OBPA

- **New Appointment:** **W. Scott Steele**, Budget Officer and Director of the Office of Budget and Program Analysis.

USDA/NASS

- **New Appointments:** **Janice A. Goodwin**, Assoc Deputy Administrator Western Field of Operations; **Chris Mertz**, Director, Oregon Field Office.
- **Appointment Changes:** **Joseph T. Reilly**, Assoc Administrator; **Carol C. House**, Deputy Administrator for Program and Products and Chairperson, Agricultural Statistics Board; **Marshall L. Dantzer**, Deputy Administrator for Field Operations; **Robert T. Bass**, Director, Census and Survey Division.

Obituary

Blair J. Smith

Dr. Blair J. Smith, age 75, passed away August 21, 2005, after a long illness. A native of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, he received his Bachelor of Science from Pennsylvania State University before he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a pilot during the Korean War. He then continued his education, receiving his Masters in Agricultural Economics from Pennsylvania State University and his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. Dr. Smith was on the faculty at the University of Connecticut, the University of Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin, and at Pennsylvania State University in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology for 19 years, retiring in 1993 with emeritus status. His research and teaching programs revolved around agricultural marketing, in general, and dairy marketing, in particular. He served as an advisor to various student organizations, including Delta Theta Sigma. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Beatrice, four children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. After his retirement he and his wife moved back to Georgia.



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November 6–10

- *International Annual Meetings of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) - Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah*

November 8–9

- *NCR-194 Research on Cooperatives Annual Meeting - Minneapolis, Minnesota*

November 13–15

- *United Arab Emirates University “The Third International Conference on Date Palm” - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*

November 16–17

- *National Conference for Agribusiness - “Focused Agriselling: A Quest for Profitable Relationships” - Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana*

November 24–25

- *The Nordic Association of Agricultural Scientists (NJF) seminar #381 - “The Northern European Food Industry—Challenges and Transitions from an Economic Perspective” - Helsinki, Finland*

January 6–8, 2006

- *2006 Allied Social Science Associations Annual Convention - Boston, Massachusetts*

February 4–8, 2006

- *Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting at the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) Meeting - Orlando, Florida*

March 16–18, 2006

- *SCC-76 Annual Meeting - “Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture and Natural Resources” - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

May 23–25, 2006

- *Second National Water Quality Trading Conference - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

June 10–13, 2006

- *Sixteenth Annual International Association of Agricultural Economists World Forum & Symposium - “Food, Agribusiness, Health & Nutrition” - Buenos Aires, Argentina*

June 11–14, 2006

- *2006 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Annual Meeting - Mystic, Connecticut*

June 28–30, 2006

- *2006 Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) Annual Meeting - Hilton, Anchorage, Alaska*

July 23–26, 2006

- *2006 AAEA Annual Meeting - “Envisioning the Future” - Long Beach, California*