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AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

# *Keeping Track*

JANUARY 2006

## Calendar of Events

January 9	Spring classes being
February 11	Purdue Ag Fish Fry
March 13-18	Spring break

### MAAC Tues, Wed Feb 7-8

The Agribusiness Council of Indiana, comprised of Indiana Grain and Feed Association and Indiana Plant Food and Agricultural Chemicals Association, will be hosting the Mid America Ag Show on February 7-8, 2006. The show will be held in the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center located across the crosswalk from the host hotel, the Westin. You can visit this site <http://www.midamericaagshow.com/> for updates on agenda, education, exhibitor and registration information.

## Congratulations and Names in the News

### New Faculty:

Susan Chen

Assistant Professor, PhD University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Chen will be joining the department in January 2006 and will be teaching a new class in Health Economics.

Her research is currently focused largely on questions that are at the intersection between health and labor economics. Over the past two years she has examined the impact of the Social Security Disability Insurance Program on prime aged men and the spousal labor supply response to labor market shocks because of health episodes that result in the disability of their partners. Earlier in her career, Dr. Chen worked at the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at Family Health International. In both these positions she has worked on studies in Africa: Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Botswana. She has examined the impact of family planning programs and family planning provision in Tanzania and also participated in conducting surveys that study sexual behavior and the demographics of AIDS in countries such as Botswana and Zambia. Prior to coming to Purdue, Dr. Chen was Director of the Triangle Census Research Data Center at Duke University and Research Scientist in the Department of Economics At Duke University. She was also a visiting instructor at Duke where she has taught graduate level classes in mathematical economics and undergraduate classes in calculus based microeconomics.

Dr. Chen is interested in building a research program that examines the economics of obesity. She is particularly interested in the study of obesity and how factors such as maternal labor supply, physical education programs (or lack thereof) in schools, and environmental factors such as parks and recreation facilities affect childhood and adolescent obesity.

Matthew (Matt) T. Holt

Professor, PhD University of Missouri, Columbia

Dr. Holt will be joining the Department in January 2006. His research and teaching interests focus on a set of wide-ranging topics and issues relating to markets for food and agricultural products. These include the role of risk and price expectations in agricultural production and supply; the effects of government programs on agricultural production decisions; the role of population dynamics and nonlinear dynamics in livestock production, supply, and pricing; the use of demand systems for economic welfare loss assessments; the role of

futures markets in static and dynamic risk management strategies; and the role of risk in testing for market efficiency in the context of futures markets for agricultural products. His current research agenda includes an economic history of the hog-corn cycle in the United States; examining the implications of mid-term climate anomalies such as El Niño for forecasting primary commodity prices; documenting the seasonal rate of change in global surface temperatures over the past 400 years; and the role of transactions costs in price adjustments in North American wood and forest products markets. Throughout his career the hallmark of Dr. Holt's research has been the adaptation and application of cutting-edge econometric methods in the investigation of economic relationships.

Dr. Holt has previously been on the editorial board of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, the Review of Agricultural Economics, and the Journal of Business and Economic Statistics. He has also been the recipient of several awards for his published research from the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) and the Western Agricultural Economics Association including the Quality of Research Discovery Award (AAEA, 1999) and the Publication of Enduring Quality Award (AAEA, 2002).

## Thought You Would Like To Know

### **The Famous Purdue Ag Fish Fry**

Saturday, February 11, 2006

Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
Indiana State Fairgrounds  
Indianapolis 11:30 a.m. \$20  
Advance Sales Only

Special Guest Speaker  
General Richard Myers (Ret.)  
*15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

### ***"Preparedness at Home and Abroad"***

General Myers led the United States military through four years of tumultuous change on the international and domestic stage, from October 1, 2001 and concluding with his retirement in September 2005. From our engagement in Iraq and Afghanistan to the military's heroic role following Hurricane Katrina, Myers was the principal military advisor to the President, the Defense Secretary, and the National Security Council in his role as Joint Chiefs Chairman. In his presentation, Myers offers analysis on military, security, and preparedness matters at home and abroad.

General Myers is a command pilot with more than 4,100 flying hours. He was a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War, and his career includes operational command and leadership positions in a variety of Air Force and Joint assignments. He was the first Air Force general to serve as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs in two decades. General Myers is a native Kansan and is a graduate of both Kansas State and Auburn Universities.

**FROM ICEE:**

[www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/EC/EC-734.pdf](http://www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/EC/EC-734.pdf)

## Travel, Speeches and Presented Papers:

In November Jerry Shively participated in a roundtable discussion in Nagoya, Japan entitled "Exploring Higher Education Collaboration between The United States and Japan for International Development Cooperation in Agriculture." The meeting was sponsored by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the US Agency for International Development. Jerry presented a paper entitled "Building Capacity at Vietnamese Agricultural Universities: Opportunities, Challenges, and Recent Experiences."

Terry Griffin will travel on January 19, to Indianapolis to present "New Methods of On-farm Research" at the 2006 MapShots Winter Conference.

## Publications:

Anderson, Kym, Will Martin and Ernesto Valenzuela, Why Market Access is the Most Important of Agriculture's 'Three Pillars' in the Doha Negotiations, , Trade Note 26/Policy Brief, World Bank, December 2005. [www.worldbank.org/trade/wto](http://www.worldbank.org/trade/wto).

Anderson, Kym, Will Martin and Ernesto Valenzuela, "The Relative Importance of Global Agricultural Subsidies and Market Access, forthcoming World Bank Working Paper series, World Bank, Background papers on Doha Analysis, November 2005. [www.worldbank.org/trade/wto](http://www.worldbank.org/trade/wto).

Anderson, Kym, and Ernesto Valenzuela, Do Global Trade Distortions Still Harm Developing Country Farmers?, Centre for Economic Policy Research, Discussion paper Series No.5337.

Valenzuela E., T. Hertel, R. Keeney, and J. Reimer, Assessing Global CGE Model Validity Using Agricultural Price Volatility, GTAP Working paper No. 33, 2005.

Dooley, Frank, (*Choices Magazine, 2005: Logistics, Inventory Control, and Supply Chain Management*), 4th Quarter 2005 | 20(4), <http://www.choicesmagazine.org/2005-4/supplychain/2005-4-14.htm>

Hertel, Thomas W. and L. Alan Winters (editors), 2006. *Poverty and the WTO: Impacts of the Doha Development Agenda*, New York: Palgrave MacMillan.

Coxhead, I. and G. Shively (Editors). 2005. *Land Use Change in Tropical Watersheds: Evidence, Causes, and Remedies* Wallingford (UK): CAB International.

## Job Announcements:

[http://www.fao.org/VA/vac\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm)

Purdue Extension Service: [www.ces.purdue.edu/careers/](http://www.ces.purdue.edu/careers/)

Career and Job Sites on the Internet

AAEA Job Posting	<a href="http://www.purdue.edu/jobs">http://www.purdue.edu/jobs</a>
Academic Employment Network	<a href="http://www.aaea.org/employment.html">http://www.aaea.org/employment.html</a>
Agriculture Career Connection	<a href="http://www.academply.com/">http://www.academply.com/</a>
Academic Position Network	<a href="http://www.ag-biz.com">http://www.ag-biz.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.apnjobs.com/">http://www.apnjobs.com/</a>

Community Colleges, misc	<a href="http://www.aacc.nche.edu/">http://www.aacc.nche.edu/</a>
Chronicle of Higher Education	<a href="http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/">http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/</a>
Congressional Budget Office	<a href="http://www.cbo.gov">http://www.cbo.gov</a>
Education Jobs Page	<a href="http://www.nationajob.com/education">http://www.nationajob.com/education</a>
Employment/Resume Posting	<a href="http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html">http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html</a>
	<a href="http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe">http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe</a>
	<a href="http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm">http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm</a>
Government Career	<a href="http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/">http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/</a>
National Job Bank	<a href="http://www.jobs.joe.org">http://www.jobs.joe.org</a>
USDA, Ag Research Service	<a href="http://ars.usda.gov">http://ars.usda.gov</a>
	<a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm">http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm</a>

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Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT