Calendar of Events:

August 16/17  New Graduate Student Orientation
August 20  Fall Classes begin

Congratulations and Names in the News:

Wally Tyner was named an Energy Patriot by Senator Richard Lugar for his contributions to improving energy policy analysis.

Purdue Agricultural Economics faculty and students are an integral part of a recently announced grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This grant, worth $11.4 million, incorporates research and extension to help small holder farmers in West and Central Africa effectively store their cowpeas (black-eyed peas in America) with hermetic storage to eliminate oxygen the farmers can protect their cowpeas from weevil damage during storage while they wait for prices to recover from the harvest lows. From Agricultural Economics, Dr. Joan Fulton is the project director, Dr. Jess Lowenberg-DeBoer is a co-investigator and graduate students Bokar Moussa and Miriam Otoo are graduate research students on the project.

The U.S. Agency for International Development has awarded a $7 million grant to Purdue University for the purpose of developing agricultural education in Afghanistan to support rebuilding the country’s ravaged economy. Kevin McNamara has been named project leader.

Jessica Perdew accepted a position as Procurement Commodities Buyer with Kraft. She will be located in Chicago.

Thought You Would Like to Know:

Luc Valentin joined the department on June 18, 2007. He recently completed his PhD in agricultural economics at Kansas State University, from which he also earned a Master's degree in 1999 in the same subject. In addition, Luc completed a Master's in Agriculture from L'Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture in Toulouse, France. Following the completion of his Master's degree at K-State, Luc spent two years as a layer complex manager at CalMaine Foods of Kansas, LLC before joining the Kansas Farm Management Association in Colby, Kansas. As an agricultural economist with the KFMA, Luc worked with more than 100 farms in northwestern Kansas in assisting producers on various management and tax-related issues as well as developing programs to improve data analysis efficacy. Luc's research experience has covered numerous topics, including the economic impacts of BSE on the beef industry, the effects of best management practices on profitability and the consequences of policies aimed at reducing Atrazine pollution. In his dissertation, Luc analyzed Round-Up Ready soybeans and the distribution of welfare gains within the industry. He hopes to focus on several more farm management questions, as well as overall efficiency improvement and the use of new data collection technologies in agriculture.
Jay Akridge and Bob Taylor were named Honorary Advisor for the Iron Key Class of 2007. Selected members of Iron Key are people of high ideals, with outstanding quality of character, ability, prominence, influence, and who have sincere interest in the affairs and students of Purdue.

In the May 2007 edition of National Hog Farmer, Chris Hurt is among others featured as leaders of the pork industry. In a section entitled, The Masters, Hurt is one of a very special, handpicked group of pork industry visionaries, who share personal stories, business philosophies, and the trials and inspirations that have carried them forward in their pursuit of excellence. Their dedication and insight about the challenges facing the pork industry are invaluable.

National Hog Farmer May 15, 2007 p. 5
To view the article: http://nationalhogfarmer.com/mag/farming_masters_2/index7.html

Otto Doering will be leading a panel at the National Research Council program on environmental impacts of biofuels July 12th in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to Linda Klotz who received her 10-year service award.

News from Indiana Council for Economic Education:

Trading Around the World, revised edition, is to be released in early July. This publication, originally produced by the Indiana Department of Education and adopted by the National Council on Economic Education, was revised by Indiana Council for Economic Education Director, Harlan Day, and contains updated data and resources for teachers to integrate the topic of trade in their existing curriculum. It is particularly appropriate for use with world history and geography lessons.

News from the Center for Food and Agribusiness

Precision Selling: Building Relationships with Large Farmers: July 10-11, 2007

Program Overview: The complexity of large farm operations requires a unique approach to understanding how agribusinesses provide value. Large farmers have needs in areas that extend far beyond the basic products, services, and information provided to traditional customers. The needs of these farmers and influencers must be explored in intentional ways in order to discover goals that can be acted on by sellers.

Strategic AgriMarketing: October 22-26, 2007

News from the Center for Global Trade Analysis:

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:

Wally Tyner traveled to Morocco, June 16-30th to teach Benefit-cost Analysis in French. He will travel to South Africa July 15-25th to evaluate the Africa Harvest program.


Griffin, T.W., C.L. Dobbins, and J. Lowenberg-DeBoer. 2007. “Case Study Evidence of New Opportunities for Farm Management Specialists in Spatial Analysis of On-farm Trial Data” presented at the National Farm
Management Conference aka Triennial North Central Extension Committee in Rochester, Minnesota June 12-14, 2007 to 45 Extension professionals and farm business analysts.

**Publications:**


**Job Announcements:**

University of Kentucky: Grain marketing
Penn State University: Agribusiness Economics
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association: Agricultural Economist Planner
University of Arkansas: Assist Prof – Farm Policy and Agribusiness Marketing
FAO Vacancy Announcement: 6 positions see below
Kansas State University: Faculty position

**Career and Job Sites on the Internet:**

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
Career and Job Sites on the Internet
Purdue [http://www.purdue.edu/jobs](http://www.purdue.edu/jobs)
AAEA Job Posting [http://www.aaea.org/employment.html](http://www.aaea.org/employment.html)
Agriculture Career Connection [http://www.ag-biz.com](http://www.ag-biz.com)
Community Colleges, misc [http://www.aacc.nche.edu/](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/)
Congressional Budget Office [http://www.cbo.gov](http://www.cbo.gov)
Employment/Resume Posting [http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html](http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html)
USDA, Ag Research Service [http://ars.usda.gov](http://ars.usda.gov)
[http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsjobs.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsjobs.htm)

For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651
Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT