Calendar of Events:
August 2  Summer Commencement
August 21- 22  Fall Graduate Student Orientation
August 25  Fall classes begin
October 13-14  October Break
November 18-19  National Conference for Agribusiness (CAB)
December 20  Fall semester ends
December 21  Fall Commencement

Congratulations and Names in the News:

Congratulations to Jay Akridge, appointed Interim Dean of Agriculture.

Sally Thompson has accepted the position of Director, Market and Trade Economics Division, Economic Research Service, USDA beginning in early September. Faculty and staff of Agricultural Economics thank her for six outstanding years of service to Purdue and wish her all the best in her new position in Washington, DC.

We welcome Ken Foster as Interim Head of Department and Gerald Shively as Director of the Graduate Program.

Christine Wilson has resigned to take a position at Kansas State University as Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Academic Programs. She will begin in August and will take a leadership role in student retention issues and activities, and an entrepreneurial program.

Allan Gray has been named as the Interim Director of CAB.

Megan Sheely won the Best Undergraduate Student Paper at the AAEA meetings. The title of her paper was “Global Adoption of Convenience Foods”. Frank Dooley served as her advisor.

Congratulations to the following PhD student who have successfully completed the economic theory prelim:

Bokar Moussa  So Yeong Lim
Yuanlong Ge  Miriam Otoo
Amanda Leister  Samantha Snyder

May 2008 Graduates  August 2008 Graduates
Amelie Belanger – MS  Syam Ambadipudi - MSN
Sarah Breechbill – MS  Behnam Arjomandi - MS
Manuel Filipe – PhD  Priya Bhagowalia - PhD
Sika Gbegbelele - PhD  Mahesh Srinivasan - MS
Liesel Grauberger – MS  Kosuke Tamura - MSN
Brandon Hollas – MS
Quintrell Hollis – MS  MS/MBA
Thought you would like to know –

**Farm Foundation Forum** - Farm Foundation works as a catalyst for sound public policy by providing objective information to foster a deeper understanding of issues shaping the future for agriculture, food systems and rural regions. Farm Foundation has a 75-year history of objectivity. It does not lobby or advocate.

A new Farm Foundation report, *What's Driving Food Prices?*, was released Wednesday, July 23, at the Farm Foundation Forum. Farm Foundation commissioned the report to provide an objective context for interpreting the rapidly growing literature on the forces driving food prices. The report discusses key drivers, including commodity supply and demand shocks, trade and exchange rates and biofuels. An annotated bibliography of recent literature is also included in the report.

The report's authors- Wallace Tyner, Christopher Hurt and Philip Abbott, all of Purdue University-discussed highlights of the report July 23rd, First Amendment Lounge, National Press Club, Washington, DC.

**Presentations at the AAEA Annual Meeting:**

Posters:

*Will Too Many Lower Quality Fruits Damage the Organic Market* - Yuanong Ge and Holly Wang

*Linkages Between Market Participation and Productivity: Results from a Multi-Country Household Sample* – Ana Rios, Will Masters and Gerald Shively

*Innovation and Uncertainty: Application of Option and Portfolio Concepts to Strategy Development*: Mike Boehlje, Allan Gray and Maud Roucan

*Production Efficiency of Organic and Conventional Dairy Farms in the United States*; Carlos Mayen, Joe Balagtas and Corinne Alexander
Optimal Management of Molds in Stored Corn: Yigezu Yigezu, Paul Preckel and Corinne Alexander

Changes in the Transportation Flows Arising From an Expansion in Ethanol – Frank Dooley, Justin Quear and Wallace Tyner

Presentations:

Immigrants’ Selective Destination Choices by Educational Attainment Level – Brigitte Waldorf and Raymond Florax

The Midwest Potential for Cellulosic Ethanol and the Possible Role for Extension in Developing the Industry – Wallace Tyner

The Economic Effects of New Product Beef Promotion in Guatemala – Amanda Leister, C. Parr Rosson and Oral Capps

Policy Options for Integrated Energy and Agricultural Markets – Wallace Tyner and Farzad Taheripour

North American Oriented Strand Board Markets, Arbitrage Activity, and market Price Dynamics: A Smooth Transition Approach – Matt Holt, Barry Goodwin and Jeffrey Prestemon

Heteroskedasticity-Robust Covariance Estimation with Spatial Autocorrelation: Monte Carlo Experiments and an Application to Hedonic Pricing Models – Dayton Lambert and Raymond Florax

Traits Affecting Household Livestock Marketing Decisions in Rural Kenya – Katherine Baldwin and Ken Foster

Estimating Farm Level Multivariate Yield Distribution Using Nonparametric Methods – Qiujie Zheng, Holly Wang, Qinghua Shi

Public Perception and Food Safety Challenges Regarding Agricultural Biotechnology – Marshall Martin

Rebuilding Agricultural Higher Education in Afghanistan – Kevin McNamara

The Distribution of Child Nutritional Status across Countries and over Time – Priya Bhagowalia, Susan Chen and Will Masters

What’s Driving Food Prices? – Phil Abbott, Chris Hurt and Wally Tyner

Livestock Disease Indemnity Design When Moral Hazard is Followed by Adverse Selection – Ben Graming, Richard Horan and Christopher Wolf

The View from the Department – Frank Dooley, Dixie Reaves

A Spatial Hedonic Model with Time-varying Parameters: A New Method Using Flexible Least Squares – Todd Kuethe, Ken Foster and Raymond Florax

Modeling Non-Linear Spatial Dynamics: A Family of Spatial STAR Models and an Application to U.S. Economic Growth – Val Pede, Raymond Florax and Matt Holt
Differences in U.S. Consumer Preferences for Certified Pork Chops when Facing Branded vs Non-branded Choices – David Ubilava, Ken Foster, Jayson Lusk and Tomas Nilsson

Biofuels and Their By-products: Global Economic and Environmental Implications – Farzad Taheripour, Dileep Birur, Jayson Beckman, Thomas Hertel and Wally Tyner

Retaining Competitiveness of the Cotton Sector in Francophone West Africa: Increase Productivity or Policy Reform? Felix Baquedano and John Sanders

Lome Convention Expiration and the Demand for Imported Cut Flowers in the EU: Implications for the Kenyan Cut Flower Sector – Andrew Muhammad, Jennifer Denis, William Amponsah

The Global Impacts of Multi-national Biofuel Mandates – Dileep Birur, Thomas Hertel and Wallace Tyner

Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impacts of U.S. Biofuels – Thomas Hertel, Alla Golub, Steven Rose and Brent Sohngen

Effects of U.S. Farm Policy on Equity and Efficiency – Micah Pope and Roman Keeney


The New Economic of Livestock Production management – Todd Hubbs, Paul Preckel, Allan Schinckel, John Deen, Ken Foster, Stan Curtis, Wayne Johnson

Farm and Non-farm Family Business Management Strategies – Maria Marshall

An Analysis of Successful Farm Family Businesses – Christine Wilson

**News from GTAP**

The Center for Global Trade Analysis held two important events in the month of June in Helsinki, Finland: the GTAP Advisory Board Meeting and the Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis.

**GTAP Advisory Board Meeting**

The annual GTAP Advisory Board Meeting was held at the House of the Estates (Säätytalo) in Helsinki, Finland from June 9-10, 2008. The purpose of this meeting of GTAP Consortium members was to advise the Center on matters of policy, research agenda, and funding.

More information on the Advisory Board Meeting can be found on the GTAP website at: [https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Board_Meetings/2008/default.asp](https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Board_Meetings/2008/default.asp).

**Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis**

The Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis was held at the Marina Congress Center in Helsinki, Finland from June 12-14, 2008. The goal of the conference was to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global economic issues. The overall theme of the conference was “Future of Global Economy”.

Purdue University was represented at the conference with the following presentations:

- **A Nested PE/GE Model for GTAP: Simulating the Disaggregated Impacts of Tariff-Liberalization on Automotive Industry in India**
  by Narayanan, Badri, Thomas Hertel and Mark Horridge

- **Biofuels and their By-Products: Global Economic and Environmental Implications**
  by Taheripour, Farzad, Thomas Hertel, Wally Tyner, Jayson Beckman and Dileep Birur
Economic Analysis of U.S. Immigration Reforms
by Aguiar, Angel H. and Terrie Walmsley

Estimation of Missing intra-African trade
by Villoria, Nelson

Modeling Endogenous Trade Facilitation
by Mirza, Tasneem

Biofuels for all? Understanding the Global Impacts of Multinational Mandates
by Hertel, Thomas, Wally Tyner and Dileep Birur

The Non-MFN Effects of MFN Specific Tariffs
by Chowdhury, Sohini

More information on the Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis can be found on the GTAP website at:  https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2008/default.asp

News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

Upcoming program:  Precision Selling No. 2 on Aug. 21-22.

National Conference for Agribusiness – November 18-19

Program Overview Understanding the evolution of commercial agricultural production is fundamental to the success of firms providing products, services and information to these customers. The Large Commercial Producer Project, an in-depth survey conducted every five years by researchers at Purdue University, shares insight into trends and issues shaping this industry and allows agribusinesses to better understand commercial farming operations. At this conference, Purdue agribusiness faculty will lead a meaningful and directed exploration of commercial production operations and the decision makers charged with leading them. Using data uncovered through the survey, our team of faculty researchers will discuss the practical implications of changing commercial producer attitudes, preferences and buying behaviors.

/www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab/index.html

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:


Joe Balagtas, “Economic Analysis of the Ingreso Objetivo Policy in Mexico,” poster presentation at the European Agricultural Economics Congress in Ghent, Belgium August 2008 (co-authored with D.A. Sumner)

Jason Brown will attend the 48th Congress of the European Regional Science Association in Liverpool, UK August 27-31 where he will present a paper entitled “Evolution of Investment Flows in U.S. Manufacturing: A Spatial Panel Approach.” The paper is co-authored with Dr. Raymond Florax and Dr. Kevin McNamara.


Publications


Job Announcements:

Rutgers: Research Associate
University of Minnesota: Assistant or Associate Professor – Energy Economics
North Dakota State University: Temporary Lecturer in Agribusiness
University of Connecticut: Post-doctoral Fellow
University of Kentucky: Environmental Resources – Assistant Professor
North Carolina A&T University: Department Chairperson
California State University Chico: Two tenure track faculty positions in Agribusiness
University of Florida: Agribusiness – tenure track position
North Dakota State University: lecturer position – agribusiness, finance, marketing


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Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
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Purdue http://www.purdue.edu/jobs
AAEA Job Posting http://www.aaea.org/employment.html
Academic Employment Network http://www.academploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/

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


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