Calendar of Events

November 4-5  Departmental Retreat
December 13  Final Exams begin
December 18  Fall 2004 semester ends
December 19  Commencement

Congratulations and Names in the News

Dr. David Downey was given the special Boilermaker award on November 1 in honor of all he has done to promote Purdue University around the world. This award was presented by the Purdue Alumni Association.

The Purdue University Cooperative Extension Specialist Association (PUCESA) honored outstanding specialists on Tuesday (Oct. 19) during the annual Purdue Extension banquet. The awards recognize outstanding contributions to Indiana through Purdue Extension.

Bob Taylor, professor of agricultural economics, received PUCESA's Career Award. Since 1962 Taylor has taught more than 30,000 students and received several outstanding teacher awards from Purdue's School of Agriculture and the Purdue student body. In 1999 he was added to Purdue's Book of Great Teachers. Taylor, of West Lafayette, IN, gives talks about the nature of interpersonal relationships and farm business organization principles to help family members make farm teams happier, more productive groups. Taylor also has received awards from the American Agriculture Economics Association and the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to the Rural People of Indiana.

Thought you would like to know:

ICEE held its Annual Awards program Friday October 8th. In other ICEE news, 24 participants were involved in Econ Camp Tuesday and Thursday October 19/20, held at Camp Tecumseh, Brookston. Joe Uhl and Larry DeBoer were speakers and camp was financially supported by Agricultural Economics Department and the George and Frances Ball Foundation. As one teacher said in his evaluation "Econ Camp is an excellent resource for teachers of economics and economic concepts... It rejuvenates the veteran teacher and inspires the new teacher. All economics teachers should attend."

Farm Management Program Featured at Showcase of Excellence

One of the department’s farm management programs, Strategic Business Planning for Commercial Producers, was featured at the annual Extension Conference’s Showcase of Excellence. The program is a resource to educators for teaching materials on finance, strategy and marketing of agricultural businesses. Additionally, Extension programs may be organized for on-site delivery by Ag Econ faculty and staff. This program won the PUCESA Team Award in 2003. Contact Craig Dobbins and Mike Boehlje for more information.

Clarkson to Give Department Seminar

Lynn Clarkson, Tuesday, 26 October 2004 in Krannert 661. He will speak on operating a successful value-added grain business. Clarkson is president of Clarkson Grain and Clarkson Soy Products. Founded in 1974, Clarkson Grain originates selected organic and conventional grains and oilseeds in 20 states and three countries to serve processors of foods and feeds in 15 countries. It operates country elevators across the center of Illinois as well as an IP barge site on the Illinois River and rail sidings on the BN. It provides contract and spot markets for crops picked up on farms as well as delivered to its own facilities in Illinois and into leased facilities in other states. Clarkson Soy Products processes organic, non-GMO soy lecithin, soy flour, soy meal and crude and refined soy oil.
AICC Promotes Entrepreneurship Programming at Extension Conference
Entrepreneurial ventures in Indiana are vital sources of economic growth. But because entrepreneurs tend to haphazardly begin their ventures, many end as expensive failures. Easy to use and accessible business planning tools are needed. Educators at Purdue’s Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center are developing business planning resources and delivery mechanisms for reaching these entrepreneurs. These were profiled at the annual Showcase of Excellence. The focus of their work has been on creating a practical Internet website that guides entrepreneurs through the business planning process in stages. In each of the stages the entrepreneur answers the key questions that guide the business creation process. The entrepreneur’s work becomes a business plan that may be taken to potential partners or investors. A wide variety of publications and other resources are available to assist in venture development. In addition to virtual delivery via the website, www.agecon.purdue.edu/planner, the entrepreneur may access one-on-one assistance through the New Ventures team of Extension educators.

AICC Plans Entrepreneurship Workshop
“THE ENTREPRENEURIAL CHALLENGE…from idea to income!” is a two-day workshop for entrepreneurs. The first day has practical sessions on marketing, networking, and business planning, as well as interactive discussions with successful entrepreneurs. The second day is devoted to a personal, guided introduction through the AICC Business Planner, a brand new web-based tool to assist entrepreneurs through the business planning process. It will guide users step-by-step and stage-by-stage through the business planning process by asking the key questions in planning a venture. This workshop is developed by the Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center (AICC), The New Ventures Team, the Indiana Cooperative Development Center, the Office of USDA Rural Development and Indiana Farm Bureau. The workshop will be held 1 and 2 December on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis, Indiana. Contact Jane Anderson at 765/496-3099 or jane1@purdue.edu for more information.

New Innovation Center Publication

The Center for Food and Agricultural Business is hosting 35 agribusiness participants in the week-long seminar Strategic Agrimarketing, Oct. 25 – 29, 2004. Instructors for the program include Dave Downey of the Department of Agricultural Economics with Purdue University and Tom Funk of the University of Guelph. Contact Scott Downey, associate director, at downeyws@purdue.edu if you’re interested in registering for Strategic Agrimarketing in 2005.

For those interested in learning from these instructors but who are limited by schedules or travel budgets, the Principles of Agrimarketing, is a distance-delivered program to be considered. Offered from Jan. 7 – March 4, 2005, the program is taught through cds and paper course material. Interaction with the instructors is via electronic means. Click here for more program information or to register online: www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab/programs/cab

Travel, Speeches and Presented Papers:
Otto Doering spoke on energy audits for agriculture at the USDA CSP Energy Management Conference October 21st in St. Louis.

Otto Doering is the keynote speaker at the Iowa Seed Association Convention October 27th in Ames.
Bob Taylor has been invited to present the keynote speech at the North Carolina Young Farmers Annual Meeting in Raleigh, January 22, 2005. He will talk about "Farming with Family when Dad is the Biggest Problem."

Wally Tyner is in France and England October 17 - 31. In France, he is working on a project estimating the impacts on the EU of liberalization of EU trade with the southern and eastern Mediterranean countries. In England, he is participating in a meeting marking the 75th anniversary of the International Association of Agricultural Economics. The main purpose of the meeting is to consider future directions for the association.

Chowdhury Mahmoud will present a paper at the INFORM conference, 25th October in Denver, Colorado. Title: Measuring Market Power in the US Livestock Industry with Trend and Cycle Decompositions,” co-authored with Kenneth Foster.

On November 19th Maria Marshall will give a presentation to the National Farmworker Jobs Program in Indiana about the New Ventures Team and AICC in Indianapolis, IN. On November 17th, she will present at the PCARET State Conference in West Lafayette, IN on business development.

The workshop titled “Introduction to Starting a Specialty Food Business in Indiana” will be conducted on November 19th in Highland, IN by Maria Marshall and De Bush.


Publications:


Visit the AICC (Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center) website for information on business planning: www.agecon.purdue.edu/planner.
Job Announcements:

North Caroline State University: 4 faculty positions
University of Wisconsin-Madison: Development Economist Position
North Dakota State University: Faculty Position in Economics
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale: Rural and Regional Econ Development
Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs: Assistant Director
University of California, Riverside: Dept of Econ – Labor Economics

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue http://www.purdue.edu/jobs
AAEA Job Posting http://www.aaea.org/employment.html
Academic Employment Network http://www.academemploy.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.nationajob.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

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