Calendar of Events

December 13  Final Exams begin
December 18  Fall 2004 semester ends
December 19  Commencement
January 7   Spring Graduate Student Orientation
January 10  Spring classes begin
January 24-26  Horticultural Congress, Adams Mark, Indianapolis

Congratulations and Names in the News

Otto Doering has been named to the Blue Ribbon Panel advising the Conservation Effects Assessments Program at USDA

Thought you would like to know:

A note from Sandra Riviera:

I am finishing my year as a Visiting Scholar with the Center for Global Trade Analysis on Friday December 3rd. After leading the Center through their strategic planning process, developing a growth plan and initiating a communication strategy, I am wrapping things up this week. Next week, I return to my position as a Project Leader for the Research Division of the Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission in Washington DC. My new e-mail is sandra.rivera@usitc.gov. It has been a great pleasure to work with so many wonderful and brilliant professionals here, especially the enthusiastic support staff (Pam, Leslie, you know who you are!) and mentor eager graduate students. One of the traditions here I will treasure is your great Friday breakfasts, which is unique to this department and has help me meet so many of you. Thank you so much!

Paul Preckel has returned to the Department after a six month sabbatical leave at the University of Guelph. Welcome back!

The AGEC clerical staff staged a very successful fundraiser to benefit the family of Rebecca Tumey. Rebecca was a victim of a school bus/tractor trailer accident and is hospitalized in Indianapolis. AGEC and MGMT staff, plus individuals elsewhere on campus attended a lunch of soup, bread, dessert as well as a bake sale. Funds were donated to the family for travel expenses. Bravo Ladies!

The Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center is hosting a workshop for Entrepreneurs in Indianapolis this Dec 1&2, “The Entrepreneurial Challenge…from idea to income!” Faculty and professional staff include: Mike Boehlje, Joan Fulton, Craig Dobbins, Allan Gray, Maria Marshall, Cole Ehmke, Betty Jones, Aissa Irvin, and Jane Anderson. The AICC is housed in the Center for Food and Agricultural Business. Dec 1, already with a pre-registered audience of 100 people, will focus on networking, business planning, and marketing. Dec 2, also sold out, will be a hands-on walk through the web-based Business Planner – Ag Econ instructors will be on hand to coach individual entrepreneurs as they develop business plans for their entrepreneurial ventures.
Entrepreneurs thinking of starting a new business got an opportunity to discuss their ideas with experts in a workshop held December 1 and 2 in Indianapolis. The workshop, *Entrepreneurial Challenge: From Idea to Income*, was organized by Ag Econ’s Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center with the New Ventures team of Educators, the Indiana Cooperative Development Council, the Office of USDA Rural Development and Indiana Farm Bureau. “We put a top-quality program together to give entrepreneurs and their advisors insights on marketing, networking and the importance of business planning,” said Joan Fulton, AICC co-director. “We had an exciting lineup of nationally recognized experts with entrepreneurial panels, including agricultural media personality Max Armstrong.” The AICC Business Planner, an interactive tool that helps entrepreneurs write a business plan by asking key questions about their venture, was featured in the second day of the workshop, which provided entrepreneurs a chance to learn about the tool and start writing their business plan. The AICC Business Planner is available at [www.agecon.purdue.edu/planner](http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/planner).

**Travel, Speeches and Presented Papers:**

Jennifer Dennis traveled to Fort Wayne, In to give a presentation entitled “Assessing and Decreasing Risk by Differentiating in Today’s Marketplace”. This was given to the Northeastern Indiana Flower Growers Association on November 20, 2004.


Roman Keeney is visiting the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (LEI) in The Hague, Netherlands, as a visiting researcher working on “Farm Household Output and Labor Supply Response to Changes in the EU Common Agricultural Policy,” December 4-18, 2004.


Wally Tyner traveled to Morocco and Algeria Nov. 27 – Dec. 11. In Morocco, he worked on reforming agricultural policies to help Morocco position itself to take advantage of the Morocco – US Free Trade Agreement. In Algeria, he was a plenary session speaker at an international conference.

Corrine Alexander, Craig Dobbins, Maria Marshall, George Patrick, and Christine Wilson will be conducting 2 workshops on human resource risk and contingency planning in January and February 2005. The workshops will be held in Tippecanoe county and Clark county.

Janet Ayres participated in the national meeting of the Regional Rural Development Centers in Baltimore, MD, November 10-12. She is working on a national set of core competencies for community development Extension professionals and developing a curriculum for the North Central Regional Center.

Janet Ayres conducted a workshop on Public Issues Education for Extension professionals in North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. The 3-day workshop focused on Extension’s role in controversial issues and various processes and techniques to address public issues such as water quantity and quality, obesity, and confined animal operations. It was held in Nebraska City, NE, December 1- 3.
Bob Taylor has been invited to be the keynoter at the North Carolina Young Farmers Conference, January 22, talking about “Farming with Family When Dad is the Biggest Problem”.

**Publications:**


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

**Job Announcements:**

North Carolina 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
Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research and
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics University of Wisconsin-Madison
Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs: Assistant Director
Sustainable Agriculture Specialist Position at Winrock International

University of California, Riverside: Dept of Econ – Labor Economics

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

**Career and Job Sites on the Internet**

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)


**National Job Bank** [http://www.jobs.joe.org](http://www.jobs.joe.org)

**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)

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