Rosson’s Roundup

I want to first congratulate Eluned Jones and John Nichols who received Professor Emeritus status from the Board of Regents last week. These are high honors and well deserved.

For some of our faculty and students it was a busy time at the SAEA meetings in Orlando. Total attendance at the meeting exceeded 338, with 156 faculty, 87 graduate students and a record 95 undergraduates. Fifteen schools sent students to participate in the Quiz Bowl and seven schools had recruiting booths set up. Thanks to David Leatham for organizing our Departmental booth. I met several former students as a result of our having the booth, and I think it was a productive trip.

Sunday I attended the Southern Region department heads meeting. Most of the discussion centered on budgets and open position, followed by a brief discussion of metrics used to measure unit productivity.

We also had some excellent sessions and the new Invited Paper format worked very well, emphasizing sessions organized by AAEA Fellows and a session for New Faculty Leaders. As a result, there were 16 excellent presentations. We also had some well-deserved and prominent awards received by our own faculty and students.

David Bessler received the Lifetime Achievement Award and gave an excellent presentation on the evolution of economics and time series work, paying tribute to those who mentored and assisted him along the way. Other LA & A recipients were Damona Doye, Oklahoma State, Jim Novak, Auburn, Bill Herndon, Mississippi State and Chuck Moss, University of Florida.

Rich Woodward received the Outstanding Teaching Award from the SAEA for his efforts in Environmental and Resources Economics.

Justin Benavidez was a member of the first-place Quiz Bowl Team, which by the way, defeated the Legends faculty team of Barry Barnett, Wes Harrison, and you guessed it – me. The other two Quiz Bowl members from out department were Thomas Allen and Payton Price. Dusty Menzies advised the team. Thanks to all for this successful effort!

Finally, congratulations to all of our awardees and winners!! You did a great job. Next year we hold the meetings in Dallas, so I hope we have a great turn-out.

Dmitry Vedenov

My primary research areas are risk management and stochastic modeling. I’m interested in finding better ways to model uncertainty and developing better criteria to describe economic behavior under uncertainty so that the producers and investors can make better decisions. Some of the projects I’ve been working on lately concern the development of weather derivatives for agricultural production, application of copulas to modeling distributions of yields and prices, and design of optimal insurance contracts. I teach undergraduate and graduate course in futures and options (AGEC 448/601), capstone course in agribusiness marketing (AGEC 414), and MAB course in financial analysis (AGEC 630). For the last four years, I’ve also been taking our students to the month-long study abroad trip to France. This is a great program and provides our students with an opportunity to learn first-hand about French agriculture.
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Department of Agriculture. Full-time, 9-month, tenure-track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, with responsibilities in teaching (9-credit hours per semester), research, and service. The candidate’s research and service are expected to include community outreach directed toward improving and promoting the local foods industry and farmers markets. PhD in Agricultural Economics or closely related field by time of appointment, training and experience in agricultural entrepreneurship, sales, and marketing. To Apply: Send letter of application, curriculum vita, copy of all transcripts, statement of teaching philosophy and research interest, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair of Agricultural Economics Search Committee, Department of Agriculture, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd #41066, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1066. For full consideration submit application by March 18, 2013.

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