Most of this week was spent at the AAEA meetings in Washington, D.C. We had excellent weather (by Texas standards), with temperatures ranging from the mid-60s in the early morning to mid-80s in the afternoon. And, some strange stuff falling from the sky. The locals told me it was rain!! The department was very well represented, with many faculty and students attending to present papers, posters, organized symposia and participate in discussions. First, I want to congratulate Marco Palma and Charlie Hall who received the AAEA Extension Section Electronic Media Award. They have done great work multiplying their Extension program efforts via webinars and other electronic means and this award is greatly deserved. Our Quiz Bowl team did an excellent job in the competition, coming in fourth out of more than 30 teams. Congratulations to Justin Benavidez, Matthew Hanel, Payton Price, and their coach, Dusty Menzies. I attended the C-FARE board meeting Sunday morning and received a briefing from Neil Conklin with Farm Foundation. One of the new things Farm Foundation is sponsoring is a blog on current and emerging issues. He said the uptake on the blog has been very strong and encouraged us to let faculty and graduate students know about it. In order to participate, you must commit to submit a brief (600 word maximum) issue paper and be willing to spend a couple of hours each week monitoring the blog. If you have an interest, please contact Mary Thompson, mary@farmfoundation.org. The A&M Reunion Monday night was a huge success. We had many former students who came, along with friends from other universities. Our tie-in with Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, and Mississippi State worked really well. We had a very large room and filled it completely for the entire time. My thanks to the other schools for their willingness to share this experience with us. The AAEA meetings were very well attended, with more than 1,800 coming to D.C. This meeting had the largest attendance in more than 20 years—just proving what many of us have known for a long time—location matters, and matters a lot when factoring in locations with activities that attract families.

Wednesday I attended an excellent post-conference session sponsored by the Economic Research Service, USDA on prospects for the new Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). There was some optimism this new agreement may be done by the end of 2013, with Japan’s serious participation giving the agreement new momentum. We shall see … Wednesday afternoon Mark Waller and I were on a conference with Dr. Steele, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, to learn more about how we are going to reorganize our current four regions into six and focus programs more toward strategic priorities (Grand Challenges). The new alignment will also provide more regional coverage, along with additional program coordination and oversight.

Congratulations to Carl Anderson and Fred McClure on receiving the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni award.

Beginning Monday, August 26, we will begin conducting interviews for the Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis position; Vardges Hovhannisyan, August 25-27; Yuquin Zheng, August 26th -28th and Yu (Yvette) Zhang, August 28th. Schedules and additional information will be forthcoming.
Congratulations !!
Dr. Carl G. Anderson ’58 and Mr. Frederick D. McClure ’76 have been selected as recipients of the 2013 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni.

Assistant Professor, California State University, Fresno, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Agricultural Business Dept.

*This position will teach primarily in agricultural finance management, agricultural marketing, and/or agribusiness management, but may be asked to teach in other areas as needed. The successful candidate will be expected to: demonstrate excellence in teaching and advising; advise student organizations and competitive teams; develop and maintain a productive program of applied research that focuses on California agriculture and complements the teaching responsibilities; establish close working relationships with agricultural industries, organizations and governmental agencies; work effectively with the College's Center for Agricultural Business; and obtain external grants/contracts to match available internal funds of the university. An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Agricultural Economics or related discipline from an accredited institution is required. Candidates nearing completion of the Ph.D. (ABD) may be considered for the position, but their degree must be completed prior to appointment. To ensure the full consideration, applicants should submit all application materials by 9/15/2013. Apply online at: [http://jobs.csufresno.edu/](http://jobs.csufresno.edu/) and upload the following materials: curriculum vitae, cover letter, names and contact information of three references and copies of transcripts. In addition, candidates invited to interview on campus will be required to submit official transcripts and three letters of reference mailed directly to: Dr. Srini Konduru, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural Business, California State University, Fresno, 5245 N. Backer Ave M/S PB101, Fresno, CA 93740, Phone: (559) 278-4031, (530) 898-7635. Formal applications for both positions require application through [Gator jobs](https://gatorjobs.ufl.edu/), in the "keywords" area type "agribusiness."*

Assistant & Associate Professors, The Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida has two tenured faculty positions they are searching to fill. Both positions are agribusiness, assistant/associate professors, one with a 60T-40R assignment and the other a 70T-30E assignment. We will be meeting with interested individuals at the AAEA meeting to discuss both positions. Individuals interested in either position who would like to schedule a meeting at AAEA can contact Dr. Rick Weldon, chair of the search committees at rweldon@ufl.edu or 352-294-7635. Formal applications for both positions require application through [Gator jobs](https://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/search), To search Gator jobs for either position, in the "keywords" area type "agribusiness."

Assistant / Associate Professor Position In Agricultural Business for the College of Agriculture California State University, Chico. The College of Agricultural is searching for a tenure track Assistant or Associate Professor in the Agricultural Business program to start January or August, 2014. California State University, Chico is seeking faculty who are competent in their field, collaborative with colleagues and staff, and committed to student success. Position is contingent on funding. The minimum education requirement for appointment to this position is a PhD in Agricultural Economics or related area such as Marketing, Finance, or Business. Candidates nearing completion of the doctorate may be considered. However, completion of the earned PhD is required before the first day of hire to the tenure track position. This tenure-track position carries responsibilities in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service (including student advising). Teaching assignments are based upon qualifications of the individual and the needs of the department. All applicants must complete the Application for Academic Employment Form, which is available on-line at [http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.docx](http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.docx) to be submitted with CV, teaching philosophy, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Eric Houk, Search Committee Chair, College of Agriculture (Zip 310), 400 West First Street Chico, California 95929-0310, (530) 898-4146, [ehouk@csuchico.edu](mailto:ehouk@csuchico.edu)

**Position Announcements**

**Interviews for the Assistant Professor**

- Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis position will be held August 26 – 28, 2013. More information to come.

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