Rosson’s Roundup

Final exams have wrapped-up, the students have graduated and we are preparing for a new year and a new semester.

First, I want to congratulate all of our students who graduated this December. We had 68 students receive baccalaureate degrees, 35 were in Agricultural Economics and 33 were in Agribusiness. As for advanced degrees, we had 25 students receive MS and PhD degrees in Agricultural Economics and 17 receive the Masters of Agribusiness. The Department had a total of 10 Honors graduates so, great work! To all of our students, congratulations, have a great Holiday, safe travels and come back to see us!!

I also want to mention that January 7 – 9, 2014 the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will hold the Centennial Conference to commemorate 100 years of Extension service to the nation. There will be numerous activities associated with this event, but one in particular will be our induction of former student Ed Smith into the Ty Timm Honor Registry. This will occur the evening of January 7, 5:30 p.m., at the Hilton Hotel, North & South 40 Room. Congratulations to Ed on this honor and thank you for your service to the department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

The Vice Chancellor’s Awards in Excellence ceremony will be held at 9 a.m., January 9 in Rudder Theater. Ed Rister and Bruce McCarl will be receiving awards, so congratulations to both of them.

Finally, let me mention that Kerry Litzenberg will be involved in a webinar on Teaching Excellence, January 7, 2014. The program is sponsored by AAEA and Purdue University. Teaching quality, methods/tools, and best practices will be emphasized. Congratulations to Kerry on being selected to be a part of this excellent program.

Have a nice, quiet weekend!!
**Position Announcements**

**Assistant Professor**, University of Idaho, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

9-month tenure track position as an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics with a focus on agricultural marketing and/or finance. The position carries a 50 percent teaching and a 50 percent research appointment. The individual in this position is expected to develop a nationally recognized teaching and research program focusing on current and emerging issues critical in agricultural commodity markets and price analysis in Idaho, the region and nationally. The individual in this position is expected to develop a nationally recognized teaching and research program focusing on current and emerging issues critical in agricultural commodity markets and price analysis in Idaho, the region and nationally. A PhD in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Finance, or a closely related field is required by start of employment, specialization or focus in agricultural markets. Interested candidates should apply using the UI online application process at: [http://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources/jobs](http://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources/jobs) (Announcement #10000087805). Submit a statement of interest addressing related experience and the required and desired qualifications, curriculum vitae, Ph.D. transcripts, up to 3 publications and/or research papers, and three letters of recommendation. Closing date for applications is February 17, 2014.

**Assistant Professor**, University of Idaho, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

12-month tenure track position as an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics. The position carries a 50 percent extension and a 50 percent research appointment. The individual in this position is expected to develop a nationally recognized extension and research program focusing on critical current and emerging marketing issues for large and small agricultural producers in Idaho. A PhD in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or a related field is required by start of employment, specialization or emphasis in agricultural marketing. Interested candidates should apply using the UI online application process at: [http://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources/jobs](http://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources/jobs). (Announcement #10001064253). Submit a statement of interest addressing related experience and the required and desired qualifications, curriculum vitae, PhD transcripts, up to 3 publications and/or research papers, and three letters of recommendation. Closing date for applications is January 31, 2014.

**Statistician/Agribusiness Analyst**, Informa Economics, located in Memphis TN, is a well-established economics and management consulting firm focused in the areas of food, agribusiness, transportation and energy. The position includes a blend of statistical and technical tasks as well business analytics to support a variety of market and general management consulting projects. Qualified candidates will have earned a Masters Degree or Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, statistics, business or related field. Candidates should have experience with statistical modeling and economic analysis involving commodity or other financial markets. For consideration, qualified, highly-motivated and analytically-minded candidates are invited to e-mail a cover letter and resume to: careers@informaecon.com and please indicate “Statistician” in the e-mail subject line. For more information, please refer to [www.informaecon.com](http://www.informaecon.com).

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**New Publications**

**Have Concerns over Futures Market Integrity Impacted Producer Price Risk Management Practices?**

Mark Welch, David Anderson, John Robinson, Mark Waller, Stan Bevers, Rob Hogan, Steve Amosson, Dean McCorkle, Jackie Smith, and Emmy Williams

**Theme Overview: Attitudes Toward Risk in a Changing Agricultural Marketing Environment**

Mark Welch and David Lamie

To view articles go to: [http://www.choicesmagazine.org/choices-magazine](http://www.choicesmagazine.org/choices-magazine)

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**Webinar on Teaching Excellence**

AAEA and Purdue University are sponsoring a webinar that can help to explore ways to increase the quality of your teaching, discuss teaching methods and tools that apply to undergraduate, graduate, and extension audiences, as well as, interact with award-winning instructors as they share their best practices.

When: January 7th, 2014 at noon

Featured Webinar Speakers: Dr. Margot Rudstrom, Dr. Kerry Litzenberg, and Dr. Michael Wetzstein

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**Upcoming Birthdays**

Wayne Hayenga 12/12

Bridget Ofczarzak 12/14

Monica Irick 12/22

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**Thank You!!**

Dr. Litz

for hosting Friday coffee

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Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu