Rosson’s Roundup

It’s been an ‘interesting’ week. Tuesday began with a meeting of former students to discuss some of our departmental initiatives. Former students attending the session were Paul Bierschwale, Carmen Bierschwale, Ben Novosad, Ty Timm Honor Registry member and Karl Willman. Patrick Williams of the Texas A&M Foundation was there as well. Those attending from the department were Donna Adcock who did a great job presenting an overview of our undergraduate programs, David Leatham, Mark Waller, Ed Rister and me. We received excellent input on our teaching programs, and even some thoughts about outreach and extension programs. The meeting was held at the Kyle House in Bryan, and sponsored by former student and Ty Timm Honor Registry member Matt Bobbitt. Many thanks to Matt for hosting us, to the former students who attended, to the faculty and staff who were there, and special thanks to Ed Rister who organized this first of several sessions we will be having.

Wednesday, Flynn Adcock, Marco Palma and I headed to McAllen to assist the Texas International Produce Association with an assessment of growth in imports of fresh produce through Texas ports. Marco made it to McAllen, but Flynn and I were stranded in Houston after our flight was cancelled due to severe weather. So, we conducted our portion of the meeting via telephone Thursday morning. All of the importers and bridge owners involved agreed on one major point: expect to experience MAJOR increases in imported volumes through Texas starting now and continuing for several years. This is being driven by lower truck transport costs via Texas to US East Coast markets. These costs will drop even more when the new Mazatlan to Durango highway is connected by the Baluarte Bridge later this year. It will be world’s highest (1,322 feet) cable-stayed bridge, covering much of Mexico’s Devil’s Backbone canyon over more than 140 miles, with 115 bridges and 61 tunnels. This opens Mexico’s Sinaloa, the heartland of fresh produce, to the US market via high-speed thoroughfare. My thanks to Marco Palma, Flynn Adcock, Luis Ribera and Bret Erickson, with TIPA, for arranging this important meeting and to the produce importers and managers who participated.

I want to congratulate former student Rafael Costa who has been promoted to Director of International Strategic Solutions with AgriLogic. He’s been doing great work there and we look forward to having him visit the department this fall.

Finally, let me congratulate our 11 graduate students and nine undergraduates who will receive diplomas from Texas A&M today. We have four PhD, six masters and one MAB crossing the stage this afternoon. Among the undergraduates, six will receive Agricultural Economics degrees and three Agribusiness degrees. Congratulations to each of you and all the best in your future endeavors!
New Publications


Thank You!!

Dr. Lard

for hosting Friday coffee last week and this week!

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

Upcoming Birthdays

Connie Smotek  8/22
Greg Kaase     8/25
Debbie Childs  8/31
John Penson    9/1
Gene Nelson    9/9

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 or equivalent is required. Candidates nearing completion of the Ph.D. (ABD) may be considered for the position, but their degree must be completed by 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 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. Srinik Konduru, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural Business, California State University, Fresno, 5245 N. Backer Ave M/S PB101, Fresno, CA 93740, Phone: (559) 278-2949 Fax: (559) 278-6536, E-mail address: skonduru@csufresno.edu

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 Agriculture 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.doc 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

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