Rosson’s Roundup

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and enjoyed the turkey and football; well, most of the football, anyway. I had the opportunity to attend a meeting with several of our former students prior to the break: Murray Edwards, '73, Ty Timm recipient, Fred McClure, '76, Ty Timm recipient and his wife, Harriett and Gerald Popp, '83. They all had some excellent ideas about future program directions, along with insights into how our programs have shaped their lives and business experiences. It was a gratifying experience, and thanks to Ed Rister for organizing the event. We also had a visit from Dan Padberg, former department head, and now retired in Florida. I know many of you came by to see Dan and he really appreciated the time spend with you. Thanks for doing that.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Mark Waller and I traveled to the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show. Tuesday night was the reception sponsored by the major Texas commodity associations. It was an excellent opportunity to meet much of the leadership in Texas agriculture and interact with some of our former students as well. Wednesday was the major event day. Tiffany Dowell provided a great overview of estate planning and Joe Outlaw did an excellent job of outlining the prospects for the next farm bill. Lots of uncertainty surrounds both estate planning and the farm bill, and our Extension specialists provided much needed clarity on these issues. Thanks for your work on these critical areas to our farmers and ranchers. We also had the opportunity to meet with one of the candidates for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, J. Allen Carnes, mayor of Uvalde. One of his top advisors is former student Keith Franks, '02, who had served for about nine years on Senator John Cornyn’s staff.

Richard Fisher, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, was on campus Thursday. He provided an excellent overview of the Fed’s operations and philosophy. Thanks to John Nichols for arranging for some of us to attend the event. Gene Nelson, John Penson and I, along with 12 of our students really enjoyed what the President had to say, and the clarity with which he said it. There were many good ‘take away’ lessons from his talk.

Thursday was the department’s annual Holiday Luncheon. Thanks to the Commons Committee who organized and orchestrated this event. I especially want to thank Connie Moore, Tracy Davis, Candice Foster, Caroline Gleaton, Bridget Ofczarzak, Ashley Stover, Michelle Zinn, Emmy Williams, Loren Monsees, Loren Burns, Henry Bryant and John Siebert for their efforts to make this a huge success.

Have a great weekend, and try to stay warm and dry!!
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

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Upcoming Birthdays
John Park 12/9
Connie Moore 12/9
Wayne Hayenga 12/12
Bridget Ofszarzak 12/14
Monica Irick 12/22

Thank You!!
Commons Committee
for hosting Friday coffee

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 (Announcement #1000087805). 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. (Announcement #10001064253). Submit a statement of interest addressing related experience and the required and desired qualifications, curriculum vitae, PhD transcripts, one or more 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.

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