**Rosson’s Roundup**

Monday, Nathan Harness, Jon Rigelsky and I met with representatives of the USAA Education Foundation to discuss our mutual interests related to the development of a program to initiate Financial Planning for military service members and veterans. We had an excellent exchange of ideas and came away with an agreement to continue the discussions related to this important program. We expect this to evolve into a joint effort with the Corps of Cadets as well. It’s likely we will be following up with both USAA and the Corps in the near future.

This week I attended the Extension workgroup retreat in Fredericksburg. A large majority of our Extension Specialists and Program Specialists attended. We had presentations from our specialists about what they had accomplished over the past year. In addition, there were discussions of strategic priorities and direction over the next several years. Senarath Dharmasena, Nathan Harness and James Richardson also provided overviews of their research and teaching programs. In addition, Trey Rice provided an excellent workshop on developing and implementing programs using social media. It was a great program and I think useful to all of us. Thanks to all who made this event a huge success!

I am pleased to announce that Craig Carpenter has accepted our offer to become Assistant Professor/Extension Economist, Community Economics and Business Development. Craig will be joining us next spring so please welcome him if you see him at AAEA or other meetings.

Have a great weekend!

**Agribusiness News**

Dr. Siebert’s class hosted visitors from MountainKing Potatoes

On Thursday: Mr. John Pope who is MountainKing’s Vice President of Sales and Marketing and Mr. Andreas Trettin, Director of Marketing for Farming Technology, a wholly-owned division of MountainKing. Mr. Pope and Trettin also met with Master of Agribusiness students Mfon Paul, Paul Guimaraes, and Yingjia Zou.
**Position Announcements**

**Assistant Professor** of Agricultural Economics, Western Kentucky University, Department of Agriculture. Full-time, 9-month (tenure track Assistant Professor) with the responsibilities of 70% teaching, 25% research and 5% service. The successful candidate is expected to assist with the development of a strong, regionally recognized and nationally competitive program focusing on agricultural entrepreneurship, sales, and marketing. Doctoral degree in agricultural economics, economics, or business field (i.e., marketing, management, entrepreneurship, finance, accounting, etcetera) by time of appointment. Send letter of application, curriculum vita, copy of all transcripts, statements 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 July 26, 2015.

**Assistant/Associate/Full Professor**: Agricultural and Rural Cooperatives. The Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is seeking candidates for a twelve month, tenure-leading, open-rank, faculty position with an appointment of 40% extension, 35% research and 25% teaching. The incumbent is expected to create research-based educational programs for the Nebraska agricultural cooperative membership and for undergraduate students at UNL; and develop a research program pertinent to the management and financing of cooperatives in Nebraska and the United States. Required qualifications include PhD in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Business, or related field at the time of hire. To view the complete position details and apply for this position, go to the UNL Employment web site: http://employment.unl.edu. Search for requisition number F_150128 and click on “Apply to this job”. Attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and contact information for three professional references. Review of applications will begin on August 7, 2015. For more information please contact the Search Committee Chair, Jeffrey Royer, by calling 402.472.3401 or by email at jroyer1@unl.edu.

**Assistant Professor**: Marketing and Risk, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, University of Saskatchewan. The candidate will be expected to establish a successful and well-funded program of research and teaching in the area of Agricultural marketing and risk management or a closely related field. The appointee will be expected to deliver three courses per year at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. Teaching duties will be assigned according to the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant and needs of the program. Candidates will have a Ph.D. in Agribusiness, Agricultural/Resource Economics, Marketing, or a closely related field. A letter of application, CV (including list of publications, teaching experience), a statement of teaching philosophy, a sample of relevant written work, academic transcripts and contact information for three referees should be submitted electronically to: Prof. Bill Brown, Professor and Department Head, Department of Bioresource Policy & Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 51 Campus Dr., Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8, Canada. Email: bill.brown@usask.ca The Department will also be pre-screening interviews with suitable candidates at the 2015 AAEA meetings in San Francisco. Consideration of applications will start September 1, 2015. Anticipation start date of January 1, 2016 or soon thereafter.

**Assistant Professor**: Management and Finance, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, University of Saskatchewan. The candidate will be expected to establish a successful and well-funded program of research and teaching in the area of agribusiness management and agricultural finance or a closely related field. The appointee will be expected to deliver three courses per year at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. Candidates will have a Ph.D. in Agribusiness, Agricultural/Resource Economics, Finance, or a closely related field. A letter of application, CV (including list of publications, teaching experience), a statement of teaching philosophy, a sample of relevant written work, academic transcripts and contact information for three referees should be submitted electronically to: Prof. Bill Brown, Professor and Department Head, Department of Bioresource Policy & Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 51 Campus Dr., Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8, Canada. Email: bill.brown@usask.ca The Department will also be pre-screening interviews with suitable candidates at the 2015 AAEA meetings in San Francisco. Consideration of applications will start September 1, 2015. Anticipation start date of January 1, 2016 or soon thereafter.

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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.

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