

# Organized Symposia

**TITLE: Agricultural Economics Via Distance Education: Challenges and Opportunities** (Moderator: Allen F. Wysocki, University of Florida).

**Organizer:** Allen F. Wysocki, University of Florida.

**Participants:** Allen F. Wysocki, University of Florida, Dori Comer, University of Florida, Allen M. Featherstone, Kansas State University, Lois Willett, Cornell University.

A discussion of distance education challenges and opportunities in agricultural economics along four fronts will be presented: (1) market analysis of distance education programs, (2) alternative distance education delivery methods, (3) the proper mix of on and off campus contact with distance education students, and (4) the true costs of delivering distance education.

**TITLE: Comparison of Agriculture and Business Practices in Southern United States and Europe and Ideas for Collaboration** (Moderator: Wes Harrison, University of Tennessee.)

**Organizer:** S. Sureshwaran, South Carolina State University; H. Selassie, South Carolina State University.

**Participants:** David Kelch, USDA/Economic Research Service; Michael Blount, Monsanto; Lisa House-Offenbach, Mississippi State University; S. Srikanthan, Cranfield University; John Nichols, Texas A&M University.

The symposium will explore comparative

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agriculture and business practices in the United States and Europe and ideas to enhance joint educational activities. Collaboration between the U.S. and European Universities can have a positive impact on both participants. Such linkages can be used to take advantage of the opportunities and mitigate the challenges of globalization.

**TITLE: Responses to the Farm Family Financial Crisis** (Moderator: Steve Isaacs, University of Kentucky).

**Organizer:** Steve Isaacs, University of Kentucky.

**Participants:** Greg Ibendahl, University of Kentucky; Johnny Jordan, Clemson University; Gordon Groover, Virginia Tech University; Geoff Benson, North Carolina State University; Bill Mallory, University of Kentucky.

This symposium organized by the Southern Extension Farm Management Committee will address selected strategic and tactical responses by several states to the current farm family financial crisis. Particular attention will be focused on how state educational programs are addressing family stress. Materials and methodologies will be shared by program and audience participants.

**TITLE: Global Economic Turmoil and Prospects for Recovery: Impacts, Issues and Prospects for Southern Agriculture** (Moderator: Mary Marchant, University of Kentucky.)

**Organizers:** Flynn J. Adcock and Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University.

**Participants:** Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University; Jaime Malaga, Texas A&M University.

ty; Flynn Adcock, Texas A&M University; Richard Edwards, Dalton College; Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University; Gail Cramer, University of Arkansas; Wan Koo, North Dakota State University; Larry Martin, University of Guelph, Canada.

Impacts of economic forces and policies in Asia, Latin America, and the former planned Central and Eastern European countries were examined. Macro-economic policies, political conditions, weather and the environment continue to have a major overriding impact on agricultural trade patterns.

**TITLE: USDA/EPA Unified National Strategy for AFO's -Status and Implications for Southern Producers** (Moderator: Randy Little, Mississippi State University).

**Organizers:** Ray Massey, University of Missouri; Randy Little, Mississippi State University.

**Participants:** Lee Christensen, USDA/Economic Research Service; Larry Oldham, Mississippi State University; Ray Massey, University of Missouri; and H.L. Goodwin, University of Arkansas.

The Southern US will probably be impacted significantly by the proposed EPA regulations of animal feeding operations. The land and cropping base affects the capacity to use manure nutrients. Changes in cost of production and marketing opportunities will be explored for pork and poultry producers.

**TITLE: How to Include Ethics in Teaching and Extension Programs** (Moderator: James Novak, Auburn University).

**Organizers:** Larry D. Sanders, Oklahoma State University; Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University.

**Participants:** Patricia Norris, Michigan State University; Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University; Craig Infanger, University of Kentucky;

and Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University.

Ethical considerations seem to have complicated the coverage of controversial issues in teaching and extension programs. This symposium will highlight examples of lessons learned, engaging participants in dialogue to expand the experiential base. Participants learn how to include ethics in programs, share what works and what doesn't, and experimental ideas.

**TITLE: Southern Agriculture in the Millennium Round of the WTO: Views, Issues, and Prospects** (Moderator: Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University).

**Organizers:** C. Parr Rosson, III, Texas A&M University; Flynn Adcock, Texas A&M University.

**Participants:** Stanley Fletcher, University of Georgia; Darren Hudson, Mississippi State University; Flynn Adcock, Texas A&M University; Greg Pompelli, University of Tennessee; David Schweikhardt, Michigan State University; Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University; Lynn Kennedy, Louisiana State University; Hal Harris, Clemson University.

Attitudes and perceptions of southern agricultural leadership assess by an 11-state survey were presented along with a discussion of key issues for applied research and extension program development. The agricultural trade situation, impacts of environmental issues on trade, and trade impacts on producers were the top three program areas noted.

**TITLE: Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients View Challenges of the Early Years of the New Millennium in Historical Perspective** (Moderator: Eldon D. Smith, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky).

**Organizer:** Eldon D. Smith, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky.

**Participants:** Dr. J. Richard Conner, Texas

A&M University; Dr. John Holt, University of Florida; Dr. Ronald A. Schrimper, North Carolina State University; Dr. Luther G. Tweeten, The Ohio State University.

Devoted and outstanding service in diverse field equips participants to assess new challenges confronting the profession and address and evaluate strategies for addressing priority issues. Modified clientele support bases and 'publics' served, ownership and organization of production, markets and changing trade patterns dictate changes in priorities and in methods of analysis.

**TITLE: Problems in Crop Enterprise Budgeting.** (Moderator: Tim Cross, University of Tennessee).

**Organizer:** Carl R. Dillon, University of Kentucky.

**Participants:** Glenn Helmers, University of Nebraska; David Laughlin, Mississippi State University; Stan Spurlock, Mississippi State University; Carl Dillon, University of Kentucky; Steven Isaacs, University of Kentucky.

The recent publication of AAEA task force recommendations on commodity cost and re-

turn estimation procedures serves as a springboard for examining issues and complexities in crop enterprise budgeting. Issues including machinery cost complications, computerized budget generation, incorporation of risk and individualized baled budgets are examined.

**TITLE: The Potential for Industry Strategic Planning to Enhance the Competitiveness of Southern Agriculture** (Moderator: Rodney Holcomb, Oklahoma State University).

**Organizer:** Conrad Lyford, Oklahoma State University.

**Participants:** Timothy Woods, University of Kentucky; Conrad Lyford, Oklahoma State University; Charles Hall, Texas A&M University; Donald Ricks, Michigan State University.

Several industries are using strategic planning processes that seek to coordinate grass root efforts among industry firms and other organizations towards achieving commonly shared industry-wide goals, such as improving supply chain management and becoming more effective in meeting customer needs. This approach has important competitive implications for Southern agriculture.