

1. HRW Wheat Basis and Cash/Futures Convergence Issues

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Daniel O'Brien was raised on a grain and livestock farm in south central Nebraska. He received bachelors and masters degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. After completing his Ph.D. at Iowa State, he worked as the Extension Agricultural Economist at the Northwest Research and Extension Center in Colby and was Northwest Area Extension Administrative Director starting in 2003 before returning to his Extension Agricultural Economist position in January 2007. His ongoing extension and applied research interests and efforts are in the areas of a) grain market supply-demand analysis, bioenergy impacts and price-income risk management strategies, b) grain industry market structure, conduct and performance – focusing on grain handling and transportation issues, and c) economic analysis of irrigated and dryland cropping systems, and associated cropland leasing arrangements.

2. Bubble Troubles: Asset Bubbles, Stock Market, Land Values, Interest Rates and Storing Wealth

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Bryan Schurle has taught numerous courses in the undergraduate program, the graduate program and the Masters of Agribusiness program including introductory courses, computer courses, quantitative courses, agricultural finance and farm management. He is currently developing extension programs in transition planning and financial management for producers. His research program has revolved around risk issues for agriculture producers.

3. Cellulosic Biofuel Feedstock Production and Contracting: An Interactive Survey Building Session

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Jason Bergtold is an assistant professor with research focus in the areas of production economics, natural resource conservation and applied econometrics. His current research focus is on cellulosic biofuel feedstock production and markets; the adoption, intensification and retention of conservation practices and systems on-farm; the interface between on-farm biofuel feedstock production and conservation; and applied statistical theory concerning discrete choice modeling. Prior to coming to Kansas State University, Dr. Bergtold was in the employ of USDA-ARS National Soil Dynamics Laboratory in Auburn, AL as an Agricultural Economist working on the economics and adoption of conservation systems in the Southeast.

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Jeff Williams is a Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. He teaches courses in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, Farm Management and Risk Management. His research involves evaluating the profitability and risk of biomass production, tillage and cropping systems, soil carbon sequestration and best management practices to improve water quality.

4. Efficiency of No-Till Production in Central Kansas

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Aaron is an Association Economist for the North Central Farm Management Association. Aaron works with approximately 120 farms and has been actively involved in efforts to summarize enterprise and whole-farm data for no-till farms in North Central Kansas for the last several years.

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Michael Langemeier is a professor of Agricultural Economics at KSU. He has been on the faculty at KSU since 1990. Extension and research interests include benchmarking of technical and financial performance, strategic positioning, and economies of size. In addition to his extension and research program, Michael teaches courses in Farm Management, Production Economics, and Managerial Economics.

5. Understanding Credit Quality

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Allen M. Featherstone, Director of Masters of Agribusiness and Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in agricultural economics from Purdue University. He also holds a B.S. in agricultural economics and economics from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Professor Featherstone is recognized as a leading scholar in agricultural finance. His work has resulted in teaching and research awards and quotation in the Wall Street Journal and other publications. He served as Associate Editor for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics and the editorial board of Choices. He has more than 90 articles published in journals such as Review of Economics and Statistics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Review of Agricultural Economics, and Applied Economics. He has experience lecturing and researching in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

6. Analyzing Calf Market Price Incentives at Video Auctions

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As a graduate research assistant for the Department of Agricultural Economics at K-State, Zimmerman is focusing his research and coursework on agricultural marketing, production economics and economic analysis tools. His master's program goals are to better understand how cow-calf producers can be more profitable and use his research and critical thinking skills to benefit the beef industry. Zimmerman came to K-State with five years of experience working for Certified Angus Beef LLC. He graduated with honors from K-State in May 2005, in agricultural communications and journalism with minors in animal sciences and industry, and agricultural economics.

Ted Schroeder

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Ted Schroeder conducts research and provides information on economic issues of concern to the livestock industry. Current work includes development of the cattle feeding return risk analyzer, benefits and costs of animal identification systems, improving value chain alignment, and consumer demand drivers. He directs the North American Institute for Beef Economics Research (NAIBER.org) and teaches Price Analysis and Forecasting.

7. Machinery Costs and Efficiency of Field Size and Shape

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Rich Llewelyn is an Extension Assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics at K-State. Raised on a farm in Riley, KS, he is a graduate of K-State with a PhD in Agricultural Economics in 1995. He then spent 10 years teaching economics and working with urban community development in Surabaya, Indonesia before returning to Kansas in 2006 to work with the AgManager.info website and departmental conferences, including Risk and Profit.

8. What We Do and Don't Know: Economic Impacts and Drivers of U.S. Animal Welfare Oriented Changes

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Glynn T. Tonsor joined the Dept. of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University in March 2010 as an Assistant Professor. He obtained his Ph.D. from KSU in 2006 and was an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University from May 2006 to March 2010. Glynn's current efforts are primarily devoted to a range of integrated research and extension activities with particular focus on the cattle/beef and swine/pork industries. He has broad interests and experiences which span issues throughout the meat supply chain. Through both applied research and first-hand knowledge with livestock production, Glynn has expertise in topics including animal identification and traceability, animal welfare and handling, food safety, and price risk management and analysis. Glynn's research on a host of livestock economic issues has resulted in 19 published journal articles and over 50 other publications.

9. Marketing Grain Using a Storage Hedge

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Orlen Grunewald is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. He teaches undergraduate courses in food and agribusiness management and in commodity futures and options markets. He teaches a graduate course on computer decision tools in agribusiness in the Masters of Agribusiness program. His current research focuses on evaluating farm efficiency of Kansas farms to determine factors which influence efficiency in grain, cattle and dairy enterprises.

10. ACRE: The Future of Farm Programs?

Troy Dumler

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Troy Dumler is a K-State Extension Agricultural Economist in southwest Kansas. A native of Kansas with B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from Kansas State University, Troy has developed an Extension program centered on farm management and agricultural policy. In addition to continued work in cropping systems profitability, since the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill, he has focused much of his attention on analyzing how new commodity programs in the bill will impact farmers and ranchers.

11. Inflation, Interest Rates, Deficits and You

Joe Arata

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Joe Arata teaches courses, provides information and conducts research on commodity futures, options on futures and off exchange derivatives. Currently he is working on an analysis of futures market price valuation and market information. Analyzing profit due to underlying asset price changes as opposed to profit due to option mispricing. Decompose option mispricing into volatility and formula error.

12. Politics, Policies, Profits: Enhancing Competitiveness in an Uncertain Global Economy

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Dr. Vincent Amanor-Boadu is the director of the Kansas Ag Innovation Center and an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University. Vincent received his PhD from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada and directed research at the George Morris Center, an agri-food think-tank, for almost a decade after graduation. Vincent joined K-State in 2002. He teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and conducts research in business development and strategy with a focus on understanding consumer decision-making. Vincent also maintains an active outreach program centered on entrepreneurial economic development and wealth creation in small towns and rural communities. He is a member of the board of directors of Farms.com, LLC and the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership, Inc.

13. Biomass Production in Kansas

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Richard Nelson is an associate professor and Director of Industrial relations with the KSU Center for Sustainable Energy. He has been on the faculty at KSU since 1989 and has extension and research interests include renewable fuels, biomass production, assessment, and supply and energy use in production agriculture.

14. A New Live Animal Traceability System Regime: Lessons from the Past, Current Overview, and Implementation

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Lee is a Graduate Research Assistant at Kansas State University where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics. He earned his M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University and received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Business with a Minor in Animal Science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Lee's research interests lie in the fields of price analysis and marketing with an application to the livestock industry. In particular, he is interested in analyzing agricultural price determinants, price forecasts, market demand, marketing strategies, and policy.

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15. Measurement of Carbon Emissions by Kansas Agribusiness Retailers

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Michael Boland is professor of agricultural economics and associate director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center where he has teaching, research, and extension appointment in agribusiness management and cooperatives.

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Elizabeth Canales is a PhD student in agricultural economics and is from Honduras where she did her undergraduate agribusiness degree at Zamorano University. This research is from her masters thesis.

16. Effect of Historically Wide Wheat Basis on Crop Insurance: Are Cash Settlement Prices the Answer?

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Dr. Art Barnaby was raised on a diversified farm in Elk County, Kansas. Art received his B.S. degree from Fort Hays State University, M.S. from New Mexico State University and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University. Art joined the Agricultural Economics faculty in 1979. He currently holds the rank of Professor. Art conducts extension education programs on financial planning, risk, government commodity programs, and crop insurance. Art is an author of the KSU Risk Management web page located at www.AgManager.info and has also worked with the private crop insurance industry, RMA, and Farmer Commodity groups on crop insurance issues. His research work with the private sector was the basis for the first revenue insurance contract, Crop Revenue Coverage. Art is the winner of the 2009 Excellence in Extension Award presented by the National Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. He is also a past three time winner of the AAEA Distinguished Extension Program Award. Art is a frequent speaker at professional, farmer-producer, ag lender, and insurance industry meetings.

17. MAB Australia-New Zealand Trip

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Dr. Leah Tsoodle is the director of the Land Use Value Project and an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University. Leah received her PhD from Kansas State in 2005. She works with both undergraduate and graduate students and conducts research in the areas of land values, land rental rates, and rural development. Leah also maintains a varied outreach program designed to disseminate information to land valuation stakeholders and economic development groups.

18. Using a Spreadsheet to Manage Expenses

Robert Burton, Jr.

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At Kansas State University, Bob Burton teaches Farm and Ranch Management, Production Economics, and Computer Applications in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. He also teaches Farm and Ranch Management as a distance learning course. Bob has participated in disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, often focusing on risk and return in whole-farm or ranch management. His training in Agricultural Economics includes B.S. and M.S. degrees from Virginia Tech and a Ph.D. from Purdue. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Viet Nam war. He worked in a research and teaching position at West Virginia University before starting his current job at Kansas State in 1984.

19. Logistical Considerations in the Development of a Cellulosic Ethanol Industry

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Dave Lambert received his Ph.D. from Oregon State University. He began his academic career at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1984 teaching courses in microeconomics and decision analysis and conducting research on the use of public lands in the Intermountain West. Lambert left Nevada in 1998 to become the Department Chair in Agribusiness and Applied Economics at North Dakota State University. In his eleven years at North Dakota, he combined his administrative duties with teaching and continuing a research program in production economics. Lambert has served as the Vice President of the Western Agricultural Economics Association and chaired several committees of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. He recently ended a three year term as the Managing Editor of the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Although administrative tasks occupy most of Lambert's current time, he will be teaching a graduate course in Production Economics this Fall and maintains research interests in production economics and energy policies. This presentation is based on research begun at North Dakota investigating the use of crop residues in an emerging cellulosic ethanol industry.

20. Farming: The Next Generation (Making Transition Actually Happen)

Kent Miller

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Kent Miller serves as an extension agricultural economist with KSU Farm Management Assoc SE at Winfield, KS. He has worked with 130 farms in four southeast counties for over 27 years. A native Kansan, he received a B.S. Degree in agricultural economics with a double major in accounting from Oklahoma State University in 1980. Kent is a Certified Public Accountant and his experience includes 3 years with an international accounting firm.

21. K-State International Ag Development and Its Ties and Benefits to Kansas

Timothy Dalton

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Tim Dalton is an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. His research focuses on agricultural development and natural resource management in low income countries. His research focuses on the development of new agricultural technologies to improve food production and natural resource conservation in several African nations ranging from South Africa to Ghana and Mali in West Africa. He is currently researching the potential economic benefit to drought tolerant corn developed by Monsanto in five eastern and southern Africa nations with funding from the Gates Foundation, soil and water conservation issues in West Africa, and the economic impact of sorghum and millet improvement in several African and Latin American countries with support from USAID. He received his Ph.D. from Purdue University.

22. Flexible Cash Rents: The Devil's in the Details

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23. The Impacts of Cap and Trade Legislation on the Agriculture Sector of the Economy

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Bill Golden assists farmers, policy makers, and other stakeholders throughout Kansas in developing and implementing policies associated with the State's natural resources. He also works extensively with land-water-related issues such as valuing irrigation water rights. Current research and extension efforts are evaluating producer and community impacts associated with alternative water conservation policies and the impacts of climate change on our water resources.

24. The New Farm Management Challenge: Pricing in Volatile Markets

Todd Ziegler

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Todd Ziegler has served as an Extension Agricultural Economist with the Kansas Farm Management Association (KFMA) in Northwest Kansas since September of 2004. Todd grew up on a grain and cattle farm north of Grainfield, Kansas. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics in 2002 and a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics in 2004. He has experience assisting KFMA member families with record keeping, whole farm and enterprise analysis, benchmarking, labor management, marketing, tax planning and transition planning.

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Arlo Biere, Ph.D., is professor of agricultural economics and director of the undergraduate program in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He teaches agricultural market structures and business market strategy (AGEC 505) and agribusiness logistics and supply chains (AGEC 632 and AGEC 730). His research deals with agribusiness supply chain issues and strategies.

Kevin Herbel

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Kevin Herbel has served as the Administrator of the Kansas Farm Management Association (KFMA) program since June of 2007 and Executive Director of the K-MAR-105 Association since May of 2008. He has extensive experience assisting Kansas farm decision makers manage their resources efficiently, primarily through one-on-one contact with farm families and individuals. This work has included record keeping assistance, in-depth whole-farm and enterprise analysis, benchmarking, labor management, tax planning and transition planning, with a goal of improved decision making. He received his B.S. degree in 1988 and his M.S. degree in 1991 both in Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. Currently, Kevin provides leadership to the state-wide KFMA program and directs the data management at the K-MAR-105 Association.