

Happy Holidays!

Happy New Year!

NDSU Agribusiness & Applied Economics 2016

A message from William Nganje, Professor and Department Chair

Our department will soon be 100 years old. Formed in 1919, the department was then the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing. The department currently offers B.S. degrees in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, and Economics and M.S. degrees in Agribusiness and Applied Economics and International Agribusiness. The department is a true representation of our land grant mission. Our students continue to perform excellent in multiple areas. We average about 98% placement after graduation. Our students received 4th place in the nation at the NAMA – Food Distribution Research Society competition and again made it to the final round at the national NAMA competition (6th in the nation). Our Bison Fund students received 1st place in the regionals, ahead of major business and research one institutions, including the Carlson School of Management - University of Minnesota.

We now have five research Centers in the department; Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies (CAPTS), Bio Energy Center (BioEPIC), Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives (QBCC), Center for Risk and Trading (CRT), and Center for the Study of Public Choice and Private Enterprise (PCPE). The Center for Risk and Trading is a newly created Center and is being supported by a large number of agribusiness firms (a total of 53 firms/organizations contributed in the area of \$12 million, inclusive of State of ND match). The ND Center for the Study of Public Choice and Private Enterprise is also new. The Center has secured roughly \$2 million of support with another \$1 million of private donations expected in the interim. The center will conduct research and produce programming on policy issues of interest to the state. CAPTS is planning a major conference on the Farm Bill in 2017. Our Extension conferences continue to have a significant impact on the state and region. The 2016 Bio Industry Summit held in Fargo focused on the commercialization of new technology in North Dakota. It was attended by nearly 100 people. An Agriculture-Energy Situation and Outlook program was delivered face-to-face to more than 500 attendees across the state. The two-day Ethanol Risk Management Workshop was delivered in June to more than a dozen merchants, lenders, and others.



Riaz Aziz
Lecturer

This year has been nothing short of remarkable and challenging. I taught two large classes, totaling nearly 400 students and co-taught a third class, mostly of senior students. In addition, I worked on two research projects, alongside a PhD and a graduate student. On a personal note BEGUNAHI, our non-profit foundation (meaning innocence) that helps unprivileged women in India acquire a college degree, exceeded goals. We planned to help 18 women attend college by the end of our 3rd year (2016), instead we have helped 21 women. DeLana and I are traveling to India after Christmas to open a vocational center that will teach sewing and embroidery to 100 underprivileged women who have been forced to drop out of school. If you would like to be a part of our effort, you can learn more at www.begunahi.org. Merry Christmas and I hope you and your family have a joyous New Year.

Aaron DeLaporte
Research Assistant Professor

2016 has been an exciting year at NDSU. Even though this will be the 3rd, I still have yet to experience a 'real' North Dakota winter – I hope I didn't just jinx everyone... My family has been doing well. My wife and I are extremely proud of our two daughters. Rosalyn will turn six soon and has been enjoying Kindergarten. Amelia recently turned one and is starting to run (and fall) and talk (sort of).

My research program on Bioenergy Transportation and Logistics has been moving along. I published two papers, presented at two conferences and applied for three funded projects. I'm pleased that my research 'pipeline' is filling up. Thank you all for a wonderful year. Happy Holidays!



David Englund
Lecturer

Greetings everyone! It was another great year teaching Economics and co-advising NAMA. Merry Christmas to everyone and have a great 2017!

Erik Hanson
Assistant Professor

I have greatly enjoyed my first few months at NDSU. My fall semester activities included teaching our introductory farm management course and our capstone agricultural finance course. In the classroom, I have been fortunate to encounter many hard-working, friendly, and patient students. Similarly, my colleagues are very supportive and helpful. Outside of work, I am pleased to be back in the community where I was born and raised. Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2017!

Bob Hearne
Associate Professor

Merry Christmas 2016 and Happy New Year 2017 from Bob Hearne.

So once again allow me to send my sincerest best wishes for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and a Peaceful and Prosperous 2017.

This year I have continued to teach Advanced Microeconomics, Natural Resource Economics, and Principles of Microeconomics. Once again we have a good group of MS students to keep me honest and correct my algebra in Advanced Micro. I have had some good research output including two articles on Bakken issues (water and housing). I expect to have two more book chapters next year. I have started working with two PhD students and an MS students so I look forward to next year.

My wife, Thai, completed her MBA at NDSU last Spring. And she and I are doing well in Fargo ND.



Stan Herren
Professor

I will be retiring December 31, 2016. Prior to coming to NDSU in 1985, I had taught at Vanderbilt University and at the University of Mississippi. I joined the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics in 2001. I served twice (22 months) as interim chair in 2010-2012. Most recently, I have been teaching courses in Intermediate Macroeconomics, Money & Banking, History of Economic Thought, Monetary Theory and Policy, and Labor Economics.

Jeremy Jackson
Associate Professor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

All is going well with our family. Our boy's, Stanley (5) and Marc (2), are keeping us busy and provide us with lots of entertainment... Though we could always use more sleep.

Professionally this has been an exceptional year. I have both received a promotion to Associate Professor (with tenure) and have been appointed as the founding director of the new North Dakota Center for the Study of Public Choice and Private Enterprise. The center will produce policy research of interest to the state and region as well as educational and outreach opportunities for students and the public. Be sure to keep your ears open for announcements about upcoming center events and speakers.

Best Wishes,
Jeremy, Elizabeth, Stanley, and Marc Jackson

Prithviraj Lakkakula
Research Assistant Professor

This year has been great at NDSU. I have been working on fertilizer price analysis, barley, and pulse market analysis. My research has led to three manuscripts (of which two are under review, one at the revise and resubmit stage). The other two manuscripts are in the final stage of completion. My paper along with two other coauthors on U.S. sweeteners demand analysis was published in the Journal of Agricultural Resource Economics (JARE). Additionally, I presented a poster on the pea and lentil ingredient market at the International Food Technologists (IFT) conference in Chicago. I look forward to another great year ahead.

I wish the entire family of Agribusiness and Applied Economics a very happy holiday.

Siew Lim
Associate Professor

When life takes a detour.....

This past summer, what was supposed to be a direct flight from Pudong, Shanghai to O'Hare, Chicago took me on a special detour to Honolulu. I didn't ask for it; I didn't want it. It wasn't that Honolulu wasn't an attractive place, but my heart was simply set to return to Fargo at that time. However, it took an unexpected and undesirable event like this to remind me once again what's more important and most precious in life.

Sometimes it takes a drastic change in our environment or a ginormous shift in the landscape of our comfort zone to help us put things in perspective. Over the years, we've been truly blest in the midst of all the ups and downs. We are thankful to God that regardless of the circumstances He is always in control; we are thankful for His love that holds and helps us every step of the way. When life takes a detour, we know we are not lost.

We hope that your 2016 was full of joy, laughter and sweet memories. May your 2017 be filled with wonderful gifts and blessings.



A hula doll dances on my window sill when the sun shines on her

Zachary Machunda
Lecturer

My second academic year of teaching and student advising in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics has gone by very fast! Despite the seemingly fast speed time has elapsed, I have enjoyed teaching, student advising and working with colleagues on a grant proposal under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Wahl. While I am at it, I must take this opportunity to thank Tom for giving me the opportunity to work with him.

During the fall of 2016 I taught two online courses (Principles of Microeconomics and Elements of Economics) and one face-to face, large class: Principles of Microeconomics. In the spring semester of 2016, I also taught two online classes (Principles of Macroeconomics and Elements of Economics) and one, large, face-to-face course, Elements of Economics.

Besides teaching economics classes, I advise students in our department and I serve as an academic advisor to members of ASU (The African Student Union). During spring 2016 and fall 2016 I advised 25 sophomores. In addition, I joined Shelley Swandal and David Englund in the summer of 2016 to assist freshmen, who had chosen a major from our department, to register for fall 2016 classes.

As the saying goes, "All work and no fun, makes Jack a dull boy". I did not act like Jack! I divided my time between work, family and fun. After working on a draft of my paper, I took the time to visit with friends and family, to travel for fun. We visited family and friends in Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana. In July, Phyllis and I spent several days touring Duluth and the North Shore. During my spare time, I had the pleasure of reading, "THE GREAT ESCAPE: health, wealth, and the origins of inequality", by Dr. Angus Deaton, the Winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Economics.

Happy Holidays, Everyone!
Have A Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR!!

Dragan Miljkovic
Professor

The year 2016 has been very successful in terms of my research. I published seven journal articles, a few of them with my departmental colleagues and graduate students, a book, and a book chapter. Also, I was invited to present my research papers at the Annual Meeting of the International Association of Energy Economists held in Perth, Australia, and at the Annual Meeting of the Casualty Actuarial Society held in Minneapolis, MN. As always, I enjoyed teaching my classes in advanced econometrics and agricultural prices. My family and I wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New 2017 to all friends and alumni of the Department of Agribusiness & Applied Economics at NDSU!



William Nganje
Professor/Department Chair

The year 2016 was very busy but rewarding. The first draft of our fourteen chapter book, "Microbial Food Safety: A Food Systems Approach" was completed with Dr. Charlene Wolf-Hall, Associate Vice Provost at North Dakota State University. I taught two courses; Agribusiness II (graduate level risk and finance course), Economics of Food Safety (a capstone DCE course), and gave two lectures in Agricultural Finance (financial simulations using @Risk and credit/interest rate risk analysis to our seniors in Agricultural Finance).

I graduated two Master's students as co-major advisor (Emilio Lopez and Nathan Hulinsky) and served on theses committee for two other students. My doctoral student received a \$120,000 fellowship from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's new Health Policy Research Scholars program to study health transportation economics. She was one of 40 doctoral scholars in the nation selected from 258 students, mostly from Ivy League institutions. I also worked on two funded grant projects. We received \$176,554 to evaluate the economic impact of the US wheat and barley scab initiative (USWBSI) since its inception in 1997, by state and crop type. I published one journal article and submitted another.

We could soon be empty nesters. Willette is doing well in the NDSU Nursing program in Bismarck. Elizabeth will be taking her pharmacy entrance exam at NDSU this summer. Simon is almost a foot taller than I am, he drinks lots of milk and still loves basketball. Willann is with the mum in Phoenix, AZ. Looking forward to my spouse, Dr. Annette Nganje, getting a pharmacy job in the Fargo area and returning home.

Frayne Olson
Crop Economist/Marketing Specialist
Director – Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives

Time flies when you are having fun, and this past year has been a blur. I continue to travel North Dakota and the region conducting crop market outlook and risk management education programs. I really enjoy meeting with farmers and other agricultural leaders to talk about the issues facing agriculture and gaining new insights into both future opportunities and challenges.

In late September, I was chosen to serve as the new Director for the Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives. There was a shift in my job description to allow me to meet these new responsibilities. My duties as Extension Crop Economist/Marketing Specialist have not changed, but my research appointment has changed to a teaching/administrative role. I will be leading the activities of the Center for Cooperatives and teaching a senior level course on cooperative business structures and management. The center will be hiring additional staff to assist with the research and outreach activities. I am looking forward to once again working with students and leaders of cooperatives after serving as the Assistant Director for the Center for Cooperatives from 1996 through 2003 and studying cooperative business structures during my PhD research work at the University of Missouri.

I hope that you and your family have a happy holiday season and that 2017 will bring good health and happiness. I also hope that there will be an opportunity to cross paths and visit as I participate in meetings across the state.

Tim Petry
Extension Livestock Marketing Economist

It has been said that “the older you get, the faster time flies”, but the speed that 2016 flew by was unbelievable. Speaking of getting older, I was asked a number of times in the past year when I plan to retire. This may be due in part to both Dwight Aakre and Stan Herren retiring from the Department in 2016. And both are younger than me! I have jokingly responded to the question by saying that if I retire I would likely raise more cattle, and since those profits have declined significantly I better just keep working.

The continuing extreme volatility in prices for all livestock commodities keeps me busy. It seems like not a day goes by when some new factor impacts livestock prices. So that makes coming to work exciting and generates many media requests for interviews. I certainly enjoyed traveling around the state to talk to livestock producers, marketing clubs, lenders, and other industry participants this past year. Some of you are aware of my website, but if not, it is: www.ag.ndsu.edu/livestockeconomics. There you can find my presentations, livestock budgets, and other livestock marketing information. Last year I traveled to all four corners of the state and many points in between, and I plan to do that again in 2017. Maybe I will see you at one of those meetings.

In addition to my work here at NDSU, my family keeps me busy. All three of our daughters and families live in the Fargo area, so I get many requests for “Dad” or “Grandpa” to help out. I am happy to do that and thankful they live so close. Happy Holidays and a very prosperous New Year to you all.

David Ripplinger
Assistant Professor

Happy Holidays from Barry Hall 614D!

It’s been another exciting year for bioenergy economics!

I started on a new USDA funded project on sustainable crop production and another on precision agriculture.

I published papers with departmental colleagues Dragan Miljkovic, Saleem Shaik, Aaron De Laporte, Kassu Wamisho, and Raj Lakkakula.

I had one master’s student graduate in May and two new students start in August. I’ve also been working on a new agribusiness MBA in conjunction with the NDSU College of Business. The Master of Extension Education that I helped develop began accepting applications in November.

I completed my term as president of the Transportation Research Forum in Toronto in May and was elected to a leadership position in WERA-72, a national committee focused on agribusiness research, education, and Extension. I was also elected chair of the National Extension Energy Initiative, the de facto national organization for Extension energy specialists.

At home, we finally have enough kids to field a basketball team with the additional Caroline “Carly” Ripplinger in late August. Tess (3) is a diva in training, Michael (4) has the makings of a great Extension educator – if there is a need for a dinosaur specialist, Tommy (9) is probably playing basketball somewhere, and Katie (10) may be the answer to the state’s economic woes with her plans for babysitting job creation and consumer spending.



David Roberts
Associate Professor

It is a blustery December day, and another year approaches its end. 2016 has been yet another a good year for the Roberts Family. My tenure was awarded in August 2016, which was a big weight off my chest and a relief to Bonny and the kids as well. Of course, there's still plenty of work to do since I have several industrious graduate students working under my tutelage. I look forward to publishing several papers on the economics of land use change and climate variability with these students in the coming year or so.

Bonny and I and our delightful children, Naomi (13) and Owen (5), wish you all joy during this holiday season, whichever holidays you celebrate!

David Saxowsky
Associate Professor

The Saxowsky family has no changes this year – no additions and no losses. I continue to teach many of the same courses as in the past: real estate principles, farm and agribusiness management, and food law in the fall. I will not teach water law for UND Law School this spring, but have moved agricultural law from fall semester.

I am enjoying the opportunity to work with colleagues on the broad question of how can producers make effective economic decisions based on the information they gather with crop monitoring technology and then respond by using precision agriculture equipment. Other colleagues finalized the economic analysis of the proposed FM Diversion project on agricultural land south of the community. Even though drilling has declined in northwestern North Dakota, questions about oil and gas and related topics, such as “gathering pipelines” continue to deserve attention.

Mary and I are beginning a routine of finding a week each summer to camp with some of our grandchildren. After we “cycle through” the sweethearts one time, maybe we will have an opportunity to do it again. Bison home football games continue to serve as “family gatherings” throughout the fall.

Saleem Shaik
Associate Professor, Director of CAPTS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance.

The year has been busy with traveling and meeting clientele groups, stake holders, and policy makers in the state and DC. Once again I made a trip within the state to present an overview of state farm income, farm programs, and trade along with efficiency benchmark estimates at the ND farm business and range management association meeting (awesome group).

This year I was invited to talk about historical farm bills, farm programs and farm income at North Carolina A&T. I also had the opportunity to present a paper titled “Role and Cost of GMO Risk Due to TPP Trade Agreement” in Amsterdam.

My son, Sunny (Sunjeev), a freshman at Davies, is working on my web page and I am learning new things from him. I am looking forward to the new year to teach and continue working on my research in the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies (CAPTS).

Anupa Sharma
Assistant Professor

Dear friends,

Time sure flies. It has been almost a year at NDSU and I am glad that this has been a good start in terms of my academic career. For example, I have two working papers and two work in progress papers -I presented one of these at IATRC conference in Arizona. I am also collaborating with colleagues in the department on trade and transportation related research.

In my personal life, my child will start school this fall. It is a joy to see him waiting for snow and making plans for snowy days. My spouse is working in Canada; but he manages to make frequent trips to visit us. He is very dedicated to the family.

Thanks for all the help I received from you as I am settling in the department and Fargo.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Andy Swenson
Farm & Family Resource Management Specialist

Extension work requires dissemination of information with news releases and interviews of which there were plenty in 2016. Part of this activity was due to the dismal outlook for farm profit and land values at the start of the year. Fortunately, crop yields were strong and soybean prices better than expected. I wrote a report on the Financial Characteristics of North Dakota Farms and constructed crop budgets for nine regions of the state. We had record attendance at our annual Lender Outlook Conferences. Long-time colleague Dwight Aakre retired so I am the sole Extension Farm Management Specialist to handle inquiries. As executive secretary of Northwest Farm Managers I'm happy to report that the program has been set for the 108th annual meeting on Feb 1, 2017. Cindy and I were blessed with our first grandchild this summer. We've already made a few trips to California to visit him (and his parents).

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Andy Swenson



Richard Taylor
Research Scientist/Livestock Extension Economist

2016 has been very good for us! Christmas 2015 was spent on the East Coast with our oldest son and his family. We enjoyed a 60 degree Christmas day and a Nor-eastern snowstorm the next day. We arrived in time to see the grandkids school Christmas programs. Our next trip was to Omaha to attend our granddaughter, Ella's, dance recital. This was her first year in organized dance. In May we drove to northwestern Kansas to attend our great niece's high school graduation. This summer brought many weekend family outings at the lake but the most interesting was the "reveal party" for our youngest son and his wife. Twenty-five people were at the lake the night of one of our many wind storms. Being in tents and campers was interesting to say the least. Lost several trees but no one was hurt. Later in the summer we lost 9 trees, 1 storage shed, and our pontoon and lift when Erik and his family were at the lake, again no one was hurt. We drove to Eau Claire to celebrate Jesse and Beverly's son, Robye's, first birthday in August. They are also expecting their second child in March. In October our oldest son and his wife surprised their two children with a trip to see grandma and grandpa, but instead of flying to North Dakota they flew to Florida where we had rented a suite for 8 days in Orlando. We arrived the day after hurricane Matthew to beautiful 85 degree weather. Three and a half days were spent at the various Disney theme parks which Pat and I survived very well and the rest of the time was spent poolside. In mid-November we drove to Omaha to meet our newest granddaughter, Charlotte Grace, #9, and to help our youngest son Zach and his wife Tasha move into their first home. Pat will be retiring in December to play grandma, first in Omaha babysitting Charlotte and then in Eau Claire babysitting Jesse and Beverly's new baby, #10, sometime in May. We hope you have a blessed Christmas and a fantastic 2017.

Cheryl Wachenheim
Professor

Hello from the Wachenheim Family

We are settling back into our routines after our year-long travels. It is nice to be able to purchase goods at the grocer and order at a restaurant and have a good understanding of what to expect, but we miss the wonderful food and the good friends we made. Ellie is an 8th grader and Hunter a 7th grader at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead. She enjoys dance, diving and playing the guitar and cello. He enjoys basketball and video games. Both learned the art of dressing a deer and making steaks and venison burger and were successful on their pheasant hunt this fall. Stop by anytime, it will be great to see old friends and new faces. Cheryl

Tom Wahl
Professor

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

My research on Chinese food consumption continues. This year's travels for research took me to Italy for an international marketing conference in Bologna where I presented several papers. My role as Associate Dean in the Graduate School provides an exciting opportunity to engage faculty from across the University and to work with our interdisciplinary programs. I look forward to a productive year ahead!



William Wilson
Distinguished Professor

It has been a good year and I feel blessed to be doing what I am doing. I now teach two courses in commodity trading, and another graduate course in risk analysis (measurement and strategy). We added an additional sophomore/junior level course to attract more students to that career path. So far, it is working pretty good, and I am pleased. In addition, I am supervising a couple graduate students. The job market continues to be good in agribusiness and commodity marketing, though, things are tightening. Despite that, for good and well prepared students, they are doing well in getting jobs and their careers. I had two MS students finish, one went to Gavihon in risk, and the other took a job with Bloomberg in Tokyo.

Research continues to be a major focus of my job. My projects are all related to modeling risk and strategy. This year we did (or are doing) projects on logistics competition between the US and Brazil in soybean marketing, fusarium in wheat and barley, the US rail car market, and the impact of default risk in international grain marketing.

I continue to consult and all of these involve projects off-shore. One of these is one of the largest agricultural firms in Russia and Ukraine. The company is NCH Capital and I am now on their Board of Directors. These are certainly exciting times in international agriculture and I am pleased to have this involvement and insight on this very important sector.

My pet project is the Commodity Trading Room which has been in operation for a couple years now. We use it extensively and you can see it at (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ErABR40OLI>). This is truly changing the way we teach, and of course, I suspect it is an envy of other schools. If any of you are in town and would like a tour, give us a call we would love to show it. I am pleased that we have now raised a very substantial endowment to support this activity and NDSU and our contributors should be proud.

I was honored this year with a number of awards. Most important, I was named the CHS Chair in Risk Management and Trading at NDSU which is an endowed position and a great achievement. There are now three endowed chairs at NDSU--two in agriculture. This is in addition to being a University Distinguished Professor. (See the attached, you will love it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=splkxu7lOIs>. I was recognized as one of the top 10 Agricultural Economists in 1995 and more recently as one of the top 1% of agricultural economists by RePEc (Research Papers in Economics). Finally, I have students who are in senior positions in a number of the large agribusinesses including commodity companies, railroads and food and beverage companies.

Besides work, both my sons are graduating from college this year and we see them often. I snowboard still, and this year will be taking a fairly bizarre trip with a bunch of 40-somethings! In addition, we (my sons and I) are racing sailboats quite a bit (March-October), and won a number of regattas this past year (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQwOmu6Al5I> or, Lake Superior at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syu_DbbDB50).



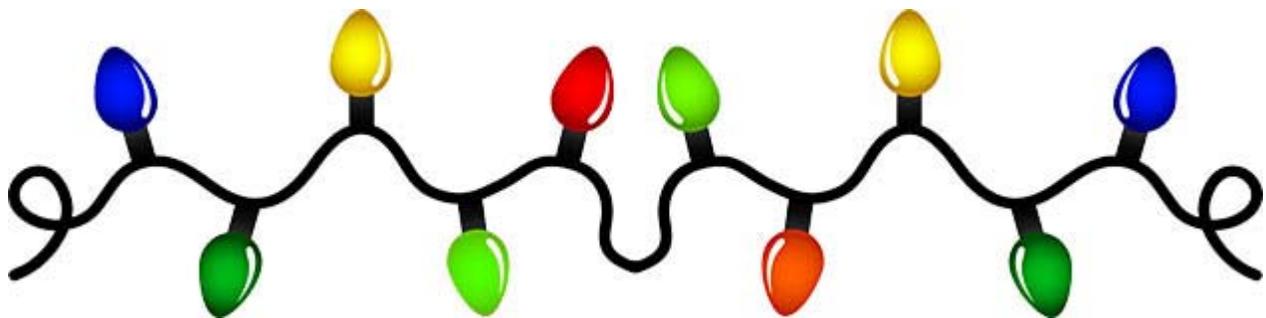
Lei Zhang
Assistant Professor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It has been a super busy year for me and my family. Elizabeth started her 1st grade adventure in August. Her life is filled with a variety of knowledge and activities. She likes dancing, singing and playing piano. Victoria is now in the toddler's room, not a baby anymore! She lost her baby fat, and is now taller and slimmer. She is really a copying machine of her sister.

This year has been a productive year for my research. After a long time, I have had four papers accepted for publication, and received revision requests for another three papers. I am busy with the revisions and new projects. I continue to teach ECON202 in the spring and fall semesters, and started a new prep ECON461/661 in the fall. Teaching continues to be fun and exciting.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year!



Researchers

- Dean Bangsund, Research Scientist
- Randy Coon, Research Specialist
- Bruce Dahl, Research Scientist
- Ron Haugen, Farm Management Specialist
- Elvis Ndembe, Research Scientist

Support Staff

- Norma Ackerson
- Tracy Fuller
- Paulann Haakenson
- Judy Moe
- Edie Nelson
- Sandy Osborne
- Joan Peterson
- Shelly Swandal



Other Happenings

Bill Wilson received the Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Teaching Award at the annual Agriculture and Extension Faculty/Staff Awards on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Congratulations Bill!

Hugh McDonald, a former Crops Marketing Economist with the NDSU Extension Service passed away October 9, 2016. Hugh is survived by his wife, Wilma, and three children.



After 47 years, I finally decided it was time to retire. The Department held a wonderful reception for me in May. Lots of surprises, gifts, and best wishes from faculty, staff, and family. I am still working one day a week to help out, but I do enjoy walking away from it at the end of the day. I received an education by meeting and interacting with students and faculty from all over the world and I like receiving email updates so feel free to let me know any news. Dr. Nganje has indicated that I could continue to be the liaison between retirees and the Department so feel free to contact me. During retirement, I have spent more time with family and friends and the alarm clock is used for fun things on the agenda. It is great not having to go out on snowy days.

Judy Moe

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Dwight Aakre, Farm Management Specialist, retired in June after 32 years with the Extension Service. We already miss his help in preparing the State Tax Valuation Model.

In July Dr. Ryan Larsen and his family moved to Utah where Ryan is an Assistant Professor in the Applied Economics Department at Utah State University. Ryan and family moved to be closer to family and are only one hour from both sets of grandparents!

Greg McKee, former Director of the Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives moved to Nebraska, He is a Agricultural and Rural Cooperatives Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In April our NAMA (National Agri-Marketing Association) students finished 6th in the nation in the marketing plan competition beating out the likes of Michigan St., Purdue, Minnesota, Arizona St, Iowa St, Texas A&M, Florida, Tennessee, and so many others! That makes it back-to-back years that NDSU has made it to the finals and were awarded Top Ten Chapter status for their annual report. This competition is extremely intense and sometimes very good presentations don't get out of the first round. Our students were perfect representatives of the department, college, and university. They were professional and active, networking with hundreds of marketing professionals at the conference. One of the students from The Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics received eight job offers before the end of the week.

In October, three of our NAMA students traveled to the Food Distribution Research Society Conference to participate in the Student Food Marketing Challenge. The student teams were given no advance information about the topic they had to present. The client (from an actual business) presented them with the problem and then they were given six hours to deliberate on alternative solutions in a case study format, construct a power point presentation, and prepare to present. The NDSU team sailed into the finals and finished 4th in the competition. They did a remarkable job and represented the department, college, and university very well.



Did you know?

THE JOHN LEE COULTER AGRIBUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (author unknown)

The John Lee Coulter Agribusiness Achievement Award is a memorial established in the honor and the name of Dr. Coulter by members of the NDSU Agricultural Economics Club. Portraits of the persons displayed in these halls are a tribute to the record each has established and to the honors brought to the profession of Agricultural Economics. Recipients of the Agribusiness Achievement Award are North Dakota residents recognized for their contributions in the area of Agribusiness for services to their community and state.

DR. JOHN LEE COULTER, 1881-1959

Dr. John Lee Coulter a native of East Grand Forks (Mallory), Minnesota, was a well-known agricultural economist, fourth president of North Dakota State University, and a respected author and professor. He is best known for his services as chief economist for the Tariff Commission as a specialist in rural-life problems.

Dr. Coulter began his professional career as an educator. He received his bachelor and master degrees from the University of North Dakota and his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in 1907. He taught at the universities of Iowa State, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. He was also an assistant professor of rural economics while at the University of Minnesota. He served as a special agent of the Minnesota Board of Health. Dr. Coulter began three years of lecturing at George Washington University in 1910.

Mr. Coulter was a special agent for the Census Bureau from 1910 to 1912. He became the expert special agent in charge of agriculture and supervised preparation of the General Report and Analysis of the Agricultural Census of 1910. He was in charge of the division of agriculture from 1912 to 1914. Later he became a member and secretary of the United States commission sent to Europe to investigate rural credit and cooperation. Mr. Coulter served as a major in the U.S. Army Air Service Production Branch. He participated in the U. S. Army Overseas Educational Program in 1919 during demobilization. Dr. Coulter became a professor of rural economics at the Knapp School of Country Life in Nashville, Tennessee, and dean of the West Virginia College of Agriculture.

Dr. Coulter served as the fourth president of North Dakota State University of Agriculture and Applied Sciences for the period 1921-29. Morrill Hall was built in two phases, and additions were built to Festival Hall and the Alba Bales Home Management House. President Coulter at the dedication of Morrill Hall in January 1923 called its construction, "timely...in a period of depressed agricultural and business stagnation in the state."

A progressive Republican, he was North Dakota's favorite son candidate for the vice presidency as Wilson's running mate in 1924.

Dr. Coulter was appointed chief economist and chairman of the advisory board of the Tariff Commission in 1929 on the basis of his presentation in behalf of the flax-growing states for raising the tariff on flaxseed. This appointment acknowledged that farm and factory were to be given equal consideration in American tariff schedules. The year before his appointment to the Commission, he appeared before the Senate Agricultural Committee as a spokesman for northwestern farming country, reviewing the plight of agriculture. President appointed him a tariff commissioner 1930 in response to recommendations by Senators Nye and Frazier of North Dakota.

President Roosevelt assigned Mr. Coulter to create a program to stabilize the sugar industry in 1933. Although the administration did not accept the program because of policy differences, his work served as a basis for later legislation providing a system of quotas and government controls over sugar production. He served in the office of the special adviser on foreign trade in 1934, a temporary office created by President Roosevelt to answer foreign trade critics.

Dr. Coulter was a member of the editorial staff of the Quarterly Journal of the American Statistical Association and the American Economic Review a member of the American Economic Association" the American Political Science Association, the American Statistical Association, the Association for Labor Legislation, and the Minnesota Academy of Sciences.

He authored several books including "Co-operation Among Farmers, the Rural Prosperity," published in 1911; "Postwar Fiscal Problems and Policies," which was published in 1945.



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