Dr. William W. Wilson

Dr. William W. Wilson received his PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Manitoba in 1980. Since then he has been a Professor at North Dakota State University in Agribusiness and Applied Economics with periodic sabbaticals at Stanford University. Recently, he was named as a University Distinguished Professor at NDSU which is an honorary position, and a great achievement.

His focus is risk and strategy as applied to agriculture and agribusiness with a particular focus on marketing, procurement, transportation and logistics, international marketing and competition. He teaches classes in Commodity Trading, Risk and Agribusiness Strategy and has taught his Risk Class at Purdue University.

He routinely has projects and/or overseas clients and travels internationally on average 1 week per month. He led a project for the United States on privatization of the grain marketing system in Russia in the early 1990’s. He currently has projects and/or clients in US, Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, China, Australia, and France. He regularly advises a number of large Agribusiness firms, several major railroads, and several major food and beverage companies and/or governments in other countries. He served as a Board member of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange for 12 years, on the FGIS Advisory Board, and currently serves as a Board member of several regional firms.

He regularly consults with major agribusiness firms on topics related to above and has worked extensively in the following industries: procurement strategy, railroads, barges, ocean shipping, elevators (shuttle development) malting and beer, durum and pasta, wheat and bread, and agbiotechnology.

He was recognized as one of the top 10 Agricultural Economists in 1995. At NDSU he teaches Commodity Trading, Risk Analysis and Agribusiness Strategy. Finally, he has students who are in senior positions in a number of the large agribusinesses including commodity companies, railroads and food and beverage companies.

He is married, has 2 boys both in college, and spends nearly all his free time snowboarding as many days as possible, and sailboat racing.

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Dr. Daryl F. Kraft

Daryl grew up on the family cattle ranch southwest of Medicine Hat. He attended Mount Royal College, Calgary, on a football scholarship. In 1968 he graduated with Honours from the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agriculture, with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Economics. In 1975 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University. He joined the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba in 1973, where he remained until his passing in 2003.

His knowledge and research made him an invaluable advisor; he worked closely on projects and policies with farmers, industry, and federal and provincial governments. The media too used Daryl Kraft as a resource knowing they would receive candid and substantiated information.

Honours & Awards

During his academic career, Daryl received several awards: in 1975 the Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association; in 1984 Outstanding Journal Article in the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics; in 1999 he was named a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society; and in May 2003 Daryl received the Teaching Award of Merit from the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.
University Service

At the University of Manitoba, Daryl Kraft served on Senate and a number of University and Faculty of Agriculture committees.

As a member of the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics he participated in virtually every departmental committee and in its major administrative roles.

He was Director of the Solomon Sinclair Farm Management Institute, was Acting Head of the Department on two occasions in the 1980s and 1990s, and was Head of the Department from July 1997 to June of 2003.

While Head of the Department, he initiated the establishment of the Agribusiness Chair in Co-operatives and Group Marketing in the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics.

Daryl F. Kraft Endowment Fund

Colleagues, friends and family of Dr. Daryl F. Kraft established an endowment/trust fund at the University of Manitoba to provide an opportunity for individuals and corporations to make contributions to a program of activities in agribusiness management within the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics.

Proceeds of the fund are being used to undertake three activities: an annual Daryl F. Kraft prize for the best undergraduate student paper in agricultural policy at the University of Manitoba, an occasional Daryl F. Kraft Lecture on agricultural policy to be delivered by a prominent Canadian or international agricultural economist, and, as funds allow, a graduate fellowship for a Canadian or Canadian permanent resident student registered full time in the M.Sc. degree in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics.

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