Announcement of Moving 2020 Recruitment Days (March 26th-27th) Virtual (Online)

Dear All,

In an attempt to contribute to slowing the spread of COVID-19, Purdue AgEcon Graduate Recruitment Days have been moved online and the physical open house in West Lafayette has been cancelled for 2020. We recognize that many prospective students are facing travel restrictions and have concerns with respect to potential exposure and/or schedule changes impacting family members. Out of an abundance of caution, we are cancelling for your safety and ours.

To showcase our Department, and demonstrate why Purdue AgEcon is YOUR choice for graduate school, we are allocating resources to provide a virtual recruitment experience located at purdue.ag/agecgradrecruitment.

The Department leadership, and faculty mentors, are committed to showcasing why Purdue AgEcon is the right program for you in August 2020. Please let Dr. Widmar and Taryn know via e-mail:

- What are your questions/concerns?
- Who you would like to talk to? Can we aid you in scheduling phone calls/video conferences with individuals on campus?
- What do you want to see? What can we show you?

If you have incurred travel expenses in anticipation of the March 26th-27th visit, please contact Dr. Widmar to facilitate reimbursement of expenses for non-refundable expenses. Many travel expenses are now refundable given the national concern about COVID-19 spread; please seek reimbursement, but follow up with us if reimbursement is not possible.

We realize that this cancellation is disappointing; it is exceedingly disappointing to our Department as well. Regardless, Purdue AgEcon remains excited to welcome you to our MS and PhD programs in August 2020.

Purdue’s Agricultural Economics Department covers a wide array of issues from development, trade, macroeconomics policy implications, agribusiness, production and consumption all the way to environmental and resource issues. Here in Ag Econ, we pride ourselves in our top-notch research, quality teaching and committed Extension. We also house some outstanding centers: the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP), the Center for Food and Agricultural Business (CAB), the Center for Commercial Agriculture (CCA) and many more.

We sincerely hope that Purdue AgEcon becomes your home Department beginning in August 2020! We are excited to showcase our Department to you virtually and show you why this is a Department culture that you will be proud to be a part of.

Sincerely,

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