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Education

Purdue University

PHD CANDIDATE, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

- Advisor: Dr. Todd Kuethe
- Committee: Dr. Michael Langemeier, Dr. Kenneth Foster, Dr. Wendong Zhang

West Lafayette, IN
August 2020 - Expected May 2023

Cornell University

MS APPLIED ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

- Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Ifft
- Committee: Dr. Justin Murfin

Ithaca, NY
August 2018 - August 2020

Purdue University

BS AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

West Lafayette, IN
August 2005 - May 2008

Professional Experience

- 2020-pres. **Graduate Research Assistant**, Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
Graduate Research Assistant, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University
- 2018-2020
- 2017-2018 **Business Development Intern**, Summit Livestock Facilities, Remington, IN
- 2008-2017 **Farmer**, Mike Fiechter and Sons, Ossian, IN

Publications

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Fiechter, Chad and Jennifer Ifft. "Trade Credit and Agricultural Commodity Prices: Evidence from the US Dairy Industry." *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, (Forthcoming).

Kuethe, Todd H., Brady Brewer, **Chad Fiechter**. "Loss Aversion in Farmland Price Expectation." *Land Economics*, 98, no. 1 (2022): 98–114.

Kuethe, Todd H., **Chad Fiechter**, David Oppendahl. "Perceived Competition in Agricultural Lending: Stylized Facts and an Agenda for Future Research." *Agricultural Finance Review*, 82, no. 2 (2022): 417 – 437. Also appears as Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper, No. 2021-16, October 2021

PUBLISHED - EXTENSION

Fiechter, Chad 2022. "Anything But Overprediction: USDA Milk Price Forecasts". Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, Purdue University, 2022-04.

Kuethe, Todd H. and **Chad Fiechter** 2021. "Indiana Farmland Transactions, 2016 -2020". Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, Purdue University, 2021-12.

Kuethe, Todd H. and **Chad Fiechter** 2021. "Indiana Farmland vs. Alternative Investments". Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, Purdue University, 2021-13.

Fiechter, Chad 2021. "Farmland market experts do not want to over-predict farmland price growth". Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, Purdue University, 2021-04.

Fiechter, Chad and Jennifer Ifft. 2020. "Corn Maze: Navigating Seed Corn Discounts", *Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers*, pp. 116 - 121.

- Fiechter, Chad** and Jennifer Ifft. 2020. “Vendor Finance in the Northeast Dairy Industry?”. farmdoc Daily, University of Illinois.
- Fiechter, Chad** and Jennifer Ifft. 2020. “How Big is Nontraditional Finance?”. farmdoc Daily, University of Illinois.
- Fiechter, Chad** and Jennifer Ifft. 2020. “What Makes Nontraditional Finance Nontraditional?”. farmdoc Daily, University of Illinois.
- Fiechter, Chad** and Jennifer Ifft. “Managing Seed Discounts and Financing.” *Progressive Forages*. 01 Dec 2019.
- Fiechter, Chad** and Jennifer Ifft. 2019. “Seed Corn Pricing: How Large and the Discounts.” farmdoc Daily, University of Illinois.
- Fiechter, Chad** and Jennifer Ifft. 2019. “Seed Corn Pricing: Cost of Seed Company Financing vs. Traditional Financing.” farmdoc Daily, University of Illinois.
- Fiechter, Chad** and Jennifer Ifft. 2019. “Seed Corn Pricing: How do Discounts Work with Seed Company Financing.” farmdoc Daily, University of Illinois.

IN PREPARATION

- Fiechter, Chad** and Todd H. Kuethe. “Disagreement in Farmland Expectations”.
- Fiechter, Chad**, Siddhartha Bora, Todd H. Kuethe. “Searching for USDA’s Loss Function”.
- Fiechter, Chad**, Todd H. Kuethe, Wendong Zhang. “Information Rigidities in Farmland Expectations”.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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| 2021 | Outstanding Reviewer , Agricultural Finance Review, Emerald Publishing | |
| 2021 | Dyson Best Masters Thesis Award , Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University | |
| 2021 | Masters Thesis Award of Merit , Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association | |
| 2021 | James C. Snyder Memorial Event Poster Competition Winner , Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department | \$350 |
| 2020 | Special Issue Agricultural Finance Review invited Article (with Todd Kuethe) , ERS cooperative agreement with Kansas State University | \$ 5,000 |
| 2020 | Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship , Purdue University Graduate School | |

Presentations

SELECTED

- August 2022. **Chad Fiechter**, Todd H. Kuethe, Wendong Zhang. “Information Rigidities in Farmland Value Expectations.” Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- April 26, 2021. **Chad Fiechter**, Siddhartha Bora, Todd H. Kuethe. “The Rationality of USDA’s Livestock Price Forecasts under Asymmetric Loss.” NCCC-134: Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management, St. Louis, MO.
- October 7, 2021. **Chad Fiechter** and Todd H. Kuethe. “Agricultural Lenders and Farmland Appraisers Disagreement on Farmland Value Expectations.” NC-1177: Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition Annual Meeting, Online Presentation.
- Fall 2019. **Chad Fiechter** and Jennifer Ifft. “Countercyclical Use of Trade Credit: Evidence from the Northeast Dairy Industry.” NC-1177: Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Summer 2019. **Chad Fiechter** and Jennifer Ifft. “Countercyclical Use of Trade Credit.” Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

INVITED

June 14 2022. **Chad Fiechter**, Siddhartha Bora, Todd H. Kuethe. "Searching for the USDA's Loss Function." USDA Economist Group, Online Presentation.

EXTENSION

February 28, 2022. "The farmland I should have bought: A comparison of farmland and alternative investments over time." Presentation: Gibson County (Indiana) Farm Winter Workshop.

August 28, 2020. "Using vendor and trade credit for farm purchases." Commercial Agcast: Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Winter 2019. "Countercyclical Use of Trade Credit: Evidence from the Northeast Dairy Industry." Presentation: Cornell Cooperative Extension Farm Management Retreat, Ithaca, NY.

May 2019. "Countercyclical Use of Trade Credit in Northeast Feed Industry." Presentation: Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance, Albany, NY.

Teaching Experience

Fall 2022 **AGEC 203 Introductory Microeconomics For Food And Agribusiness**, Instructor

*Purdue
University*

Fall 2019 **AEM 4420 Emerging Markets**, Teaching Assistant

*Cornell
University*

Fall 2018 **AEM 4420 Emerging Markets**, Teaching Assistant

*Cornell
University*

Outreach & Professional Development

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2020 **Student Multidisciplinary Applied Research Teams, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management**, Team Leader

*Lusaka,
Zambia*

2019 **Student Multidisciplinary Applied Research Teams, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management**, Team Leader

*Cape Town,
South Africa*

2009-2017 **Well County Soil and Water Conservation Board**, Board Member and President

Bluffton, IN

DEVELOPMENT

Risk Analysis and Risk Management in Agriculture: Updates on Modelling and Applications, Wageningen School of Social Sciences, Summer 2021

PEER REVIEW

Agricultural Finance Review

American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Land Economics

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting Abstract Reviewer 2019, 2021

Agribusiness

European Review of Agricultural Economics

Agriculture and Food Security