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Dr. Jayson Lusk is Distinguished Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University.

Lusk is a food and agricultural economist who studies what we eat and why we eat it. Since 2000, he has published more than 200 journal articles in peer reviewed journals, including several of the most cited papers in the profession. He has served on the editorial councils of eight academic journals including the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, and the *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, and *Food Policy*. He was elected to and served as president of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and named a fellow of the AAEA in 2015.

Lusk has co-authored books on experimental auctions and agricultural marketing and price analysis. His latest published book is *Unnaturally Delicious: How Science and Technology are Serving up Super Foods to Save the World*.

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Dr. Holly Wang joined the department in 2007, with her ten years of faculty experience from Washington State University.

Her research has been focused on agricultural risks and insurance, food marketing and safety for both US and China issues. Dr. Wang has advised over ten Ph.D. students whom are now faculty members in major US and international research universities, and economists in the finance industry. She has taught Ph.D. level courses in supply and demand systems, decision analysis, and marketing; Master level courses in econometrics and agribusiness marketing; as well as undergraduate courses in corportate finance and Chinese economy. She developed and is the Director for the Purdue-China Agribusiness Training Programs. Dr. Wang is a known scholar in agricultural economic issues and travels to China frequently. Dr. Wang served as past President of Chinese Economists Society (www.china-ces.org), a US based organization focusing on the research of Chinese economic issues, and was founding Chair for China Section of Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/china/) in 2010 and AAEA Executive Board Director, 2014-2017. She is also a Co-Editor for *Food Policy* and *China Agricultural Economic Review*. 
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Dr. Brady Brewer joined the department of agricultural economics in July 2018. He earned his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University in 2015 and was an assistant professor of agribusiness at the University of Georgia before coming to Purdue.

His research focuses on agricultural finance and production topics that include farm profitability, credit availability, production efficiencies, credit choice of farmers, and farmland values.

Dr. Brewer’s extension programming focuses on educating agricultural lenders on credit analysis and farm income trends.

Dr. Joan Fulton

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Dr. Fulton is Professor/Associate Dept. Head in Agricultural Economics at Purdue. She has a three-way appointment with responsibilities in teaching, research and extension. Dr. Joan Fulton has been one of the senior faculty resources for Purdue’s FAST mentoring program since its inception and is a facilitator for the ADVANCE hiring workshops. She was selected by the Provost’s office as one of five faculty to be a Fellow in the 2015-16 CIC Academic Leadership Program.

Dr. Fulton’s research and Extension program focuses on problems related to marketing and business structure both in the United States and internationally. She has examined the soybean value chain with specific emphasis on the cost of identity preservation of specialty soybeans. She develops and delivers programming for small businesses in Indiana and beyond. In West Africa she has explored the importance of alternative extension programming for technology transfer and adoption of improved technologies. She is currently examining the factors that contribute to a successful entrepreneurship for women selling street food in West Africa and other developing countries. Dr. Fulton teaches a senior undergraduate price analysis course and the advanced quantitative methods course in the MS/MBA program.

Dr. Joan Fulton joined the Purdue Agricultural Economics faculty in July 1997. She completed her Ph.D. work at the University of Minnesota where she explored the impact of centralized versus decentralized decision-making authority in grain marketing cooperatives. She previously held assistant professor positions at the University of Alberta and Colorado State University.
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Professor Hillberry earned a bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Minnesota and master’s and doctorate degrees in Economics from Indiana University. He was as a research economist at the U.S. International Trade Commission, as a faculty member at the University of Melbourne, Australia, and most recently as a member of the research department of the World Bank. In 2001-2002, Russell was a visiting professor in the Economics department at Purdue. Currently, his research focuses on the geography of trade flows, the welfare consequences of trade costs, the efficacy of trade facilitation measures, and the organization of multi-stage production processes.

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Dr. Michael Langemeier joined Purdue University in July 2012. His Extension and research interests include cropping systems, benchmarking, strategic management, cost of production, and technical and economic efficiency.

Michael’s family operates farms in eastern Nebraska and the majority of his research has focused on the efficiency of farms and ranches, crop and livestock production costs and efficiency. He has conducted research related to tillage systems, biomass crops and the tradeoff between crop rotation profitability and water quality. Prior to coming to Purdue, Dr. Langemeier spent 22 years in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. In addition to working on Extension and research projects, he taught courses in economic theory, farm management and worked closely with the Kansas Farm Management Association. Currently, Dr. Langemeier presents workshops for feed mill managers, emphasizing the importance of tracking financial performance, benchmarking and capital budgeting. He presents numerous workshops in the United States, Australia, China, Ecuador, Ireland, Germany, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa and Tanzania. He is currently involved in agribenchmark, an international benchmarking group centered in Germany.
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Dr. Jing Liu has been working at the center of Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) since August 2014 after receiving her Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. Her research mainly focuses on the nexus of water-land-climate-food. She develops and applies computable general and partial equilibrium models to analyze the impacts of climate change food security and sustainable development.

Jing is currently working on the integrated assessment modeling of sustainable agriculture. In this interdisciplinary research, she combines economic theory and high-resolution geophysical data to understand the heterogeneous response of agricultural production to environment-oriented policies. She contributes to developing a grid-resolving model that features unique yield and leaching functions at the 5 arcmin grid-cell level. The model will be used to study the long run projections of the economy under different climate scenarios, as well as to track the short-term changes needed to evaluate the implications of exceeding key biophysical thresholds. These short-term year-on-year simulations will carefully follow the sequence of climatic and environmental perturbations, including temperature, precipitation, and groundwater stocks. This study aims to provide policy recommendations to foster agricultural resilience in the face of increasing climate variability.

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Dr. Meilin Ma joined the Purdue AgEcon faculty in August 2018 after obtaining her Ph.D. degree at UC Davis. Her area of expertise is Agricultural Industrial Organization.

At Purdue, Dr. Ma focuses on the economics of supply chains, while continuing the research on issues in the interface between agricultural and development economics.

So far, the context of her research has been the United States and China. She sees exciting research topics to pursue regarding supply chain innovation and changing food consumption patterns in both countries.
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Dr. Mallory joined the department in 2019. Dr. Mallory’s research focuses on commodity markets and marketing issues, especially related to commodity futures and options markets. Topics of special interest include forecasting, liquidity costs, and price discovery. Additionally Dr. Mallory has applied portfolio theory from finance to novel domains to help decision-makers make better choices under uncertainty.

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David L. Ortega is a Food Economist and Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University. His research informs food policy, marketing strategies, and decision-making in U.S. and global agrifood systems. He has published over 50 articles in peer-reviewed journals and has research experience in several developing and emerging countries, including China, India, Kenya, Malawi, and Rwanda.

David has received research funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is adjunct faculty and visiting professor in the School of Public Affairs at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. David holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University and a B.S. in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida.
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Dr. Taheripour is also an associate of the Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP) and collaborates with the World Bank and several other institutions in a wide-range of research projects. His research activities are primarily in the area of energy, agriculture, natural resource (including land and water), macro and micro economic modeling and econometrics. His current research focuses on developing macro and micro economic models to analyze and quantify economic and environmental consequences of climate change and energy policies and their interactions. His research activities in these areas have been recognized nationally and internationally.