Dr. Scott Downey led a summer study abroad program to the Tuscany region of Italy in May. Thirteen students from Ag Econ and several other majors visited small producers of wine, cheeses, olive oil, hard meats, and other traditional products in their study of how the companies produce and market their products domestically and for export. The group is pictured here with Luigi Sidoli, who was known around the world as a specialist in infectious diseases in hogs. Mr. Sidoli had visited Purdue in the early 1980's and was very proud of the relationship. The group stayed for several days on Mr. Sidoli's family farm, Agriturismo Cavazone.

Congratulations!

Purdue Undergraduates won the Academic Bowl at the AAEA meetings.

Luis Pena Levano and Molly Van Dop received 1st and 2nd place in the AAEA Graduate Student Extension Competition.

Summer Graduates:
Thought you would like to know:

The following will be attending the International (IAAE) meetings in Milan, Italy the week of August 10th: Wallace Tyner, Juan Sesmero, Holly Wang, Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Thomas Hertel, Corinne Alexander, and Gerald Shively.

Dr. Bhagyashree Katare will be joining the Department in August. More information to follow.

Ms. Meike Rombach from Technische Universitat Munchen is here from August to October 2015 conducting research with Dr. Nicole Widmar to develop a survey for use in primary data collection for a collaborative project about the attributes of fresh flowers desired by consumers.

Ms. Jihong Ge from Nanjing Agriculture University is here from August 2015 to July 2016 conducting research with Dr. Otto Doering to analyze the changes in farmer welfare related to the development of rural chemical industries in China.

@INTaxRockStars, Larry DeBoer and Tamara Ogle’s Twitter Account, topped 300 followers in July. The account started in mid-November, and tweets about state and local public policy issues. At the rate they’re gaining followers, they’ll match Justin Bieber—in the year 183,000.

Juan Sesmero has received a grant for The effect of irrigation and nutrition education on dietary diversity in Ethiopia: Phase II. Identifying mechanisms behind the link between SSI and DDI and reviewing any potential linkages between NED. Sesmero’s role: PI. Sponsor Name: Catholic Relief Services

Joe Balagtas and his co-authors won the award for Best Paper published in Agricultural Economics in 2014, for their paper “Did the Commodity Price Spike Increase Poverty? Evidence from a Long-run Panel in Bangladesh.” His co-authors will receive the award this month at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists in Milan. Link to the paper: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/agec.12066/abstract

Participation at the AAEA Annual Meeting – July 26-28th

Posters:

David Widmar, Allan Gray, Michael Boehlje
Loftus Ranches: A Hope into the Future

Jose Nuno-Ledesma
Transmission of the International Price of Maize to the Mexican Regions

Yanbing Wang, Michael Delgado
Financial Impact of Positive Environmental Media Release
James Binkley, Yuhang Liu
Commodity Effects of Food Away From Home

Elizabeth Byrd, Nicole Widmar, John Lee, Ben Gramig, Michael Wilcox, Jr., Joan Fulton
Hunters’ Perspectives on Animal Welfare and Meat Demand: An Application of Maximum Difference and Choice Experiment Methods

Luis Pena-Levano, Xin Zhao, Jeff Opgrand
Global Changes in Harvested Area in Corn, Sugarcane and Oilseeds: The Econometric Estimation of the Role of Biofuel Production, Foreign Direct Investment, Income and Population Growth

Francis Darko
Child Malnutrition in Malawi: Does the Farm Input Subsidy Program Play a Role?

Patrick Hatzenbuehler, Philip Abbott, Kenneth Foster
Agricultural Commodity Prices and Exchange Rates under Structural Change

Juan Pablo Sesmero, Sheng Homan, Molly Van Dop
Water-efficient Irrigation Technology Adoption in Punjab

Amanda Bittner, Wallace Tyner, Xin Zhao
A Techno-Economic Analysis of the Corn Stover to Aviation Biofuels Pathway

Alla Golub, Thomas Hertel, Jevgenijs Steinbuks
Energy Price Uncertainty and Global Land Use

Rachel Hettich, Philip Abbott
Subsidizing Carbon Sequestration via Forestry in Maryland: A Benefit-Cost Assessment

Erick O’Rear, Kemal Sarica, Wallace Tyner
VMT Taxes: The Impacts of Switching from a Volumetric Fuel Tax to a Mileage Tax

Ariana Torres, Maria Marshall
Does social Capital Explain Small Business Resilience After a Natural Disaster?

Danielle Carriere
Response to Economic Shock: Impacts of Rurality and the Great Recession on Suicide Rates in the United States

Moderators:
Jacob Ricker-Gilbert: Climate Change Adaptation and Impact I – Small holder Agriculture
Michael Wetzstein: Risk Management and the 2014 Farm Bill
Farzad Taheripour: Spatial and Land Use Models
Jeffrey Michler: Experimental Economics II – Developmental Economics Applications
Stephanie Rosch: Farm Policy II – Programs and Politics in the US
Ben Gramig: Agricultural Conservation and Land Use Changes
Michael Gunderson: Current Issues in Cooperative Finance

Organizers:
Jacob Ricker-Gilbert: Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification in Africa
Hong Holly Wang: Perspectives on China as the Leading US Agricultural Export Market
Michael Gunderson: Understanding the Role of Performance Management in Food and Agribusiness Firms

Presentations:
Luis Pena-Levano, Farzad Taheripour, Wallace Tyner
The Economic Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Climate Change: Interactions among Carbon Tax, Forest Sequestration, and Climate Change Induced Crop Yield Impacts
Frederi Viens, Uris Lantz Baldos, Thomas Hertel
On the Linkages in Agricultural R&D Spending, Capital Stocks and Productivity Growth: A Bayesian Approach

Thomas Hertel, Jevgenijs Steinbuks, Wallace Tyner
What is the Social Value of Second Generation Biofuels?

Na Hao, Gregory Colson, Michael Wetzstein
US Ethanol and World Hunger: Is There a Connection?

Stephanie Rosch, David Ortega
Do Search Frictions Compound Problems of Relational Contracting?

Jingyu Song, Nelson Villoira, Michael Delgado, Paul Preckel
Fine-scale Land Use Allocation Using Maximum Likelihood

Seong Do Yun, Michael Delgado, Raymond Florax, Ben Gramig
Does Spatial Correlation Matter in Econometric Models of Crop Yield Response and Weather?

James Binkley, Luis Pena-Levano
Estimating Latent Variable Models When the Latent Variable is Observable

Maolong, Che, David Ortega, Hong Holly Wang
Chinese Consumers’ Perception of Imported versus Domestic Pork Quality

Dileep Birur, Angel Aguiar, Badri N Gopalakrishnan
Impacts of India’s Food Security Policy across Household Types

Jacob Ricker-Gilbert
Rural Land Rental Markets and Household Welfare in Africa: A Synthesis of Recent Evidence from Kenya, Malawi and Zambia

Luis Pena-Levano, Octavio Ramirez, Mario Renteria Pinon
Efficiency Gains in Commodity Forecasting with high Volatility in Prices using Different Levels of Data Aggregation

Farzad Taheripour, Harrison Mahaffey, Wallace Tyner
Evaluation of Economic and Land Use Impacts of Substituting Non-GMO Crops for GMO in the US

Juan Pablo Sesmero, Joseph Balagtas
Capacity Constraints and Spatial Competition in Agricultural markets

Hyungkwan Kim, Paul Preckel, James Eales, Douglas Gotham, Andrew Liu
Impact Assessment of Time-of-Use Pricing: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Ontario

Nestor Rodriguez, James Eales
“Eat More Chikin” – Structural Change Via Threshold Effects: The Effects of Female Labor on US Meat Demand

Yangxuan Liu, Michael Langemeier, Ian Small, Laura Joseph, William Fry
Risk Management Strategies using Potato Precision Farming Technology

Didier Kadjo, Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Corinne Alexander
Does quality Affect Maize Prices in Sub-Saharan Africa? Evidence from Benin

Uris Lantz Baldos, Thomas Hertel, Keith Fuglie
Climate change Adaptation through Agricultural R&D Investments: Implications for Food Security and the Environment

Valerien Pede, Raymond Florax, Henri De Groot, Dayton Lambert
Defining Regimes with Alternatives Spatial Methods: Spatial Regimes, Geographically Weighted Regression and Spatial STAR Models

Hong Holly Wang, David Ortega
Do Chinese Consumers Prefer US Meat in the Presence of Severe Food Safety Issues?
Badri Narayanan, Farzad Taheripour, Thomas Hertel, Sebnem Sahin
Water Scarcity in South Asia: A dynamic Computable General Equilibrium Analysis

Jinho Jung, Wallace Tyner
Economic and Policy Evaluation of Solar Energy for Indiana Business and Residential Applications

Juan Pablo Sesmero, Jinho Jung, Wallace Tyner
Cost-Effectiveness of Policies Supporting Solar Panels in Indiana

Allan Gray
Positioning Yourself as the “Talent” in an Agribusiness Company’s Talent Management Plan

Farzad Taheripour, Thomas Hertel, Badri N. Gopalakrishnan, Sebnem Sahin
Agricultural Production, Irrigation, Climate Change, and Water Scarcity in India

Elizabeth Dobis, Michael Delgado, Raymond Florax, Peter Mulder
The Significance of Urban Hierarchy in Explaining Population Dynamics in the US

Allan Gray
Performance Management and Its Role in the Growing Firm

Michael Gunderson
Survey Results of Performance Management Practices in Middle market Firms

David Ortega, Hong Holly Wang
Chinese Demand for Pork and Implications for the US Pork Industry: Experimental Results from Mainland and Hong Kong Consumers

News from the Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE)

News from the Center for Commercial Agriculture:

Please join us for our upcoming webinar focused on land values and cash rental rates and also take a few minutes to forward information about the webinar to farmers and agribusiness personnel in your area.

Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture will host a free webinar entitled "Up, Down or Sideways: Where are Indiana Farmland Values Headed?" on Friday, August 7, at 9 a.m. (EDT). Although the webinar is free, registration is required to participate.

This webinar will provide updated information from the Purdue Land Values Survey conducted earlier this summer. The survey includes information about Indiana land prices, cash rental rates, and expectations about upcoming changes in the land market.

The webinar will also feature an early review of expected returns in 2016 for Indiana corn and soybean enterprises.

Click here to register now. You'll receive a link for the webinar upon registration. If you're unable to attend live, you can still register and we will email you a link to the recording later.

Purdue Agricultural Economics Report (PAER)

Have you read the summer issue of the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report? Click here to download the summer 2015 issue. Featured articles in this issue focus on:

- Consumer perceptions of animal agriculture.
- Farm labor efficiency.
- Indiana farmland taxes.
News from the Center for Global Trade Analysis

The Center for Global Trade Analysis, in the Department of Agricultural Economics, recently held the 23rd Annual Short Course in Global Economic Analysis from July 11-17, 2015 on the campus of Purdue University.

The Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis is a long-standing, educational offering by the Center for Global Trade Analysis which aims to introduce participants to a standardized framework for conducting global policy analysis in an applied general equilibrium setting; to provide participants with ample hands-on training with software that has been tailored to global economic analysis; and to give participants the opportunity to interact with economists working on global trade and resource use issues while becoming part of the international GTAP Network. In total, 24 individuals from 13 different countries representing government offices, international agencies, the private sector and academia participated in this course.

For further information on this event, please visit: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short_Courses/2015/.

For further information on the Center for Global Trade Analysis or the Global Trade Analysis Project, please visit: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/.

News from our Graduate Students:

Anna Josephson will be presenting at ICAE in Milan in August.

Jeffrey Michler will be presenting two papers at ICAE in Milan, August 8th and serving an Organizer for symposium on applying contract theory to developing wood agriculture.

Jeffrey Michler will be presenting a paper at the Econometric Society World Congress in Montreal.
Presented papers, seminars, travel:


Hertel, T.W., based on a paper with Uris Baldos and Keith Fuglie “Appraising the gains from R&D-led climate adaptation in agriculture”, presentation at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Milan, Italy, August 10, 2015.

Publications:


Sun, Shanxia, Sesmero, Juan, and Schoengold, Karina. “The Role of Common Pool Problems in Irrigation Inefficiency: A Case Study in Groundwater Pumping in Mexico”, accepted for publication by Agricultural Economics.

Jobs:

Western Kentucky University – Assist Prof – entrepreneurship/marketing/sales
Texas A & M: Assist Prof – Energy Market Analysis and Decision Making
American University Beirut: Faculty member – Food Security Program
University of Nebraska: Faculty – Ag and rural Cooperatives
University of Saskatchewan: 2 positions – Management/Finance and Marketing and Risk
Kansas State University: IO, Risk Management, Natural Resources
Texas A&M: Assist Prof- Energy market Analysis

Internships:

http://crs.org/about/careers/fellowships/

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Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
Career and Job Sites on the Internet
Purdue http://www.purdue.edu/jobs
AAEA Job posting http://www.aaea.org/employment.html
Academic Employment Network http://www.academemploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Ag Careers http://www.agcareers.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/
Academic Keys http://www.academickey.com
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
ConAgra (http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/
http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/323686300

http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern_research.htm

http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1

http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm

http://www.uschamber.com/careers/internships/default


For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651

Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT