Calendar

February 10  Last day to withdraw a course with a grade of W or to add/modify a course with instructor and advisor signature
February 24  Last day for grade correction for 2013 fall semester
March 7     Distinguished Ag Alumni
March 10    Second Eight-Week courses Begin
March 17-22 Spring Break
March 24    Last day to withdraw from a course with a W or WF grade
March 24    Last day to add/modify a course with instructor, advisor and dept head signatures
April 11    Snyder Lecture – J.B. Penn – guest speaker
April 12    Spring Fest
May 3       Classes end
May 5-10    Final Exams
May 13      Grades Due
May 13-18   Commencement

February 2014 Photo of the Month:  ICEE Annual Awards Program
Submitted by J.W. Fansler
Dr. Ken Foster speaking with students from Central Middle School about their classroom economics display at the Indiana Council for Economic Education’s Annual Awards program at the Indianapolis Children’s Museum.

Alumni News:

The Distinguished Ag Alumni event is scheduled for March 7, 2014. Three AgEcon alumni will be honored: John Bircher, National Soybean Board; Rick Tollman, National Corn Growers Association, and Anetra Harbor, USDA Ag Research. More details will be announced in future.

Thought you would like to know:

The Snyder Lecture is scheduled for April 11, 2014. J.B. Penn will be the guest speaker. As last year, there will be a panel discussion with other invitees, and the topic will mostly likely revolve around the career impact of obtaining an agribusiness degree from AgEcon. More to be announced in future.

News from the Center for Food and Agricultural Business:

Faculty Spotlight: Mike Gunderson

Mike Gunderson’s busy semester is well underway. Gunderson, associate professor and associate director of research at the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, is leading the center’s research team, which is currently striving to generate academic publications from the 2013 Large Commercial Producer (LCP) survey. This month, graduate research assistant Jacquie Holland is in Dallas, Texas, presenting results from the survey at the annual meeting of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association. Gunderson, Holland and the rest of the LCP team are working on more articles and insights about the survey’s results.

The center’s research team is currently developing a new survey that will focus on a panel of large producers and senior-level agribusiness managers. This ongoing, quarterly survey will delve into how these stakeholders see the future of the industry. Results will be tracked over time.

Gunderson recently returned from a trip to Brazil where the center delivered the second module of the CNH Industrial Precision Farming program. The group learned about Brazil’s thriving sugar cane business and toured Bane Welker, a local Case IH dealership. In Brazil, the group learned how dealers assess their financial statements and how precision farming fits into a dealer’s strategy.

This semester, he is helping prepare the department’s academic quiz bowl team for their competitions in Minneapolis in July. He is also teaching in various programs for the center: the Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA) Management
Academy, the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) Management Academy, Syngenta myCrop Academy, John Deere Financial Decision Making for Field Managers and the Case IH Dealer Leadership Program, which will be launching this fall. He is currently working with Bane Welker to develop a case study for use in the Case IH program. Soon, he’ll be balancing his busy work schedule with being a new dad: Mike and his wife, Alee, are expecting their first child in May.

**What is the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, anyway?**
Have you ever wondered what the Center for Food and Agricultural Business really does? Check out our [video](#) and find out!

**Presented papers, seminars, travel:**

Hertel, T.W. “Global Change and the Challenges of Sustainably Feeding a Growing Planet”, seminar presented at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile, December 17, 2013.

Hertel, T.W., based on a paper with D. Lobell and U. C. Baldos. “Adaptation as Mitigation: Agricultural Productivity, Global Land Use and GHG Emissions”, presentation to the Department of Agricultural Economics, Universidad Catolica, Santiago, Chile, December 18, 2013.


Hertel, T.W. “Global Change and the Challenges of Sustainably Feeding a Growing Planet”, Distinguished Lecture, College of Arts and Sciences, Ivy Tech, Lafayette, Indiana, October 14, 2013.


**Publications:**


**Jobs:**

University of Missouri: Assistant/Assoc Teaching Position
Cornell University: two openings
University of Nebraska: Extension Educator

**Internships:**

[http://crs.org/about/careers/fellowships/](http://crs.org/about/careers/fellowships/)

**Career and Job Sites on the Internet:**

Career Extension Service: see website listed below
Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
AAEA Job Posting: [http://www.aaea.org/employment.html](http://www.aaea.org/employment.html)
Agriculture Career Connection: [http://www.ag-biz.com](http://www.ag-biz.com)
Ag Careers: [http://www.agcareers.com](http://www.agcareers.com)