Keeping Track
March 2014

Calendar
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
March 24 – April 11 College of Ag, Food Finders Challenge
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
June 9        PhD Econ prelim
July 27-29    AAEA Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN
August 25     Fall classes begin

March 2014 Photo of the Month:

Submitted by Paul Preckel.
Yegezu Yegezu, Jordanian farmer, Paul Preckel, David Boussios, colleagues from the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Irak, Jordan, December 2013. In the background is the Dead Sea.
Thought you would like to know:

Four Visiting Scholars from Hebei Finance University in Hebei, China, arrived in February and will stay until August 2014. They are working with Prof. Holly Wang on a project about financial support for agricultural science and technology innovation, and the effects of that support on agricultural science, technology innovation, and rural economic development.

Ms. Niya Liu, Lecturer  
Ms. Lei Yang, Associate Professor  
Ms. Weikun Yang, Professor  
Ms. Xin Xiu, Associate Professor

News from our Graduate Students:

April 4-6, 2014, the Departments of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, Economics, and Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be hosting The 7th Graduate Midwest Conference in Applied Economic, Regional and Urban Studies. The SHaPE group hosted this graduate student summit in 2008, 2010, and 2012. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend. See http://www.aerus.illinois.edu/ for more information.

Congratulations to:

2013 Outstanding MS thesis: Aaron Cook  
Advisors: Jacob Ricker-Gilbert and Juan Sesmero  
“Climate Change in Malawi: Househol Level Impacts and Adaptations”

2013 Honorable Mention MS thesis: Zhihua Hu  
Advisor: Tim Baker  
“Are the U.S. Crop Insurance Premiums Fair Across Regions and Crops?”

2013 Outstanding Doctoral Disseration: Azza Mohamed  
Advisor: Philip Paarlberg  
“Welfare Impacts of False Codling Moth Threatening California Oranges”

Patrick Hatzenbuehler has been awarded a U.S. Borlaug Fellowship in Global Food Security for Fall 2013, so congratulations. Pat is currently working with Purdue Ag Econ alumnus Abdoulaye Tahirou at IITA Headquarters in Ibadan, Nigeria. (http://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/food/borlaugfellows/Fellows/index.php)

News from the Center for Food and Agricultural Business:

Center Hosts 7th Annual ARA Management Academy

In early February, the center hosted 50 agribusiness retailers representing 23 states for the 7th Annual ARA Management Academy. The academy, a joint effort between the center and the Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA), was created to assist managers in developing their management, leadership and decision-making skills.

Using a blend of lectures, breakout sessions and group discussion, the program was structured to encourage networking and idea sharing. Program faculty included Mike Boehlje, Scott Downey, Allan Gray, Mike Gunderson and Beth Yeager, as well as Rodney Vandeveer from Purdue’s College of Technology and Bob Grimm from Indiana University. The academy also included a panel discussion featuring growers Don Lamb and Terry Stephens.

Center Continues Corn States Premier Solutions Business Excellence Fellowship

In mid-February, nearly 20 members of the sales force and marketing team from Monsanto Corn States visited Purdue with their customers for the fifth session of the Corn States Premier Solutions Business Excellence Fellowship, a program designed to help Corn States become a trusted partner to their customers.

Faculty members Allan Gray, Mike Gunderson and Beth Yeager led the program. The program as a whole brings Corn States’ customers (independent seed companies) to campus to work on a strategic business plan and build relationships with their strategic account manager. Licensees leave campus with a draft of a strategic plan for their business.
Mike Gunderson Speaking at TEDxPurdueU

On March 7, Mike Gunderson, associate director of research for the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, will speak at TEDxPurdueU about the challenge of feeding the growing global population.

TEDxPurdueU, an independently organized TED event (Technology, Entertainment, Design), strives to nurture a culture of innovation by sharing groundbreaking ideas from Purdue University’s preeminent students, faculty and alumni with the worldwide TED community. Throughout the course of the day, speakers, performers and artists from diverse fields and schools of thought will combine with recorded TED talks to spark deep discussion and inspired reflection in the Purdue/Greater Lafayette community and beyond. Visit www.TEDxPurdueU.com/events for the speaker lineup and complete event details.

Presented papers, seminars, travel:


Otto Doering moderated a session on sustainability in the use of inputs on February 20th at the USDA Agricultural Outlook Conference in DC.

Publications:


Jobs:

Global Footpring Network: jobs@footprintnetwork.org;
Tennessee State University:  Associate Prof: Marketing  Assoc Prof: Finance

Internships:

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

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.academploy.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.academickeys.com
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
ConAgra http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/
Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/
Education Jobs Page http://www.nationajob.com/education
Employment/Resume Posting http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html
EPA http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe
Foreign Ag Service http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm
Government Career http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/
National Job Bank http://www.jobs.joe.org
USDA, Ag Research Service http://ars.usda.gov
http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsjobs.htm

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
http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=317257

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