Daryl F. Kraft Lecture
Dr. Dermot J. Hayes presented the Daryl F. Kraft Lecture entitled, “North American Meat Exports: Opportunities and Risks”, on Tuesday, 28 February 2012 in the Richardson International Auditorium at the University of Manitoba. This was the fourth such lecture arranged by our Department.

Dermot Hayes is the Pioneer Hi-Bred International Chair in Agribusiness, Professor of Economics, and Professor of Finance at Iowa State University. He is co-director of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at Iowa State. He has distinguished himself with numerous awards at the college and university levels for his work as a teacher and researcher. In 2006 he received a "Publication of Enduring Quality" award from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. The AAEA named him a Fellow in 2007, its highest recognition for distinction in the discipline. Besides his analysis of U.S. farm policy and international agricultural trade, his other research interests include food safety, livestock modeling, demand analysis, and commodity markets. Since 1995 he has been a consulting trade economist for the National Pork Producers Association.

In his presentation, Dr. Hayes discussed the medium and long term opportunities for pork and beef exports and evaluated the impact that export growth has on the financial risks associated with North American livestock production.

Faculty News:
Ed Tyrchniewicz was inducted into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame in Portage la Prairie on July 12. He joins the ranks of others that have made a significant and lasting contribution to agriculture in Manitoba during their lifetime. Read more at http://manitobaaghalloffame.com/.

Ryan Cardwell was named President of the Canadian Council of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) at the triennial (IAAE) meetings in Brazil.
On November 22, Jared Carlberg and his wife welcomed son Weston into their family, and Julieta Frank is expecting her first child early in the new year.

**Department Seminars:**
Stu Clark, Senior Policy Advisor with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank presented “Food Assistance in a Volatile Global Commodity World – From Policy to Plate” on Wednesday, 21 March 2012.

Stefan Dodds, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Winnipeg presented “Experimental Social Choice: The Impact of Nosy Preferences on Efficiency” on Wednesday, 11 April 2012.

Fabio Mattos, Assistant Professor, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics presented “The Effect of Reference Prices, Previous Performance and Social Interaction on Marketing Decision under Uncertainty” on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.

Derek Brewin, Associate Professor, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics presented “Consequences of Biotechnology: Changes in the Canadian Canola Sector 1969 to 2012” on Wednesday, December 5.

**Recent Publications:**

Ryan Cardwell had a commissioned paper, “High Food Prices and International Food Assistance” published by CATPRN (http://www.uoguelph.ca/catprn/PDF-CP/CP-2012-02-cardwell.pdf).

Derek G. Brewin, Collin Gyles, Mathew Wiens and Don Flaten (2012). “A review of farm level responses to nutrient regulations in Manitoba, Canada”. Food Economics. DOI:10.1080/16507541.2012.695116

**Graduate Student News:**
Agribusiness students Bonnie Schott, Nicholas Lea and Matt Grossman represented the University of Manitoba at the Academic Bowl during the AAEA Annual Meetings of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association held in Seattle August 12-14. The team played five "games", with 3 wins and 2 losses (one was a heart-breaking loss that came after 3 tie-breaks), and fell just short of the round of 8. Their advisor Fabio Mattas reported that the team performed very well and showed good knowledge of all subjects asked during the competition, beating traditionally strong schools such as Iowa State University and Oklahoma State University.
In 2012 the department welcomed eight new students:
Solomon Aggrey
Lukeman Awudu
Chang-Hee Choi
Irma Irie
Lin Li
Jia Lin
Tyler Ritchie
Chu Wang

And had the pleasure of graduating four others:
Matthew Hink
Carol Simonson-Gunvaldsen
Janelle Wallace
Bingjie Xie

**Exchange Program News:**
The department was happy to host four visiting Brazilian students in 2012:
Gabriel Lemos
Maria Alice Christofoletti
Rodolfo Silva
Diego Cardoso
As well as six visiting students from Sweden:
Amanda Blick
Sara Brundin
Mina Karlsson
Emmy Sandberg
Kajsa Ström
Maria Wanhainen

**We have a new Website!**
Check us out at: [http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/dept/agribusiness/index.html](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/dept/agribusiness/index.html)

Your comments are always welcome, and if you wish to include an item in upcoming newsletters, please send the information to Barbara_Hewitt@ad.umanitoba.ca

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