

**Petition for Renewing Western Coordinating Committee - 72  
Agribusiness Research and Education Emphasizing  
Competitiveness and Profitability**

**NUMBER:** WCC-72  
**TITLE:** Agribusiness Research and Education Emphasizing Competitiveness  
and Profitability  
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**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Agribusiness is a term used to describe all operations involved in the manufacture and distribution of farm supplies; production operations on the farm; and the storage, processing, and distribution of food products to the final consumer. The United States agribusiness sector continues to undergo significant structural change. Changing patterns in food consumption are forcing food manufacturers and commodity processors to place greater emphasis on consumer preferences and product differentiation. Advances in information and production technologies are improving efficiencies and providing firms with the means to better meet the needs of final consumers. Changes are also occurring because of the industrialization of agriculture, which ties production and marketing systems together through contractual arrangements, vertical integration, or strategic alliances.

For many years, agricultural economists have provided valuable information that seeks, among other things, to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. production agriculture. More recently, agricultural economics research and teaching programs have been broadened to include pre-farm and/or post-farm sectors of the agro-food system. Production agriculture is increasingly tied to non-farm agribusinesses, thus emphasizing the need for continued research and education programs targeted at pre- and post-farm operations. The WCC-72 Coordinating Committee has played an important role in the evolution and success of these programs by promoting and facilitating research and educational workshops in the following areas: agribusiness competitiveness; strategic management; industrial organization; international trade; evaluation of business performance and managing innovation, change, and risk; analysis of consumer preferences; industrialization of agriculture; transportation and logistics; and supply chain management

Competitiveness, as the term infers, is the ability to effectively serve the marketplace. The drive for competitiveness requires the continuous evolution of all activities relating to the sale of products by agribusinesses, including strategies relating to selling prices and efforts to improve quality and service. Competitiveness is particularly useful as a unifying theme for the group's research because it ties together other important agribusiness research areas, supports state economic development initiatives, generates useful public policy implications, and provides a knowledge base for graduate and undergraduate courses.

WCC-72 activities have enhanced agribusiness competitiveness in several ways. Factors and

barriers to food system and agribusiness competitiveness have been identified and defined so as to facilitate collaboration among WCC-72 members. The exploration and development of new research methods for measuring and analyzing food system and agribusiness competitiveness is enhanced through the dialogue that takes place at our annual meeting. Management strategies for improving food system and agribusiness competitiveness are also presented and discussed with industry participants. In particular, management strategies can be especially important in helping small food processors understand the competitive forces being shaped in part by the large, dominant agribusiness firms. Finally, teaching and extension programs are enhanced and updated through the exchange of ideas and information at our annual meeting. This area of work is highly important to agricultural businesses in the Western Region, elsewhere in the U.S., and Canada.

**Objectives:** The objectives of the Western Regional Coordinating Committee on Agribusiness Research and Education are to:

1. Coordinate research, extension, and teaching objectives of agribusiness researchers and educators by drawing on the expertise of academic and industry professionals in the agro-food system.
2. Maintain and develop electronic communication methods that facilitate the exchange and dissemination of information among industry, government, and academia in the agro-food system.
3. Promote investigation and development of research methodologies and analytical techniques and their application to issues related to agribusiness management.
4. In designated and appropriate forums, share research findings related to agribusinesses that will enhance the competitiveness of the U.S. agro-food system.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

5. Continued promotion of collaborative research projects among participating faculty that result in the publication of joint research papers.
6. Expansion of the WCC-72 Home Page on the Internet for agribusiness research and education.
7. As part of an annual forum, hold sessions about current research topics and methodologies. Likely topics include: 1) state efforts on developing value-added industries, 2) case study methodologies and research cases, 3) studies on

genetically modified organisms, 4) global ties to other researchers and educators in agribusiness, and 5) innovative agribusiness companies.

8. Presentation and discussion of research findings about topics related to agribusiness management and competitiveness. Special emphasis will be made on presentations related to collaborative research. Poster sessions will be held for researchers to report on early phases of a particular project. The purpose of these sessions is to encourage interaction among committee participants so changes can be made to a research project before final results are obtained, rather than after the project is complete. A listing of completed and ongoing research will also be posted on the Internet Home Page.

#### **EDUCATIONAL PLAN**

During the annual meeting, WCC-72 will hold sessions on the following topics: 1) integrating agribusiness curriculums into traditional agricultural economics curriculums, 2) involvement of agribusiness firms in teaching, research and extension, 3) state extension programs in agribusiness management, and 4) agribusiness masters and Ph. D. program labor market issues. Results of these sessions are disseminated through published proceedings, which are made available on the WCC-72 web page.

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 Tom Sporleder, Ohio State University  
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 Kyle Stiegert, Kansas State Univ.  
 Tim Taylor, University of Florida  
 Steve Torok, University of Wyoming  
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 Robert Wisner, Iowa State Univ.  
 Tim Woods, University of Kentucky  
 Michael Woolverton, Thunderbird  
 Max Wortman, Iowa State University

### OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

WCC-72 hosts an annual meeting, typically in late June. The meeting includes presentations about completed research, poster session discussions about ongoing and new research, and teaching and extension issues. The committee officers include a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary.

**Summary of Accomplishments,  
Agribusiness Research Emphasizing  
Competitiveness and Profitability, WCC-72**

Agriculture has been undergoing a long term transition from a focus on *commodity* production to a focus on *food* processing and food sales. WCC-72 brings together professors from departments of agricultural economics through out the United States who jointly address how all participants in agribusiness can adjust to this transition. The responsibility these professors have to their students and their extension and research clientele is immense. WCC-72 provides a forum where such challenges can be discussed and attacked.

Meeting Presentations in the past two Years Focusing on  
Challenge

"Management of Economic Information in Agribusiness Firms,"  
Victoria Salin, Texas A & M University, 1997.

"An Analysis of Cost Efficiency Among Upper-Midwestern Farm  
Supply and Grain Marketing Cooperatives," Vernon Eidman and  
Michael Thomsen, University of Minnesota, 1997.

"Sources of Financial Stress Among Farm Input/Supply  
Agribusiness Firms," Forrest Stegelin, University of Georgia,  
1997.

"The Epistemology of Agribusiness: Peers, Methods and Rigor "  
Chris Petersen, 1997.

"Evaluating the New Product Development Process," Timothy  
Woods and Aslihan Demiralay, University of Kentucky, 1998.

"Managerial Decision Making in Agribusiness: Strategic  
Alliances as Governance Choice," Peter D. Goldsmith and Claire  
Adams, McGill University, 1998.

"A Framework for Effective Industry Strategic Planning and  
Coordination," Conrad Lyford, Oklahoma State University,  
Donald J. Ricks, Christopher Peterson and James Sterns,  
Michigan State University, 1998.

"Differences in Perceptions of Competitor Rivalry in the Swine

Genetics Industry Among Producers, Veterinarians and Industry Managers," Randall Westgren, Steven Sonka and Desmond Ng, University of Illinois, 1998.

"Urban Sprawl Confronts Traditional Agriculture: The New Challenge Facing Cooperatives Today," Joan Fulton and Susan Hine, Colorado State University, 1998.

#### Critical Need to Develop a Case Study Methodology

During the 1998 meeting a special forum was held concerning the topic of agribusiness case studies. Editors representing three different scholarly journals were present. The journals represented included the *Food and Agribusiness Management Review*, the *Review of Agricultural Economics* and the *Journal of Food Distribution*. The discussion focused upon what distinguishes a case study as a piece of research, rather than simply a story.

A related discussion occurred at the meeting concerning the emergence of new MBA-style graduate programs at many traditional departments of agricultural economics. Thus the case study focus is particularly important as such material will be needed for use as teaching curriculum in these emerging graduate programs.

#### Addressing Mergers and Acquisitions

A special session occurred at the 1998 meeting regarding mergers and acquisitions. In this regard, cases about AGCO Farm Equipment and also Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) was examined. AGCO is a new company made up of a combination of many small, long time farm equipment manufacturers. Despite the fact that AGCO did not exist nine years ago, today annual sales exceed \$3.2 billion. ADM is a long established company. Even so sales have doubled in the nine years to today's level of \$16.1 billion. These cases gave WCC-72 attendees a chance to understand the forces of bringing about such rapid consolidation; forces routed in company policies regarding globalization, specialization in narrow product lines, and the impact of capital being readily available in due to both low interest rates and a bullish stock market.

#### Attachment: Related Activities at Selected Universities

The attached pages provide a summary of related activities among researchers at selected universities.

## Related Activities at Selected Universities

### The University of Arizona - Roger Dahlgran and Paul Wilson

Research Accomplishments, 1995-1997

Response to economic uncertainty represents a common theme in our analysis of new crops, evolving public policies, and increasing competitive pressures and opportunities. Organizational design decisions (e.g. mergers, alliances, expansion and integration) were analyzed in the fresh produce industry as executives position their firms for the future. Risk management strategies for the cottonseed industry were analyzed as well.

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### **University of Arkansas - Mike Thomsen**

I completed my PhD at the University of Minnesota (1998) in agricultural and applied economics with a minor in business administration. My research interests focus on the strategic management of agribusiness firms. As part of my research program I hope to examine firm responses to (1) consumer concerns about food safety and (2) new food safety policies (HACCP). In the past, my research efforts addressed the spatial economics of feeder cattle markets, and the economic efficiency of farm supply and grain marketing cooperatives.

### **University of Florida - Allen F. Wysocki**

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### **Kansas State University - Arlo Biere**

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the past three years my research has been in three areas. The first area dealt with a producer cooperative marketing a specialty crop—American White Wheat Producers Association. First, was a case study analysis of the operation of AWWPA. That was followed by a study of wheat growers' attitudes towards producing a specialty crop under contract with a producer cooperative. That study showed that nonmembers were more inclined to rely on current economics and are less willing to risk innovation for some unproven profit potential.

The research demonstrated how the development of a new coordination mechanism entails much education of participants and that producer involvement will depend on learning new

forms of operation.

Another area of research was the study of the export potential for new value-added food products. First, a market segmentation model was developed to classify countries into a two dimensional matrix based on macroeconomic factors and on the country's history of wheat production and consumption. From that came the identification of those countries with the highest import demand potential for value-added wheat products. The results of this work were of keen industry to people in the industry and in USDA. Second, was the estimation of import demand equations for pastries, macaroni, and breakfast food using time-series data on the countries with the highest potential new demand. The econometric model incorporated aspects of the product adoption process. The results showed that the adoption process for new products can be an important determinant of import demand.

The last area of research is a transportation study to evaluate the grain logistics system for feed grains on the high plains. This research shows how grain flows to the Southern High Plains to satisfy the livestock consumption needs in that area. From those results one can see the differences among subregions in the importance of rail transport. The results help one to understand the factors affecting the future of country elevators on the high plains.

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#### **Louisiana State University - R. Wes Harrison**

A study that examines buyer preferences for minced-meat based food products derived from crawfish was completed. Attributes for two value-added seafood products derived from underutilized crawfish were analyzed using conjoint data from seafood restaurants in the southern region of the United

States. Preferences for the products form, price, and flavor attributes were tested. Statistical tests indicated that the attribute interactions were not significant and part-worth utilities for all main effects were estimated using an additive preference model. The results indicated that the new crawfish products should be marketed as a high quality fresh soup base or seafood stuffing priced between 30 and 50 percent of the cost of fresh crawfish tail meat.

A study was also completed that examined strategies to improve the competitiveness of agribusiness firms through enhanced customer value. Relationships between customer value and factors that influence the cost structure of the firm were examined. The relationships between customer value and product differentiation, vertical coordination, niche marketing, total quality management, and related strategies were also explored.

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## **Mississippi State University - Juan C. Batista**

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### **Oregon State University - Larry Burt**

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part time in the agribusiness area. We have no agribusiness research program as such, but, as you can see from the list of publications, we have a number of research faculty who work on agribusiness related projects from time-to-time.

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**Santa Clara University - Gregory A. Baker and Andrew S. Starbird**

Research Accomplishments -- Baker

I completed a national survey of 1850 consumers to develop a better understanding of how consumers value various food safety attributes, applying the marketing technique of conjoint analysis. My findings indicated that consumers do in fact have a strong preference for food safety attributes and that there are marketing opportunities for private firms to exploit these unfulfilled consumer preferences. I have also begun work in the area of assessing the extent of agribusiness firms' strategic planning efforts and examining the relationship to firm performance, utilizing some of the recently validated planning indicators.

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### **Texas A&M University - John Siebert**

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