

Ag Econ News

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Turner to Assume Chair of C-FARE Board of Directors

Steve Turner attended the semi-annual board meeting of the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) in Washington, D.C., May 19-21. The meeting included visits with staff of the Mississippi congressional delegation and key officials from the United States Department of Agriculture. Dr. Turner will be assuming the position of Chairperson of the C-FARE Board of Directors in September 2004. C-FARE is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening the presence of agricultural, food, and resource economics to matters of science policy and budget determination at the federal level.

Meetings

John Anderson, Charlie Forrest, Bill Herndon, Steve Martin, and Steve Turner attended the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation 2004 Summer Commodity Conference in Jackson, July 8-9.

Gregg Ibendahl attended the 2004 Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) annual meetings in Hawaii, June 30-July 2, and made a presentation entitled "Comparing the 1996 and 2002 Farm Bills."

Randy Little attended the 2004 Western Economics Association International (WEAI) annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 29-July 3. He presented two papers entitled "Boosting Output by Purchasing Superior Sires: Does the Increase in Value Offset the Increase in Purchase Price?" by **Randall D. Little**, R. Curt Lacy, Terry J. Enjelken, **John D. Anderson**, and **Charlie S. Forrest**; and "Financial Impacts of a Selected PRRS Intervention Strategy" by Daphne Reeves, **Randall Little**, Robert Wills, Mark Crenshaw, and **John Anderson**. Randy also moderated a session and was a paper discussant in another session.

AAEA Annual Meeting

Albert Allen, John Anderson, Virginia Buller, Keith Coble, Terry Hanson, Darren Hudson, Greg Ibendahl, David Laughlin, Greg Parkhurst, Saleem Shaik, Steve Turner, Andy Whittington, and Tian Xia will attend the AAEA annual meeting in Denver, August 1-4. Participation from our department will include:

Steve Turner will present "The Teaching Perspective" at an Organized Symposium entitled "Surviving the Challenges of the 21st Century - Priorities for Departments of Agribusiness and Economics."

Albert Allen will serve as Moderator for a selected papers session entitled "Economic Efficiency and Decision Making in Agribusiness and Farm Firms." He will also present a selected paper entitled "Stochastic Frontier Efficiency Analysis of Agribusiness Trucking Companies" by **Albert J. Allen, Porfirio Fuentes, and Saleem Shaik**.

A selected paper by Joseph Atwood and Jim Robinson-Cox (Montana State University), and **Saleem Shaik** entitled "A Statistical Examination of Yield Switching Fraud in the Federal Crop Insurance Program" will be presented.

Saleem Shaik will present a selected paper entitled "Indian State-level Rice Productivity and its Impact on Poverty Alleviation," co-authored with Behnur Dayakar (National Research Centre for Sorghum, India) and Aldas Janaiah (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, India).

Grad students **Virginia Buller** and **Andy Whittington** will compete in the Graduate Case Study Competition.

Publications

Two articles by **Darren Hudson** and Jayson Lusk have been published in the July issue of *Review of Agricultural Economics*. They are "Reply about Graduate Agribusiness Management Programs: Supply Meets Demand" and "What You Don't Know Can Cost You: A Web-Based Experiment in Price Discrimination."

A paper entitled "Public Perception of Agricultural Pollution and Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia" by **Darren Hudson**, Diane Hite (Auburn University), and Tim Haab (Ohio State University) has been accepted for publication in a future issue of *Coastal Management*.

Ben Posadas has had a manuscript entitled "Effects of Two Pelletized Feed Formulations on Experimental Freshwater Prawn Production, Processing, and Costs" accepted in the *Journal of Applied Aquaculture*, Volume 16(3/4) to be published November 2004.

An article by Jayson Lusk and **Keith Coble** entitled "Risk Perceptions, Risk Preference, and Acceptance of Risky Food" has been accepted for publication in a future issue of *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

John Anderson was quoted in a July 13 *Delta Farm Press* News Article entitled "Cautious approach to COOL urged."

Terry Hanson was quoted in an article entitled "High fuel prices add to catfish producer problems," in the July 2004 issue of *The Catfish Journal*.

Alumni

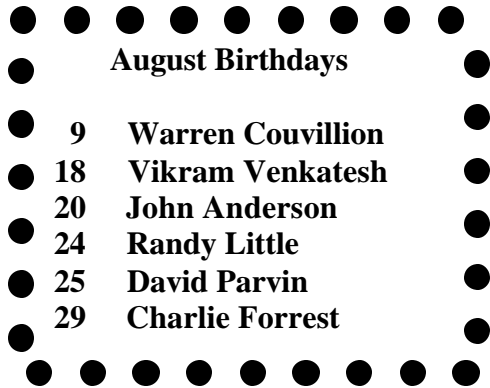
Jim Newsome (Ph.D. minor, '01) has accepted the position of president for the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., effective August 2. He served as a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) from August 1998 until December 2001, when he became Chairman of the CFTC.

Ag Econ alumnus **Phillip A. Price** (B.S. '80) has joined Priorityone Bank in Richland, MS, as vice president and branch manager. He was noted in the "People in Business" section of the Clarion-Ledger on Sunday, May 30.

Calendar of Events

August 2004

- 1-4 AAEA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 4 Classes end - 2nd Summer Term
- 5-6 Final Exams - 2nd Summer Term
- 13 Graduate Student Association Events for new graduate students
11:45 a.m.: Welcome Luncheon for Grad students and their families, Colvard Student Union
1:30 p.m.: New Graduate Student Orientation
Simrall Auditorium
- 17 Ag Market Network Conference Call
306 Lloyd-Ricks, 7:30 a.m.
- 17 New Student Orientation
- 18 Fall Semester classes begin
- 20-22 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- 26 Welcome Back for students,
Front lawn of Lloyd-Ricks, 5:30 p.m.



September 2004

- 4 ↻MSU Football w/Tulane
- 6 University Holiday – Labor Day
- 11 ↻MSU Football w/Auburn
- 14 Ag Market Network Conference Call
306 Lloyd-Ricks, 7:30 a.m.
- 18 ↻MSU Football w/Maine
H.S. Scholars Recognition Day
- 21-22 Career Days, Humphrey Coliseum,
12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.
- 25 ↻MSU Football @ LSU

October 2004

- 2 ↻MSU Football @ Vanderbilt
- 2 Last day to register to vote in November general election
- 9 Homecoming
↻MSU Football w/ UAB
- 14 Ag Market Network Conference Call
306 Lloyd-Ricks, 7:30 a.m.
- 15-16 Fall Flower and Garden Fest, Crystal Springs
- 16 National Boss Day
- 18-19 Fall Break for Students
- 23 ↻MSU Football w/Florida
- 26-
Nov. 3 Faculty advising for Preregistration
- 30 ↻MSU Football w/Kentucky
Discovery Day (tentative)
- 31 Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 2004

- 1-3 Faculty advising for Preregistration
- 2 VOTE: General Election
- 4-12 Preregistration for Spring Semester
- 6 ↻MSU Football @ Alabama
- 16 Ag Market Network Conference Call,
306 Lloyd-Ricks, 7:30 a.m.
- 20 ↻MSU Football w/Arkansas
- 24-26 Thanksgiving holidays for Students
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday for university
- 27 ↻MSU Football @ Ole Miss (Saturday game)

December 2004

- 3 Classes End
- 6-10 Final Exams
- 11 Commencement
- 14 Ag Market Network Conference Call,
306 Lloyd-Ricks, 7:30 a.m.
- 21 Winter Holiday begins