



Conference Announcement

Global Agricultural Trade in the New Millennium Le Meridien Hotel, 614 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana May 25 - 26, 2000

The Southern Regional Trade Research Committee (S-287) is sponsoring a two-day Conference, “**Global Agricultural Trade in the New Millennium.**” The conference will be held on May 25-26, 2000 at Le Meridien Hotel, New Orleans, LA. The focus of the conference is to evaluate expected changes in agricultural trade and to reassess the competitiveness of U.S. agricultural commodities and products. Specific themes include: (1) accomplishments and progress of the Uruguay Round Agreement and critical issues for the upcoming the WTO negotiations, (2) impacts of regionalism, such as the Free Trade Area of the Americas and the European Union, on agricultural trade, and (3) analysis of major trade issues specific to individual commodities. Invited and selected papers will be included in the program.

Abstracts of all presented papers will be published in a conference proceedings. Invited papers and superior selected papers will be included in a book to be published following the conference. Attached is a tentative agenda; all names identified are committed.

Those interested in attending the conference should complete the attached registration form and return it to Parr Rosson, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2124. The conference registration fee is \$175.00 for those registering by **March 31, 2000**. Late registration is \$225.

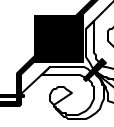

A limited number of rooms has been reserved at Le Meridien at conference room rate of \$88.00 per night. Specific details are can be found on the enclosed hotel information sheet.

Conference Co-Sponsors:

Farm Foundation, Oak Brook, Illinois
Center for North American Studies, Texas A&M University and Louisiana State University
Northern Plains Trade Research Center, North Dakota State University
National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, University of Georgia
International Agricultural Trade and Development Center, University of Florida
Arkansas Global Rice Project, University of Arkansas
International Trade Center, North Carolina A&T State University

Conference Organizing Committee

Won W. Koo, Professor of Agricultural Economics, North Dakota State University (Chair)
Gail Cramer, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas
Stanley Fletcher, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Georgia
Lynn Kennedy, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, Louisiana State University
Parr Rosson, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University



Conference Hotel Reservation Information

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A block of 150 rooms has been reserved for conference participants at Le Meridien Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana for the evenings of May 24 and 25, 2000. Seventy-five of these rooms are available at a special government rate of \$88.00, single occupancy. **The government rate of \$88.00 is subject to limited availability and will be honored with government identification upon check in.** The remaining seventy-five rooms are available at the following room rates for *Global Agricultural Trade in the New Millennium*:

SUPERIOR ROOMS

Single Occupancy	\$109.00
Double Occupancy	\$119.00
Triple Occupancy	\$149.00

DELUXE ROOMS

Single Occupancy	\$129.00
Double Occupancy	\$139.00
Triple Occupancy	\$169.00

Applicable city and state taxes are 11% plus \$2.00 per room per night occupancy tax. Taxes are subject to change without notice. The rates quoted are per room, per night.

This block of rooms will be held until March 24, 2000, at which time any unassigned rooms will be released back to the hotel. Reservation requests received after this date will be handled on a space and rate available basis.

Conference attendees must call the hotel directly for reservations. This can be done by calling the Hotel Reservations Office at (504) 525-6500 or by calling the hotel's Central Reservations number at (800) 543-4300. Refer to *Global Agricultural Trade* and **Louisiana State University**. Guests may also reserve by fax at (504) 586-1543. Reservations must be guaranteed by one nights deposit or a major credit card.

Individual guest room deposits will be refunded if reservations are canceled seventy-two (72) hours prior to date of arrival. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. While every effort will be made to accommodate guests arriving before the check-in time, rooms may not be immediately available. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Requests to retain rooms beyond this hour should be directed to the Guest Relations Manager. Depending on room availability, a late departure charge may be applied.



Conference Registration Form

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Registration Fees*

Early (by March 31, 2000)

\$175.00

Late (after March 31, 2000)

\$225.00

*Registration fee includes coffee breaks, two breakfasts, one lunch and one evening reception, pre-conference information, and a set of printed post-conference materials.

Register by completing this form. Please make checks payable to "Texas Extension Education Foundation," or T.E.E.F, and send with registration form to:

Parr Rosson, Center for North American Studies
Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2124

For questions regarding registration, please call Parr Rosson or Flynn Adcock at (409) 845-7277.

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Global Agricultural Trade in the New Millennium

Name: _____

Name preferred for badge: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Province/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Thank you!





Conference Agenda
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May 25 – 26, 2000

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

3:00-5:00 Check-In/Registration

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00-8:30 Check-In/Registration

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Welcome: **Stanley Fletcher**, S-287 Chair, University of Georgia
Opening Remarks: **Won Koo**, North Dakota State University

8:45-9:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Chair: **Won Koo**, North Dakota State University

Progress in Agricultural Trade Negotiations
Andy Schmitz, University of Florida

9:30-10:00 Break

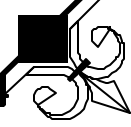

10:00-12:00 **KEY ISSUES INFLUENCING AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**
Chair: **David Orden**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Issues in the WTO Negotiations: Overview and Biotech/GMO Issues
Tim Josling, Stanford University

Issues in the WTO Negotiations: Developed/Developing Country Perspectives
Will Martin, The World Bank (Invited)

Issues in the WTO Negotiations: Food Safety and SPS Issues
To be Determined

12:00-1:30 Lunch



1:30-3:15

Concurrent Session I-A – Selected Papers

MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Concurrent Session I-B – Selected Papers

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AND REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

3:15-3:30

Break

3:30-5:15

Concurrent Session II-A – Selected Papers

MULTILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS: REGIONAL IMPACTS

Concurrent Session II-B – Selected Papers

TRADE WITH CHINA

6:30-7:30

Reception (Cash Bar)

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:30-8:30

Breakfast

8:30-10:00

Concurrent Session III-A – Invited Papers

COMMODITY TRADE ISSUES

Rice

Gail Cramer, University of Arkansas

Wheat

Won Koo, North Dakota State University

Feed Grains

To be Determined, USDA/ERS

Concurrent Session III-B – Invited Papers

COMMODITY TRADE ISSUES

Cotton


Darren Hudson, Mississippi State University

Dairy

Hal Harris, Clemson University

Fruits and Vegetables

Tim Taylor and **Gary Fairchild**, University of Florida



10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-12:15 **OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

Chair: **Lynn Kennedy**, Louisiana State University

Obstacles to Progress in Multilateral Agricultural Trade Negotiations: European Perspectives

David Blanford, Pennsylvania State University

Obstacles to Progress in Multilateral Agricultural Trade Negotiations: Modifying the Process to Include Developing Countries

Don McClatchey, Consultant (Formerly of Ag Canada)

Obstacles to Progress in Multilateral Agricultural Trade Negotiations: Perspectives from the U.S.

Dan Sumner, University of California, Davis

Obstacles to Progress in Multilateral Agricultural Trade Negotiations: Discussion

David Orden, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

12:15-1:30 Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30-3:15 **Concurrent Session IV-A – Selected Papers**
ISSUES IN TRADE LIBERALIZATION

Concurrent Session IV-B – Selected Papers
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