

# The Syllabus

A newsletter for Master of Agribusiness students, alumni and friends

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## Welcome to the class of 2006

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Syngenta Crop Protection  
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Moorefield, Canada

Hamilton Bock  
Baileyville State Bank  
Ag & Commercial Loan Officer  
Seneca, Kansas

Nathan Broders  
AGP, Grain Merchandiser  
Omaha, Nebraska

Tyson Chick  
Scott City Coop  
Grain Merchandiser  
Scott City, Kansas

Michelle Evosovich  
Land O'Lakes  
Quality Supervisor  
Vancouver, Washington

Melissa Frick  
Bimbo Bakeries USA  
Production Superintendent  
Pasadena, California

Zach Gaines  
Busch Ag Resources  
Research Technician  
Fort Collins, Colorado

Keith Harris  
Farmland Foods  
Director Corporate Purchasing  
Kansas City, Kansas

Manny Hernandez  
Lansing Grain  
Grain Trader  
Overland Park, Kansas

Andrew Holzwarth  
Guetterman Brothers Elevator  
Agronomist  
Bucyrus, Kansas

Michael Kusmak  
Tularosa Groves  
Owner  
Tularosa, New Mexico

Jeffrey Loyd  
Loyd Farms  
Feedlot Manager  
Grover, Colorado

Diego Lozano  
AGRORED S.A.  
Investment Banking Director  
Bogota, Colombia

Heather May  
Senior Vice President of Employee Dev.  
Bob's Diner  
Manhattan, Kansas

Benny McClure  
Kramer Farms  
Farm Manager  
Hugoton, Kansas

Rod McNally  
Barber Foods  
Director of Purchasing  
Cumberland, Maine

Russell Moore  
Caterpillar Work Tools  
Technical Support Writer  
Manhattan, Kansas

Ismael Moran  
JPMorganChase  
Vice President/Financial Advisor  
McAllen, Texas

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## Students complete thesis projects

### **Laura Roessler, class of 2003**

Determining the Probability of Default of Loans In the Seventh Farm Credit District

### **Cathy Forshee, class of 2003**

The Relationship Between the Age Structure and the Size of Farm Operations in Kansas, 1974-1997

### **Wendell Hockens, class of 2001**

Introduction of Electronic Payment Tools to Maximize Cost Savings, Returns and Controls on Small Dollar Purchases

## Class of 2006 continued...

Michelle O'Bannon  
World Wide Sires, LTD  
Public Relations and Marketing  
Coordinator  
Visalia, California

Kim Rameker  
US Grains Council  
Regional Director  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

BJ Schany  
Archer Daniels Midland  
Management  
Denison, Iowa

Dan Schmidt  
PerforMix High Plains  
Assistant General Manager  
Scott City, Kansas

Deidre Tate  
Syngenta and GB Biosciences  
Environmental Affairs Manager  
Houston, Texas

TJ Williams  
Lansing Grain  
Grain Merchandiser  
Overland Park, Kansas

James Zook  
MSU Extension  
County Director  
Mayville, Michigan

## In the news

**Keith Kennedy**, class of 2005, and his wife, Becky sold their spraying business, RMK Applicators, in January.

**Rex Nelson**, class of 2004, is now the Executive Director of the McCook Economic Development Corporation in McCook, Nebraska.

**Travis Holt**, class of 2004, is engaged to Ellen Oehlhof and has been promoted to Vice President and Finance Officer for Citizens State Bank of Loyal, Wisconsin.

**Ryan Lemke**, class of 2004, married Alexandra Thomas December 7.

**Jeff Loyd**, class of 2006, married his fiancée, Kendra, January 3.

**Lautaro Perez Rocha**, alumnus, had an article from his MAB thesis published in the *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*.

**Mark Seitz**, alumnus, has accepted a job with North Carolina State Extension as the Area Specialized Agent in Commercial Horticulture.

**Mercedes Firpo de Casado Achaval**, Class of 2002, and her family have moved back to Argentina after seven years in the U.S.

**Jim Zook**, class of 2006, has resigned from MSU Extension to pursue the coordinator position at Superior Corn Products. Jim started SCP with the desire to pursue the production of a 45 million gallon ethanol facility in west central Michigan.

## Upcoming Events

### March 1

*Enrollment for optional elective*

### March 21-26

*Campus session*

### April 12

*Deadline to order cap and gown from K-State Student Union Bookstore*

### April 19

*Comparative Food and Agricultural Systems begins*

### May 10

*Deadline to attend spring commencement - Approval to schedule final examination and diploma information forms due*

### May 19

*Final copy of thesis due to grad school*

### May 21

*K-State spring commencement*

## Chick awarded Arthur Capper Coop Scholarship

First year student, Tyson Chick, a Grain Merchandiser for Scott City Cooperative in Scott City, Kansas, was this year's recipient of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded yearly to an MAB student who is an employee or director of a cooperative. The award covers partial tuition associated with completing the program.

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center provides research-based information, education and assistance to people interested in cooperative-based businesses.

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