

The Syllabus

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Update on international tour to South America

Anyone interested in learning more about South American agriculture is invited to join the MAB program February 28 through March 13, 2004, with travel to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

The trip includes visits to various agricultural and food related facilities including large-scale soybean, cattle and corn operations, large multinational grain operators and local research facilities.

Time is also scheduled for sight-seeing. Points of interest include the Foz de Iguazu waterfalls, Buenos Aires, the old colonial town, Colonia, and the beaches of Punta del Este.

The trip will be hosted by Daniel Conforte, a Universidad ORT professor from Montevideo, Uruguay, who teaches in the international elective for the program.

“The trip offers a unique opportunity to understand Mercosur’s agriculture, enjoy its natural resources and have a taste of its food, people and

culture,” Conforte said.

“Participants on the trip will visit the very heart and soul of Mercosur agriculture and agribusiness. Touring farmlands and interviewing farmers, agribusiness executives and experts

Understanding management challenges in a region that deals with turbulent macroeconomic conditions, no formal government support, and few formal insurance markets will provide a keen insight into one of the biggest challenges to the U.S. agricultural system.

- Allen Featherstone
MAB Director

will allow people to develop a first hand understanding of Mercosur’s booming agriculture.”

Students, alumni and friends of the program along with their spouses or companions are welcome. Those interested in the trip should register by Nov. 1 by placing a \$500 deposit. **For more information, contact Meagan Cramer at mcramer@agecon.ksu.edu or 785-532-4495**

Students complete thesis projects

Bob Irlbeck, class of 2003

Understanding the Determinants in Ag Loan Pricing

Cristina Mansfield, class of 2001

Social Capital and Land Reform in Cambodia

Dave Rock, class of 2003

A Study to Determine the Viability of Dealer Owned “All-Makes” Agricultural Equipment Parts and Service Centers

In the news

Travis Gullickson, class of 2005, and his wife, announce the birth of their daughter, McKenna Rae Gullickson, on Sept. 2. She weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz, and was 21.5 inches long.

Tom Carlson, class of 2004, is celebrating the birth of his first grandchild. Samuel Wallace Jordan was born Sept. 4, to Tom's daughter, Esther, and her husband, Aaron.

Craig Hagood, class of 2005, married Jeanette Popsack, July 27 in Las Vegas.

Alex Offerdahl, class of 2005, married Danielle Krajacich on September 27.

Oussama Alaoui, class of 2005, is engaged to Mounya Tagma. The couple will marry next fall in Rabat, Morocco.

Alana Nichols, class of 2003, is a sales representative for Southern Livestock in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Matt McKamey, class of 2005, has accepted a new position within the Montana Department of Agriculture as the Growth Through Agriculture Program Manager.

New coordinator joins staff

Lynnette Brummett joined the MAB staff in August as the new program coordinator. Lynnette is a native Kansan and worked at K-State's admissions office for 12 years. She has a MS in college student personnel services from K-State, and an undergraduate degree from Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska.

Lynnette and her husband, Jason, have three kids Brice 6, Brady 3 and Jessi, 13 months



"I am pleased to be working with an awarding winning program and a very diverse and motivated group of students," Lynnette said. She can be reached at lynnett@ksu.edu or 785-532-4495.

Upcoming Events

October 15

Program application deadline

November 1

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

Deadline to register for South America trip

December 1

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

December 1

Capper, Departmental & Alumni scholarship due

December 12

K-State Fall commencement

December 19

Final copy of thesis due to grad school

January 4-9

Campus session

January 5-7

Optional campus session for third year students

March 21-26

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