

The Syllabus

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A newsletter for Master of Agribusiness students, alumni and friends

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South America trip a success

Twelve people joined us in the first international trip offered by MAB. Participants included current students and alumni of the program, as well as, others interested in learning more about South American agriculture.

Participants traveled to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. Stops included 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 was also set aside for sightseeing.



“The MAB sponsored agricultural study tour to South America became even more than we expected. We saw and learned many things about crop and livestock production. We also witnessed firsthand some of the inherent strengths and challenges of agriculture in the Mercosur countries we visited,” said Tracy Brunner, MAB alumni and president of Cow Camp Feedyard.

We are now planning the next trip, and looking for input on where we go. If you have an interest or any ideas, please email Meagan at mrcramer@agecon.ksu.edu.

Top, right: Participants take in the view near Rondonopolis, Brazil.

Above: Gary Baalman, Menlo, Kansas farmer; Tracy and Yvonne Brunner; and Daniel Conforte, AGECE 710 MERCOSUR instructor and South America trip tour guide at Iguaza Water Falls in Brazil.

Students complete thesis projects

Rich Porter, class of 2000

Economies of Scale in Finishing Cattle

Randy Dalinghaus, class of 2003

Analysis of Performance Measurements & the Effects on Plant Output

Yvonne Goodman, class of 2003

A Feasibility Study of a Farm Management Association for Northeast Louisiana Farmers

Jeff Hole, class of 2001

The Effects of Cleaned Wheat on Milling Performance

Upcoming Events

July 12

Optimization begins (first year)

July 23

Agribusiness Risk Management begins (second year)

July 30

Final thesis copies due to graduate school to be a summer graduate

September 2

Advanced Food and Agribusiness Management begins (second year)

October 15

Applications due for class of 2007

November 29

Deadline to attend Fall commencement. Approval to schedule final examination and diploma information forms due

December 1

Scholarship applications due

December 10

K-State Fall commencement

December 17

Final thesis copies due to graduate school for Fall commencement

January 2-7

On-campus session

March 20-25

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Looking for updated photos and information



If you would like to update your picture or online bio information, please send them to Meagan at mrcramer@agecon.ksu.edu.

To see what picture and information we have, log onto the K-State On-Line, go to the MAB Community Page, click on 'MAB Information' and 'MAB Students.'

Reduced rate for Risk & Profit

K-State's Ag Econ department is again hosting Risk and Profit, a 2-day management conference in Manhattan, August 19-20, focusing on agricultural risk and profit issues. Students in the MAB program can participate at a lower registration fee of \$100.

MAB alumni, Tracy Brunner, and Lon Frahm, class of 2002, will participate in one of the sessions titled "Visiting Farmer Impressions of Brazil" where they will discuss Brazilian farming from their experience with the MAB South America trip.

For more information, go to www.agmanager.info or contact Deborah Goins at 785-532-1504, eflat@agecon.ksu.edu.

In the news

Sandra Alton, class of 2006, took a new position within Syngenta in April. She is now promoting Syngenta's herbicide Callisto within Ontario.

Tyson Chick, class of 2006, is now General Manager for the Siebert Colorado Coop.

Cameron Nightingale, class of 2005, has accepted a position with Alltech Northeast selling animal health products.

Laura Link, class of 2005, is now a Senior Vegetable Oil Merchant for Cargill.

Alex Offerdahl, class of 2005, is now working for Watts and Associates, a consulting firm where he is responsible for assisting in the development and design of crop insurance products.

Andy Smarsh, class of 2005, has been promoted to Operations Manager for all six company locations for Farmers Coop Equity.

Todd Marsh, class of 2004, and his wife Stacie, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Riley. Jacob was born April 27 at 9:15 p.m. and weighed 7.5 pounds.

Lautaro Perez Rocha, alumni, has accepted an offer from Colonia, an Argentinian beef processing company. He will work on international market development, product positioning and innovation project management.

Steve Brody, alumni and advisory board member, is now a Senior Manager, Six Sigma and Planning for Pioneer Hi-Bred International's Sales and Marketing organization.

Meagan Cramer, MAB Assistant Coordinator, and her husband, Corey, announce the birth of their daughters, Madison and Mackenzie. They were born April 26.

■ MAB is headed to Vegas! ■

MAB and K-State's Food Science Institute will be in Las Vegas July 13-16 for the Institute of Food Technologists Food Expo. Look for us at booth #2889.

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