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Closing ------------------------ Larry Van Tassell

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Rural Tax Education Project: Ruby A. Ward, Utah State University; Joseph A. Bennett, Cornell University; L. Leon Geyer, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Philip E. Harris, University of Wisconsin-Madison; J.C. Hobbs, Oklahoma State University; Guido van der Hoeven, North Carolina State University; Gary J. Hoff, University of Illinois; Dennis M. Kauppila, University of Vermont; Keith D. Knightlinger, University of Georgia; Warren Lee, Ohio State University; Roger A. McEwen, Iowa State University; George Patrick, Purdue University; Jerry S. Pierce, Jr., University of Kentucky; Glenn Rogers, University of Vermont; Trent Teegerstrom, University of Arizona; Jeffrey E. Tranel, Colorado State University; Anne J. Whyte, Utah State University.

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career
H. Douglas Jose, University of Nebraska

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Gregory McKee, North Dakota State University

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Terrance Hurley, University of Minnesota

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Daniel Deisenroth, Colorado State University
Jason Fewell, Kansas State University
Margin Funtanilla, Texas Tech University
Outstanding Seniors

Kelsey Dertzbaugh
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Kansas State University

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Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics
Eastern Oregon University

Aaron Gutz
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Oklahoma State University

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Oregon State University

Distinguished Scholar

David A. Bessler
Texas A&M University

Bessler is a Regents Professor at Texas A&M University. He received undergraduate and master's degrees in economics and agricultural economics from the University of Arizona and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of California at Davis. He joined Texas A&M University in 1982, after an initial appointment at Purdue University. He was formerly co-editor and editorial council member of the Western Journal of Agricultural Economics and associate editor of the Journal of Forecasting. He has published over one hundred twenty refereed papers mainly in the areas of forecasting and inductive inference. His forecasting work has focused on probability forecasting and evaluation using calibration and scoring rules. His early forecasting work centered on combinations of forecasts. His more recent work considers possible "causal" structures using advances in machine learning and inductive causation. Applications of these works are to the various dimensions of agricultural price discovery.
Distinguished Scholar

Gary W. Brester
Montana State University

Gary Brester was raised on an irrigated sugar beet and malting barley farm near Laurel, Montana, along with his three brothers. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Montana State University, and his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. He served as assistant professor at Kansas State University from 1990 to 1997 and as associate and full professor at Montana State University. Dr. Brester is an outstanding teacher, genuinely admired and respected by his students, and winner of numerous teaching awards. Gary is also an exceptional outreach educator, a recipient of multiple AAEA and WAEA extension awards. His published research has made important contributions to our understanding of livestock and grain markets, farm incomes, land prices, and sugar policy. Finally, his service to the WAEA has been exemplary, first as a council and committee member, then vice-president and president, and now as managing editor of JARE.

Distinguished Scholar

Oral Capps, Jr.
Texas A&M University

Dr. Capps is a demand and price analyst, with particular expertise in econometric modeling and forecasting methods. Applied research areas include analyses of expenditure patterns of pre-prepared foods and foods eaten away from home, analyses of health and nutrition issues, and uses of scanner-derived information for managerial decision-making. In addition, he specializes in unilateral price effects of mergers and acquisitions as well as evaluations of agricultural check-off programs.

Currently Executive Professor and holder of the Southwest Dairy Marketing Endowed Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University as well as Co-director of the Agribusiness, Food, and Consumer Economics Research Center (AFCERC), Dr. Capps was educated at Virginia Tech. He earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics in 1975, M.S. in Agricultural Economics in 1977, M.S. in Statistics in 1979, and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics in 1979. He has authored 117 refereed journal articles and co-authored four books.
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