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Kevin Dhuyvetter is a professor and extension agricultural economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. He has been at K-State since 1986, working as an area extension economist from 1986 to 1999 and a state extension specialist and research economist from 1999 to present. Kevin grew up on a diversified crop and livestock farm in northwest North Dakota and holds a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from North Dakota State University, an M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Iowa State University, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University.

Extension and Teaching Interests:

As an extension agricultural economist, Kevin focuses much of his attention on issues related to leasing and buying land, crop and livestock production economics, and marketing. He is the lead author on the beef, dairy, and swine budgets published annually at K-State and is author of over 100 extension guides, fact sheets, bulletins, and other publications. Dhuyvetter is known for his development of computer decision tools (i.e., spreadsheets) that producers can use to help them make decisions that will improve the profitability of their operations. Kevin is coordinator and editor of the *KSU Farm Management Guides Handbook* and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Ag Econ *MAST* educational program and *AgManager.info* website.

Research Interests:

Dhuyvetter conducts applied research in the areas of applied crop and livestock production economics and marketing to support his extension program. Specifically, he analyzes the risks and returns associated with alternative production practices for crops and livestock (beef, dairy, and swine) operations, land values and crop leasing arrangements, machinery costs, and the economics of precision agriculture. Examples of current/previous projects are: management factors of successful operations, analysis of land values, alternative cropping systems, estimating machinery costs, forecasting crop input (diesel and NH₃) prices, alternative methods of forecasting crop and livestock basis, economics of preconditioning beef calves, factors affecting the price of feeder cattle and purebred bulls, economics of dairy housing/production systems, formula prices for SEW pigs, economics of sow attrition rates. Dhuyvetter has published numerous refereed journal articles and conference proceedings related to crop and livestock marketing and production economics.