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## SCHEDULE

- 9:30 **Registration**
- 10:00 Economies of Size and Trends in Agriculture  
**Kevin Dhuyvetter/Terry Kastens**
- 10:45 The Relative Cost Efficiency of No-Till Production  
**Michael Langemeier**
- 11:30 Economics of Autoguidance  
**Kevin Dhuyvetter/Terry Kastens**
- 12:15 **Lunch by *Knackies***  
**(included in registration fee)**
- 1:15 Cropland Rental Arrangements  
**Troy Dumler**
- 2:00 Working the Web  
**Rich Llewelyn**
- 2:30 Intro to Farm Transitions Planning  
**Rodney Jones**
- 3:15 **Conference Adjourns**

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# AG PROFITABILITY CONFERENCE

## January 15, 2008

**4-H Building**  
Woodside & Hickory  
**McPherson, Kansas**



**Kansas State University  
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# MEET THE SPEAKERS

## Rodney Jones

Rodney Jones conducts research and educational programs in the areas of livestock production economics and farm management. Examples include continuous economic evaluation of various cattle feeding and grazing strategies, as well as swine and sheep production alternatives. He studies the relative profitability and economic efficiency of alternative production systems and management strategies, and evaluates factors that contribute the overall economic risk facing farmers and ranchers. Dr. Jones assists rural business managers in the development of strategic business and transition plans.

## Michael Langemeier

Michael Langemeier is a professor of Agricultural Economics at KSU. He has been on the faculty since 1990. Extension and research interests include benchmarking of technical and financial performance, strategic positioning, and economies of size. In addition to his extension and research program, Michael teaches graduate courses in Farm Management, Production Economics, and Managerial Economics.

## Troy Dumler

As an Extension Agricultural Economist in southwest Kansas, Troy Dumler conducts applied research and educational programs that encompass many crop and livestock topics. His recent research interests include the economic evaluation of dryland and irrigated cropping systems, and the economic impact of U.S. farm program payments on Kansas farms.

## Kevin Dhuyvetter

Kevin Dhuyvetter assists farmers, landowners, and others throughout Kansas with risk and return assessment of alternative crop and livestock production and marketing systems. He works extensively with land-related issues such as buying and leasing land. Current research and extension efforts are examining relationships between energy prices and crop inputs, estimating crop yield and fertilizer and water relationships, economics of no-tillage, the economics of grazing systems, and factors affecting feeder cattle basis. One of Kevin's trademarks is his development of decision tools that can be used by clientele for helping them with the myriad of decisions they face in their operations.

## Terry Kastens

Terry Kastens thrives on crunching numbers in innovative ways for the purpose of making more profitable farm management and investment decisions. He routinely works in areas of marketing, precision agriculture, machinery management, soil fertility management, no-till economics, and most importantly, land ownership and leasing. He is especially intrigued by thinking about the future and how farm managers, agribusinesses, and investors can gain from the wisdom of their forbearers yet think differently to position themselves for a profitable future in production agriculture.

## Rich Llewelyn

Rich Llewelyn is an Extension Assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics at K-State. A graduate of K-State with a PhD in Agricultural Economics in 1995, he spent 10 years teaching economics and working with urban community development projects in Surabaya, Indonesia before returning to Kansas in 2006 to work with the *AgManager.info* website and departmental conferences.

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## Registration

January 15, 2008

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## Lunch included in registration

**Registration fee: \$25.00**

**Payable at the door**

**RSVP due date:**

***Friday, January 11, 2008***

## To register or for more information”

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