

SPONSORED BY:

Farm Credit of Ness City
First State Bank, Ness City
Farmers Bank and Trust, Bazine
First State Bank of Ranson
First State Bank of Healy
First National Bank, Dighton
Bison State Bank
Community Bank, Otis
Landmark National Bank, LaCrosse
Farmers Bank and Trust, LaCrosse
Nekoma State Bank, LaCrosse
Farm Credit of Central Kansas,
Larned
High Plains Farm Credit, Larned
United Credit Union, Ness City



K-State Research and Extension

Walnut Creek Extension District

Kansas State University
Dept. of Agricultural Economics

If you cannot attend this K-State Ag Profitability Conference, you may be able to attend other conferences in your area. For more information about locations and topics, please visit : www.AgManager.info and click on "Upcoming Events".

SCHEDULE

- 8:30 **Registration**
- 9:00 *Grain Market Situation & Outlook*
Dan O'Brien
- 10:00 *Land Ownership: Should We Keep Buying?*
Terry Kastens
- 11:00 *The 2008 Farm Bill*
Troy Dumler
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 *Bio-energy Trends and Economic Impacts*
Dan O'Brien
- 2:00 *Crop Insurance Changes and Overview of SURE*
Art Barnaby
- 3:00 *Cattle Outlook*
James Mintert
- 4:00 **Conference Adjourns**

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Rich Llewelyn, (785) 532-1504.

It is the policy of Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service that all persons shall have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and materials without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability. Kansas State University is an equal opportunity organization. Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension Work, Acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, as amended. Kansas State University, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and United States Department of Agriculture Cooperating, Fred A. Cholick, Director.

2008-2009
Kansas State University

AG PROFITABILITY CONFERENCE

December 17, 2008

City Auditorium
417 Main St.
LaCrosse, Kansas



Kansas State University
Department of Agricultural Economics

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Dan O'Brien

Daniel O'Brien's interests in applied research and extension educational have been in the areas of grain markets and market structure, the profitability of alternative irrigated and dryland cropping systems and other relevant farm management topics. He is currently focusing on issues pertaining to the structure and competitiveness of local grain markets, grain transportation, bioenergy development, the economics of irrigated and dryland crop production systems, and other farm management issues of importance to Kansas farmers and agribusiness.

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 agriculture.

Troy Dumler

Troy Dumler is a K-State Extension Agricultural Economist in southwest Kansas. A native of Kansas with B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from Kansas State University, Troy has developed a national reputation as a farm policy analyst. Recently he has focused much of his attention on the 2008 Farm Bill and how it will impact Kansas farmers and ranchers. In addition to his farm policy work, Dumler has also conducted research on a variety of crop and livestock management topics, especially dryland and irrigated cropping systems.

Art Barnaby

Art Barnaby was raised on a diversified farm, in Elk County, Kansas. He received his B.S. degree from Fort Hays State University, M.S. from New Mexico State University and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University. Art conducts state-wide extension education programs on financial planning, risk, government programs, and crop insurance. He is an author of the KSU Risk Management Web page located at: www.AgManager.info. His research work with the private sector was the basis for the first revenue insurance contract, Crop Revenue Coverage. Art is a past three time winner of the American Agricultural Economics Association Distinguished Extension Program Award. Art is a frequent speaker at professional, farmer-producer, ag lenders, and insurance industry meetings.

James Mintert

Dr. James Mintert is a Professor and Extension State Leader in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. Mintert holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Since joining the K-State faculty in 1986, Dr. Mintert received the American Agricultural Economics Association's Premier Forecaster Award for his livestock production and price forecasts. In addition, Dr. Mintert also teaches Commodity Futures Markets, which focuses on developing and evaluating commodity risk management strategies. Recently, Professor Mintert has focused his attention on developing and maintaining the livestock and meat marketing component of K-State's AgManager.info web site (www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing), one of the nation's premier internet sites for livestock outlook and price analysis information.

2008-2009

AG PROFITABILITY CONFERENCE

Registration

December 17, 2008
LaCrosse, Kansas

No cost to attend, but pre-register by:

December 10

**to ensure a meal
by calling:**

**Walnut Creek
Extension District
(800-460-9079)**

More Information:

David Coltrain

Walnut Creek Extension District

702 Main

LaCrosse, KS 67548

Phone: 800.460.9079

Email: coltrain@oznet.ksu.edu