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Foreword

This handbook is designed to serve as a reference for graduate students, providing information on degree requirements, regulations, and departmental policies that apply to graduate study in Agricultural Economics at Louisiana State University. This handbook supplements information in the LSU General Catalog and Graduate Bulletin. The current issue of the Graduate Bulletin may be obtained from the Graduate School, 134 David Boyd Hall, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803. Graduate students assume full responsibility for knowledge of rules and regulations of both the Graduate School and the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. Internet access is available at: <http://www.agecon.lsu.edu> for the Department, <http://gradlsu.gs.lsu.edu> for the Graduate School, and <http://www.lsu.edu> for LSU.

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I. Introduction

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Louisiana State University offers graduate studies conducted under the direction of departmental experiment station scientists who are actively engaged in research (Appendix A). Research areas include international trade, agricultural business, agricultural policy, marketing, econometrics, operations research, natural resource and environmental economics, farm management, finance, community and rural development, and production economics.

The graduate program in the Department is designed to encourage the intellectual growth of students through the development of the conceptual and analytical skills necessary for achieving their career objectives. The faculty is devoted to helping graduate students achieve academic, intellectual, personal, and career excellence by offering graduate programs leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The Master of Science program offers three areas of study: Agribusiness Management, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy, and Agricultural Economics. The thesis (research) and non-thesis options are available for all the areas of study in the M.S. Program.

II. Admissions

LSU assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, marital status, or veteran's status. Application deadlines for Graduate School are May 15 for the fall semester, October 15 for the spring semester, and May 15 for summer term. In addition, there is a priority date, January 25, for the fall semester. Submission of required material by the priority date helps ensure full consideration for scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships. A \$25, *non-refundable* application fee must

accompany the application. There is a late fee of \$25 for applications received after the deadline. There are no late fees for the priority date. All applications must be made through the LSU Graduate School, and the online application process can be found at <http://gradlsu.gs.lsu.edu>.

Regular Admission to the LSU Graduate School requires (1) a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; (2) a minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade-point average (GPA) for all undergraduate work taken prior to receiving a degree and a minimum 3.0 GPA for all previous graduate work for which a grade is given; (3) satisfactory academic standing at the last institution attended; (4) acceptable scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE); and (5) acceptance into a departmental program.

All applicants, including international, must submit scores on the GRE General Test (in some cases, a high GRE may be used to compensate for a low GPA). The GPA earned during the last two years of an undergraduate program is weighted more heavily than the overall GPA. Probationary admission may be granted with a lower GPA if GRE scores are sufficiently high.

International Students

Applicants who have completed degree requirements outside the U.S. must satisfy the following criteria: (1) present a complete outline of all previous college-level education; (2) present authorized school or university records, transcripts, marksheets, and certificates of degrees showing all courses taken and grades received, with certified translations if records are not in English; (3) have obtained a bachelor's degree or equivalent, with a grade-point average equivalent to a "B" or better (3.0 out of possible 4.0) on both undergraduate and graduate work; (4) if an assistantship is not offered, certify the availability of sufficient funds to meet all costs while at LSU before the letter of admission and Form I-20 will be mailed; (5) acceptable scores on the GRE; (6) obtain a minimum score of 550

(or 213 if computer based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); and (7) be accepted into a departmental program.

Departmental Admission

Admission to the Department's graduate program (M.S. or Ph.D.) requires that students meet the minimum admission requirements of the LSU Graduate School as outlined above. In addition, students must have an adequate background in economics or business, statistics, and mathematics. Adequate background is typically defined to include courses in macro and micro economic theory, statistics, and calculus. Students applying for the M.S. Agribusiness area of study should have background in management, finance, accounting, and marketing. Students applying for admission to the Ph.D. program should have completed an M.S. degree. Entry into the Ph.D. program is typically limited to the Fall semester.

III. General Policies

The advising of students in the department's graduate program is a shared responsibility. Each graduate student is supervised by a major professor. Major professors are expected to provide guidance as needed and to work directly with the students in developing the plan of study and research proposals. While all faculty members are generally available for consultation with the student, the major professor provides continuity of counsel throughout the program of study.

In addition to the major professor, each student will participate in the selection of a graduate committee. This graduate committee approves the program of study and the research proposal. The program of study should be developed in the first semester and be approved by the student's graduate committee. Once approved by the student's committee, the program of study should be submitted to the Departmental Graduate Committee through the Director of Graduate Studies to ensure that the program meets departmental guidelines. The program will then be forwarded to the Department Head

for final Departmental approval. In addition, Ph.D. students must also submit this program of study to the Graduate School for approval after the Department Head has approved it. All changes in the program of study or substantive amendments to the research proposal must also be approved by the Departmental Graduate Committee and the Department Head. Proposed changes in course work for Ph.D. students must also be approved by the Graduate School. The research proposal should be developed and approved by the student's graduate committee and department head by the end of the second semester.

Graduate committees administering the final oral examination are appointed by the Graduate School upon recommendation by the department. If a minor is pursued, these committees include one representative from the minor department. Ph.D. committees also include an outside representative appointed by the Graduate School.

Graduate students pursuing the research option (all students writing theses and dissertations) must present two formal seminars on their research topic. The first seminar is presented in the formative stages of the proposal. This formal presentation is made to the student's graduate committee after the research proposal has been developed, but before final approval by the committee. A second seminar is presented as the research nears completion. The second seminar is presented to the departmental faculty and university community prior to scheduling the final examination, at a time determined by the major professor.

Graduate Committees

Specific requirements for graduate degrees are determined by the student's graduate committee within Graduate School and departmental guidelines. Each student is assigned to a graduate adviser and committee early in his/her graduate program. The Graduate Coordinator serves as academic adviser for entering graduate students until a permanent adviser is selected. Selection of graduate advisers and committee members are based on the research preferences

of the student when possible. All M.S. students (thesis and non-thesis) will be assigned a major professor and two committee members from the department by the end of the first semester of their graduate program.

Students in the Ph.D. program will be assigned a major professor (in a manner similar to that outlined for M.S. students), three other committee members from the department, and one outside member appointed by the Graduate School. The outside member is appointed initially to serve on the committee for the general examination. This individual officially becomes a member of the graduate committee and serves on the final examination. Any minor fields included in the student's program require an additional committee member from the minor department.

Assistantships

Students pursuing the thesis (research) M.S. degree or the Ph.D. degree may apply for graduate research assistantships. Graduate research assistantships are awarded to qualified students based on the availability of funds and on a competitive basis. Students must demonstrate satisfactory progress in both course work and research to continue on an assistantship. A grade-point average of at least 3.0 and enrollment as a full-time student must be maintained. M.S. students on assistantships will not be permitted to change to the non-thesis option after completing one semester or summer term.

The assistantship term is *maximum two years for M.S. students and three and one half years for Ph.D. students*. Additional time may be granted by/through the Department Head, in consultation with the Departmental Graduate Committee, provided that the student's major professor has grant funds to continue funding the student. Minimum stipends are \$11,000 per year for M.S. students and \$13,500 per year for Ph.D. students. Students on assistantships are generally granted a Graduate School waiver of in-state tuition.

Students appointed to an assistantship are expected to consider it, together with their course work, as a full-time commitment. As a result, students accepting an assistantship must agree not to pursue part-time or full-time employment from other sources.

Minors in Agricultural Economics

Students wishing to obtain an agricultural economics minor are expected to attain a minimum level of competence in the field. Specific hour requirements will be partially based on the student's background at the undergraduate or graduate level. The following are general requirements for minors at the M.S. and Ph.D. level.

At the M.S. level, a minor must include a minimum of nine hours of approved courses at the 4000 level and above (graduate plus undergraduate) taken in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. No less than six hours must be taken as a graduate student. For example, students with no previous course work in agricultural economics must take nine hours as a graduate student. Students with three or more hours of previous course work in agricultural economics must take six hours as a graduate student. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required for the minor courses.

At the Ph.D. level, a minor must include a minimum of 15 hours of approved course work at the 4000 level and above (graduate plus undergraduate) taken in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. No less than six hours must be taken at the Ph.D. level and three of these six hours must be at the 7000 level. For example, students with no previous course work in agricultural economics must take 15 hours while a Ph.D. student, three of which must be at the 7000 level. Students with previous course work of nine or more hours at the graduate or undergraduate level must take six hours as a graduate student, three of which must be at the 7000 level. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required for the minor courses.

Continued Enrollment after M.S.

Master's (thesis) students desiring to continue working toward the Ph.D. degree in the department should contact the graduate coordinator and follow these procedures: (1) Submit a letter requesting continuation in the department's graduate program for the purpose of pursuing a Ph.D. degree; (2) Submit three letters of recommendation from faculty supporting the request; (3) Submit a transcript of M.S. course work; and (4) If an assistantship is desired, submit the standard application form. A new assistantship application is required for students holding a Master's assistantship.

Admission from Nonmatriculating Status

Students not adequately prepared for graduate study in the department may elect to enter LSU as a non-matriculating student in the College of Agriculture in order to demonstrate ability to perform satisfactorily in a graduate program. The following guidelines apply to students who seek admission to the department's graduate program via the non-matriculated route: (1) The courses a student is required to take in a non-matriculated status must be determined by the department; (2) The minimum grade point requirement on the hours of non-matriculated course work for admission on the thesis option is 3.0. No course may be completed with a grade less than a "B"; (3) Admission on either a probationary or regular basis will depend on the level of performance above the minimum described in (2) above, GRE scores, and acceptance by the Graduate School.

Progress of Graduate Students

Each graduate student must submit reports documenting their progress in the graduate program (Appendix B). The reports are submitted through the student's major professor each year by no later than May 31st. The student's input includes a summary of graduate school requirements met to date, details of courses taken, progress made toward completing the thesis or dissertation, and the student's report on research accomplishments.

Overall evaluation of the student's progress and suggestions for future activities will be made by the student's major professor. The student's report will be filed with the Director of Graduate Studies no later than June 15th and will be used in determining continuing enrollment in the program and assistantship funding for the following year

IV. Studies Leading to a M.S. Degree

The Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness offers the M.S. degree in three areas of study – Agribusiness Management, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy, and Agricultural Economics (Tables 1 - 3). All areas of study offer a thesis (research) and non-thesis option. All M.S. students must successfully complete the designated course work and a final oral examination. No more than 12 semester hours may be transferred from another college or university. In order to be considered for transfer credit, courses must have been a part of an otherwise acceptable graduate program. No credit will be transferred for a course completed with a grade of "C" or below or "unsatisfactory" or the equivalent. Transfer of credit requires the approval of both the Department Head and the Dean of the Graduate School.

M.S. Thesis (Research) Option

Course work requirements for the three areas of study are specified in terms of core courses and other courses required to meet the requirements. Core courses must be taken by all students.

The thesis option in any area of study requires a minimum of 33 semester hours of course work including a thesis, which is equivalent to six semester hours. Students pursuing the Agribusiness Management area of study must complete 18 hours of required courses, 9 hours of approved electives and 6 hours of thesis research. As a part of their required courses, students in the Agribusiness area of study must complete an Agribusiness Internship. The Agribusiness Internship is to be identified by the student and graduate adviser and should complement the research objectives of the thesis as well as the career objectives of the student.

Students pursuing the Natural Resource and Environmental Policy area of study must complete 18 hours of required courses, 9 hours of approved electives and 6 hours of thesis research. Students pursuing the Agricultural Economics area of study must complete 18 hours of required courses, 9 hours of approved electives and 6 hours of thesis research.

At least one-half of the minimum Graduate School requirement (30 semester hours) must be in course work numbered 7000 and above. In addition, in all areas of study, students following the thesis option are required to submit an acceptable thesis and perform satisfactorily on the final oral examination.

Non-Thesis Option

The non-thesis option for the master's degree (Agribusiness Management, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy, and Agricultural Economics areas of study) provides students with an opportunity for extensive training in a rigorous academic environment, providing a suitable background for employment in the private or public sector.

All areas of study in the M.S. non-thesis option require 36 semester hours of course work, at least 18 of which must be in courses numbered 7000 and above. Research assistantships are not awarded to students in the non-thesis option.

M.S. Examinations

M.S. students are required to successfully complete a final oral examination administered by the student's graduate committee during the last semester of enrollment. The final oral exam for students on the thesis option focuses on the thesis project. Students in the non-thesis option must also satisfactorily complete a final oral which is broader in scope.

V. Studies Leading to a Ph.D. Degree

The Ph.D. program is a rigorous extension of master's work with the opportunity for the

student to broaden and strengthen their training. Students applying for the Ph.D. program should have completed an M.S. degree. In addition to training in economics and agricultural economics, the student is expected to be sufficiently grounded in mathematics. It is the responsibility of the student to address any deficiencies.

There are four major steps in fulfilling the requirements for the doctoral degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness: (1) development of the program of study; (2) successful completion of required coursework; (3) successful completion of the general examination; and (4) successful completion of the final examination. At least one academic year of continuous residence (two consecutive semesters) as a full-time graduate student must be earned at LSU after the program of study is submitted and approved by the Graduate School.

In addition, students in the Ph.D. program must maintain continuous registration for a minimum of three semester hours of credit each regular semester (excluding summers) from the completion of the general examination to the end of the semester in which an approved dissertation is submitted to the Graduate School. Students holding assistantships during this time must meet enrollment requirements of the assistantship. Graduate students must be in good academic standing to qualify for any examination.

Program of Study

Within the first semester of the Ph.D. program, a student must submit a program of study to the Graduate School for approval. Students are expected to develop a coursework proposal during their first semester and have it approved by their graduate committee once the committee has been appointed.

General Examination

The written Departmental Ph.D. General Examination consists of 5-8 questions administered by the student's advisory

committee in the second summer of residency. The specific format of the exam is determined by the student's advisory committee. Students will have two opportunities to pass this exam. Failure to pass the written portion of the General Examination on the second attempt will terminate the student's program. An Oral Examination is given after successfully completing the written exam. The format and content of this oral exam is determined by the student's advisory committee.

Final Examination

The Final Examination may be scheduled after the General Examination requirements are satisfied and one academic year (two consecutive semesters) have elapsed since passing the General Examination. The Final Examination, an oral test administered by the student's graduate committee, members from minor departments, and the member appointed by Graduate School, focuses on (but is not confined exclusively to) contents of the dissertation.

Ph.D. Course Requirements

Ph.D. students are required to complete five core courses (ECON 7700, ECON 7610, AGE 7123, ECON 7720, and ECON 7630) with an average GPA of at least 3.2. In general, these courses should be completed by the end of the second semester of classes (for students entering in the Fall semester). Failure to do so may result in termination from the program. An additional two courses, ECON 7710 and ECON 7631, are also required in the core.

The core and other course requirements for the Ph.D. degree are detailed in Table 6. The number of credit hour requirements shown is beyond the B.S. level. Students normally are expected to exceed these minimum requirements. Students are required to complete 12 hours of Economic Theory, 9 hours of Quantitative Methods, 12 hours of Agricultural Economics Electives, 12 hours of 7000 level Approved Electives, and 12 hours of Dissertation Research, for a total of 57 hours. The approved electives may be used to develop a specialization or to gain breadth in the Ph.D. program. Students entering the program with deficiencies in their background training may be required to take additional courses.

Preparation of the Dissertation

Ph.D. students, with appropriate graduate committee and graduate adviser approval, may elect to prepare their dissertation in either traditional or journal style. Guidelines for preparation of both styles are presented in *Guidelines for the Preparation of Theses and Dissertations*, available in the Graduate School. Students electing to use the journal style must indicate this choice during the first year of the student's program.

Table 1. AGECE M.S. Program Coursework Summary for the Agricultural Economics Study Area.

<u>M.S. Thesis Course Requirements</u>		<u>M.S. Non-Thesis Course Requirements</u>	
<i>Required Courses</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Required Courses</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
ECON 7700: Price Theory I	3	ECON 7700: Price Theory I	3
ECON 4630: Intro Econometrics	3	ECON 4630: Intro Econometrics	3
ECON 4710: Aggregate Economic Analysis	3	ECON 4710: Aggregate Economic Analysis	3
AGEC 7123: Operations Research	3	AGEC 7123: Operations Research	3
AGEC 7103: Advance Statistical Methods	3	AGEC 7103: Advance Statistical Methods	3
AGEC 7803: Agricultural Economic Applications	3	AGEC 7803: Agricultural Economic Applications	3
Total	18	Total	18
<i>Minimum Requirements</i>		<i>Minimum Requirements</i>	
Required Courses	18	Required Courses	18
Approved AGECE Electives	9	Approved AGECE Electives	15
Thesis Research Hours	6	AGECE 7703: Independent Study	3
<i>Total Minimum Credit Hours</i>	33	<i>Total Minimum Credit Hours</i>	36

Table 2. AGECE M.S. Program Coursework Summary for the Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Study Area.

<u>M.S. Thesis Course Requirements</u>		<u>M.S. Non-Thesis Course Requirements</u>	
<i>Required Courses</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Required Courses</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
ECON 7700: Price Theory I	3	ECON 7700: Price Theory I	3
ECON 4630: Intro Econometrics	3	ECON 4630: Intro Econometrics	3
AGECE 7503: Natural Resource Economics	3	AGECE 7503: Natural Resource Economics	3
AGECE 7123: Operations Research	3	AGECE 7123: Operations Research	3
AGECE 7803: Agricultural Economic Applications	3	AGECE 7803: Agricultural Economic Applications	3
ECON 4320: Environmental Econ. or ENVS 7041: Environmental Policy Analysis	3	ECON 4320: Environmental Econ. or ENVS 7041: Environmental Policy Analysis	3
Total	18	Total	18
 <i>Minimum Requirements</i>		 <i>Minimum Requirements</i>	
Required Courses	18	Required Courses	18
Approved AGECE Electives	9	Approved AGECE Electives	15
Thesis Research Hours	6	AGECE 7703: Independent Study	3
 <i>Total Minimum Credit Hours</i>	 33	 <i>Total Minimum Credit Hours</i>	 36

Table 3. AGECE M.S. Program Coursework Summary for the Agribusiness Management Study Area.

<u>M.S. Thesis Course Requirements</u>		<u>M.S. Non-Thesis Course Requirements</u>	
<i>Required Courses</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Required Courses</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
ECON 7700: Price Theory I	3	ECON 7700: Price Theory I	3
ECON 4630: Intro Econometrics	3	ECON 4630: Intro Econometrics	3
AGECE 7113: Agribusiness Research Applications	3	AGECE 7113: Agribusiness Research Applications	3
AGECE 7123: Operations Research	3	AGECE 7123: Operations Research	3
AGECE 7700: Agribusiness Internship	3	AGECE 7700: Agribusiness Internship	3
AGECE 7613: International Ag. Trade or AGECE 7203: Advanced Agricultural Marketing Theory	3	AGECE 7613: International Ag. Trade or AGECE 7203: Advanced Agricultural Marketing Theory	3
Total	18	Total	18
 <i>Minimum Requirements</i>		 <i>Minimum Requirements</i>	
Required Courses	18	Required Courses	18
Approved AGECE Electives	9	Approved Agribusiness Electives	18
Thesis Research Hours	6		
 <i>Total Minimum Credit Hours</i>	 33	 <i>Total Minimum Credit Hours</i>	 36

Table 4. M.S. Thesis Degree Timetable

Program Item	Deadline	Comments
Orientation	The week prior to start of classes. New students must arrive one week early.	The Graduate Adviser is temporary advisor to new graduate students.
Assign Major Professor	Orientation period - first week of classes in entering semester.	The major professor becomes the permanent academic and work adviser.
Complete Program of Study	By the end of the first semester.	It must be approved by the student's advisory committee (SAC) and the Department Head.
Complete Research Proposal	By the end of the second semester.	A short presentation to the SAC. Proposal is approved by the SAC and Department Head.
Internship	During or prior to last semester.	Student, in consultation with permanent advisor, must make all internship arrangements.
Present Departmental Research Seminar	As thesis research is nearing completion, but prior to scheduling final examination.	Schedule, and inform department personnel, one month prior to presentation.
Take Final Oral Examination	During student's last semester of enrollment.	After thesis is completed. Administered by the SAC.

Table 5. M.S. Non-Thesis Degree Timetable

Program Item	Deadline	Comments
Orientation	The week prior to start of classes. New students must arrive one week early.	The Graduate Adviser is temporary advisor to new graduate students.
Assign Major Professor	Orientation period - first week of classes in entering semester.	The major professor becomes the permanent academic and work adviser.
Complete Program of Study	By the end of the first semester.	It must be approved by the student's advisory committee (SAC) and the Department Head.
Internship	During or prior to last semester.	Student, in consultation with permanent advisor, must make all internship arrangements.
Take Final Oral Examination	During student's last semester of enrollment.	Administered by the SAC.

Table 6. AGEC Ph.D. Program Coursework Summary

<i>Required Courses -- Theory</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
ECON 7610: Mathematics for Economist	3
ECON 7700: Price Theory I	3
ECON 7720: Price Theory II	3
ECON 7710: Macroeconomics I	3
<i>Required Courses – Quantitative Methods</i>	
ECON 7630: Econometric Methods I	3
ECON 7631: Econometric Methods II	3
AGEC 7123: Operations Research	3
<i>Minimum Requirements</i>	
Required Courses	21
Approved 7000-level Agricultural Economics Electives	12
Approved Other 7000-level Electives	12
Dissertation Research Hours	12
<i>Total Minimum Credit Hours</i>	<i>57</i>

Table 7 . Ph.D. Degree Timetable.

Program Item	Deadline	Comments
Orientation & Workshop	The week prior to start of classes. New students must arrive one week early.	The Graduate Adviser is temporary advisor to new graduate students.
Assign Major Professor	Orientation period - first week of classes in entering semester.	The major professor becomes the permanent academic and work adviser.
Program of Study	By the end of first semester.	It must be approved by the student's advisory committee (SAC) and the Depart. Head.
Full-time Residence	One full academic year of continuous full-time enrollment after submission of program.	Program of study must be approved by the graduate school.
Research Proposal	By the end of second semester.	A short presentation to the SAC. Proposal is approved by the SAC and Department Head.
Core Requirement	By the end of second semester (for students entering in the Fall semester)	Complete ECON 7700, ECON 7610, AGECE 7123, ECON 7720, and ECON 7630 with an average GPA of at least 3.2.
General Examination	Second Summer of Residency	Arranged by Major Professor and administered by the student's committee. Oral Examination administered if deemed necessary by the committee.
Departmental Research Seminar	As dissertation research is nearing completion, but prior to scheduling final examination.	Schedule, and inform department personnel, one month prior to presentation.
Final Oral Examination	During student's last semester of enrollment and after dissertation has been completed.	A request for the final exam must be submitted to the Graduate School at least 3 weeks prior to the proposed examination date, and by the current semester deadline, if the student is a candidate for degree.

Appendix A. The Faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness

Barnes, James Assistant Professor. Ph.D., University of Missouri.
Research Areas: Community and Rural Development, Agribusiness.

Cramer, Gail L. Professor & Head. Ph.D., Oregon State University, 1968.
Research Areas: Marketing, International Trade, and Agricultural Policy.

Caffey, Rex H. Associate Professor. Ph.D., Louisiana State University, 1998.
Extension/Research Areas: Wetlands and Coastal Resources.

Detre, Josh Assistant Professor. Ph.D., Purdue University, 2007.
Research Areas: Finance.

Dooley, Sanford. Professor. Ph.D., Purdue University, 1975.
Extension Areas: Community and Economic Development, and Leadership.

Dunn, Michael A. Associate Professor. Ph.D., Auburn University.
Research Areas: Natural Resources.

Fannin, J. Matthew Assistant Professor. Ph.D., University of Missouri, 2003.
Research Areas: Community and Rural Development.

Gauthier, Wayne M. Associate Professor. Ph.D., Oklahoma State University, 1976.
Research Areas: Marketing.

Gillespie, Jeffrey M. Woodin Endowed Professor. Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1993.
Research Areas: Production Economics and Farm Management.

Guidry, Kurt M. Associate Professor. Ph.D., Oklahoma State University, 1997.
Extension Areas: Agricultural Marketing and Farm Management.

Harrison, Jr., R. Wes. Warner L. Bruner Endowed Professor. Ph.D., University of Kentucky, 1994 .
Research Areas: Agricultural Marketing and Agribusiness.

Henning, Steven A. Associate Professor. Ph.D., Mississippi State University, 1983.
Research Areas: Natural Resource Economics and Rural Development.

Hinson, Roger A. Professor. Ph.D., University of Tennessee, 1980.
Research Areas: Marketing and Agribusiness.

Johnson, Eugene. Professor. Ph.D., Mississippi State University, 1974.
Extension Areas: Marketing.

Kazmierczak, Richard F. Professor. Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1991.
Research Areas: Natural Resource and Environmental Economics.

Keithley, Walter. Associate Professor. Ph.D., University of Florida.
Research Areas: Natural Resource and Fishery Economics.

Kennedy, P. Lynn. Crescent City Tigers Alumni Professor. Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1994.
Research Areas: International Trade, Marketing and Agribusiness.

Paudel, Krishna P. Assistant Professor. Ph.D., University of Georgia, 1999.
Research Areas: Environmental and Resource Economics, and Development Economics.

Paxton, Kenneth W. Professor. Ph.D., University of Tennessee, 1971.
Research/Extension Areas: Farm Management and Production Economics.

Salassi, Michael E. Nelson J. Fairbanks Endowed Professor. Ph.D., Mississippi State University, 1985.
Research/Extension Areas: Farm Management and Production Economics.

Schafer, Mark. Associate Professor. Ph.D., Indiana University, 1999.
Research Areas: Sociology of Education, Comparative International Development, Rural Sociology.

Singelmann, Joachim. David M. Kriskovich Distinguished Professor; Ph.D., University of Texas, 1974.
Research Areas: Rural Sociology, Development, Stratification, Demography.

Westra, John. Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 2001.
Extension/Research Areas: Farm Management.

Zapata, Hector O. Professor. Ph.D., University of Illinois, 1987.
Research Areas: Econometrics, Marketing and Price Analysis.

ADJUNCT FACULTY

Hill, R. Carter. Marjory B. Ourso Center for Excellence in Teaching Professor; Professor of Economics; Adjunct Professor of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. Ph.D., University of Missouri.

Appendix B: Graduate Student Progress Report

Student:

Date:

Date Entering Program: M.S. _____ M.S. Non-Thesis _____ Ph.D. _____

Graduate Advisory Committee: _____, Major Advisor
_____, _____
_____, _____

Current Grade Point Average: _____

Program of Study Approved on: _____

Research Proposal Approved on: _____

Five Core Courses Completed on: _____ with a GPA of _____ (*for Ph.D. only*)

Coursework Completed on: _____

General Exam Completed on: _____ (*for Ph.D. only*)

Departmental Seminar given on: _____

Expected Date of Completion: _____

Student's Research Accomplishments Since Last Report (attach additional pages if necessary):

Advisor's Comments on Students Research Accomplishments (attach additional pages if necessary):

Signatures:

_____ Graduate Student	_____ Date
_____ Major Professor	_____ Date
_____ Graduate Coordinator	_____ Date

Appendix C: Agricultural Economics Graduate Student Association

The Agricultural Economics Graduate Student Association (AEGSA) is composed of all graduate students in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. The AEGSA exists to promote the exchange of ideas and opinions among students and faculty. In addition, it provides a means whereby graduate students may express themselves effectively on matters which affect their social, economic, physical, and intellectual welfare.

Officers of the AEGSA include President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The President serves as a liaison with the Department Head and Graduate Coordinator, attends faculty meetings, and appoints special committees as needed. Officers serve for a term of one academic year beginning with the spring semester and terminating at the end of the fall semester. Graduate students are represented through the AEGSA on Departmental committees including the Seminar Committee, the Graduate Committee, and the Computer Committee.

Members of the AEGSA plan activities which promote social and professional interaction between graduate students and faculty. The AEGSA also facilitates the exchange of information and material to assist graduate students in their academic needs. In addition to the activities noted above, the AEGSA assists students in their relocation to Baton Rouge, their orientation to LSU and the Department. New students are encouraged to participate in the activities of the AEGSA in order to enhance their social and educational experience at LSU.