

Departmental Faculty

D.C. Gerloff, Prof. and Head; Ph.D., Texas A&M, 1992. Farm/financial management.

S.H. Cho, Asst. Prof.; Ph.D., Oregon State, 2001. Natural resource/ environmental economics and policy.

C.D. Clark, Assoc. Prof.; Ph.D., Vanderbilt, 2001. Environmental/resource policy.

D.G. De La Torre Ugarte, Prof.; Ph.D., Oklahoma State, 1992. Ag policy, macroeconomic modeling, agricultural dev.

B.C. English, Prof.; Ph.D., Iowa State, 1981. Prod. econ., quant. methods, resource econ., bio-energy econ, ag policy.

C.D. Garland, Prof.; Ph.D., Tennessee, 1971. Farm/financial management.

C.M. Hellwinkel, Res. Asst. Prof.; Ph.D., Tennessee, 2008. Economic geography.

K.L. Jensen, Prof.; Ph.D., Oklahoma State, 1986. Ag. Mktg.

D.M. Lambert, Asst. Prof.; Ph.D., Purdue, 2005. Rural economic development.

J.A. Larson, Assoc. Prof.; Ph.D., Oklahoma State, 1992. Production economics, farm management, risk analysis.

D.L. McLemore, Prof.; Ph.D., Clemson, 1971. Marketing livestock, price analysis, commodity futures.

W.M. Park, Prof.; Ph.D., Virginia Tech, 1980. Natural resource use/ policy, environmental quality in rural areas.

E.L. Rawls, Prof.; Ph.D., Virginia Tech, 1969. Marketing livestock.

D.E. Ray, Prof., Blasingame Chair of Excellence; Ph.D., Iowa State, 1979. Commodity/resource policy, rural dev., trade policy.

J.B. Riley, Prof.; Ph.D., Oklahoma State, 1974. Management/finance.

R.K. Roberts, Prof.; Ph.D., Iowa State, 1979. Prod. econ., farm mgmt., quantitative methods, impact analysis, int'l ag.

G.F. Smith, Prof.; Ph.D., Tennessee, 1974. Resource development.

K.H. Tiller, Asst. Prof.; Ph.D., Tennessee, 1996. Bio-energy economics, agricultural policy, natural resource economics.

M.M. Velandia, Asst. Prof.; Ph.D., Texas Tech, 2007, Farm management.

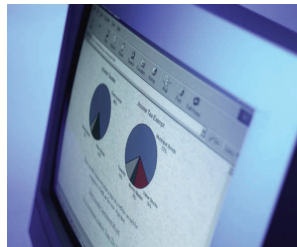
M.D. Wilcox, Asst. Prof.; Ph.D. Purdue, 2006. Rural economic development.

S.T. Yen, Assoc. Prof.; Ph.D. Minnesota, 1995. Food demand & nutrition, food safety econ, health econ, applied microeconomics

T.H. Yu, Asst. Prof.; PhD, Texas A&M, 2005. Bio-fuels marketing and logistics.

Facilities

Graduate students on assistantship are provided office space in Morgan Hall where the Department's faculty offices and classrooms are housed. Computers with Internet access, printers, research software, and scanning equipment are available for graduate student use. The Department employs a computer analyst to provide professional and timely service to faculty and graduate students involved in research.



Cost of Study/Financial Aid

2008-2009 tuition for full-time study is \$3,131 per semester for Tennessee residents and \$6,329 per semester for all others. In addition, all students pay \$406 per semester in programs and services fees (\$556 out-of-state). **Assistantship stipends of \$1,200 per month for thesis students and \$1,100 per month for non-thesis students are available from the Department on a competitive basis.** Higher stipends may be available. Tuition and medical insurance are paid by the Department for students on assistantship. Financial aid is also available through the University's Financial Aid Office.

Applying

Applicants must submit transcripts from all institutions previously attended and General Test scores from the GRE. Scores from the TOEFL or IELTS are needed if the applicant's first language is not English. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 out of a possible 4.0, or a 3.0 during the senior year of undergraduate study. An applicant whose GPA falls between 2.5 and 2.7 may be admitted on probation. For more information, contact the Graduate Coordinator by telephone (865-974-3716) or by email (rroberts@utk.edu) and visit our graduate program web site at <http://economics.ag.utk.edu/grad.html>.

Department of Agricultural Economics The University of Tennessee, Knoxville



M.S. PROGRAM

IN

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

302 Morgan Hall
2621 Morgan Circle
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN 37996-4518
865-974-7231
<http://economics.ag.utk.edu>

THE M.S. PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS FOCUSES ON DEVELOPMENT OF ANALYTICAL SKILLS USED IN IDENTIFYING AND SOLVING PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE DECISION-MAKING. OUR PROGRAM SEEKS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP, INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY, CREATIVITY, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



Careers

Graduates of the M.S. Program in Agricultural Economics are employed in all aspects of agribusiness, including marketing, product manufacturing, banking and finance, natural resource management, and farm management and by colleges, universities, and government.

Programs of Study

The Department offers the Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics with three concentrations:

- **Agricultural Economics** (thesis or non-thesis)
- **Natural Resource Economics** (thesis),
- **Agribusiness** (non-thesis).



Students have research/study opportunities in areas such as:

- agribusiness management and decision making
- agribusiness marketing
- agricultural policy
- natural resource issues
- rural economic development
- agricultural production and farm management
- precision farming
- land use management
- bio-energy market development

Agricultural Economics Concentration

The Agricultural Economics concentration is targeted to students wishing to enter careers in the public and private sectors of the agriculture/food

system or to continue graduate studies in a doctoral program. The concentration provides students the opportunity to graduate within 24 months of initial enrollment. Under the **thesis option**, the concentration integrates course work in agricultural economics with a research thesis. The concentration consists of a minimum of 31 semester hours and successful defense of a thesis. Under the **non-thesis option**, the concentration consists of a minimum of 36 hours of course work in agricultural economics and other disciplines such as economics and statistics. The non-thesis student must also complete written and oral comprehensive examinations.



Natural Resource Economics Concentration

The Natural Resource Economics concentration is targeted to students wishing to enter careers in the public and private sectors of natural resource management or to continue graduate studies in a doctoral program. To provide students with natural resource economics skills, the program integrates course work in agricultural and natural resource economics with courses from other disciplines, such as geography, political science, forestry, bio-systems engineering, and sociology, and with a research thesis. The program consists of a minimum of 31 hours and successful defense of a thesis. The concentration provides students the opportunity to graduate within 24 months of initial enrollment.



Agribusiness Concentration

The Agribusiness concentration is targeted to students wishing to enter careers in the public and private sectors of the agriculture/food system including product marketing, product manufacturing, finance, natural resource management, and farm management. To provide students with agribusiness management and decision-making skills, the program integrates course work in agricultural economics, business, and statistics, with a professional agribusiness internship. An internship in an agribusiness or related setting must be completed as part of the degree program. The program consists of 31 hours of coursework, including 3 hours of Professional Internship. The student must also complete written and oral comprehensive examinations. The program provides students the opportunity to graduate within 18 months of initial enrollment.

MS/MBA Program

The Department also offers a joint MS/MBA program in partnership with the College of Business Administration. It allows the student to earn a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics (non-thesis) and an MBA in two years. That program is described in a separate, companion brochure or see the Department's web site.

