



Farm Management and Marketing Economics

Farm Management and Marketing Economics: The internship will provide the student an opportunity to develop an understanding of the application of basic economic principles to applied research and extension activities related to related farm management and marketing decisions for row crop and livestock producers. The intern will participate in data collection and analysis needed to address farm management and marketing issues as well as for updating and developing decision making tools.

Preferred Qualifications: Rising Juniors and Seniors studying Agricultural Business, Agricultural Economics, Agronomy, Animal Science or other related disciplines with at least a 3.0 GPA are preferred. Good interpersonal, communication, organizational, and time management skills are essential. Experience with data management and spreadsheet use is preferred.

Number of positions available for this placement: 1

Location: LSU AgCenter's Rice Research Station, 1373 Caffey Road, Rayne, LA 70578

Primary Mentor: Dr. Kurt Guidry, SW Region Director and Extension Economist, Email: kmguidry@agcenter.lsu.edu

Anticipated Tasks: The intern will work with the faculty member on a variety of topics related to farm management and marketing. This will include collecting and summarizing data, updating spreadsheet-based decision tools, and developing new spreadsheet-based decision tools. The intern will also assist the faculty member in updating and developing enterprise budgets for livestock and forage and potentially some specific row crop commodities. The intern may also assist the faculty member in collecting, organizing, and analyzing data for the LSU AgCenter's Agricultural Summary publication as well as making price projections used in that publication. Finally, the intern will have the opportunity to assist in developing Extension factsheets and other reports.

Expected Outcome: Enhanced knowledge of economic concepts and application to real world production and marketing situations. Increased knowledge of data analysis and spreadsheet use.