

Cornhusker Economics

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University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Faculty Exchange Program In Second Year at UNL

Market Report	Yr Ago	4 Wks Ago	12/1/00
<u>Livestock and Products,</u>			
<u>Average Prices for Week Ending</u>			
Slaughter Steers, Ch. 204, 1100-1300 lb Omaha, cwt	\$70.89	\$69.83	\$72.78
Feeder Steers, Med. Frame, 600-650 lb Dodge City, KS, cwt	88.84	90.71	94.13
Feeder Steers, Med. Frame 600-650 lb, Nebraska Auction Wght. Avg	92.83	97.61	97.78
Carcass Price, Ch. 1-3, 550-700 lb Cent. US, Equiv. Index Value, cwt	108.50	105.78	111.03
Hogs, US 1-2, 220-230 lb Sioux Falls, SD, cwt	35.75	36.00	38.50
Feeder Pigs, US 1-2, 40-45 lb Sioux Falls, SD, hd	44.50	*	*
Vacuum Packed Pork Loins, Wholesale, 13-19 lb, 1/4" Trim, Cent. US, cwt	92.85	106.80	*
Slaughter Lambs, Ch. & Pr., 115-125 lb Sioux Falls, SD, cwt	76.70	63.50	67.42
Carcass Lambs, Ch. & Pr., 1-4, 55-65 lb FOB Midwest, cwt	163.00	149.00	149.00
<u>Crops,</u>			
<u>Cash Truck Prices for Date Shown</u>			
Wheat, No. 1, H.W. Omaha, bu	2.78	3.24	3.22
Corn, No. 2, Yellow Omaha, bu	1.77	1.94	1.93
Soybeans, No. 1, Yellow Omaha, bu	4.52	4.56	4.84
Grain Sorghum, No. 2, Yellow Kansas City, cwt	2.81	3.45	3.48
Oats, No. 2, Heavy Sioux City, IA, bu	1.23	1.29	1.15
<u>Hay,</u>			
<u>First Day of Week Pile Prices</u>			
Alfalfa, Sm. Square, RFV 150 or better Platte Valley, ton	92.50	115.00	110.00
Alfalfa, Lg. Round, Good Northeast Nebraska, ton	32.50	72.50	75.00
Prairie, Sm. Square, Good Northeast Nebraska, ton	*	82.50	100.00
* No market.			

The Agricultural Economics Department joined USDA in a Faculty Exchange Program (FEP) with the Ukraine and Russia in the spring of 1999. Each year four professors from the Ukraine and Russia arrive in Lincoln in August and leave the middle of December. While in Nebraska they take classes, travel, and develop class outlines and news articles that they will use when they return home. This year we have three professors visiting from the Ukraine and one from Russia. The following are their impressions of the U.S. and Nebraska, along with some thoughts on the Faculty Exchange Program.

Marina Yerymyzina (Ukraine)

The Faculty Exchange Program promotes increasing the level of teaching economic courses at agrarian universities in the former Soviet Union. The program is financed and is supported by the U.S. government and has been in existence for five years. It is not only a program to help the reformed countries (such as Ukraine, Russia and Kazakhstan), but it is also a program to exchange teaching experiences. When comparing methods of teaching at our universities and in the U.S.A., undoubtedly, the methodical and technical maintenance of the American economic courses is much better. The Ukrainian students have no opportunity for distance education in an on-line mode, to use the Internet free-of-charge, for independent and conscious choice of investigated courses, or updating of the curriculum. However, the contents of lectures in identical courses is almost the same. At my university the investigated subject that is presented is more condensed to avoid repetitions during lecture and to state greater volume on the material.

A Ukrainian businessman needs specific knowledge in the sphere of international economy and international finance. These reasons have caused my choice of some courses, which I studied at the University of Nebraska-



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Lincoln. I want to say a large thank-you to Dr. J. Geppert. His course, "Multinational Financial Analysis" in International Finance was most interesting, useful and pithy.

I am very happy that I have had an opportunity to be a participant with FEP. My program was successful due to the help of many people. I thank our advisors Lynn Lutgen and Susan Miller for their care, attention and kind attitude. They have helped us with the decision of many educational and household problems. I thank everybody very much. Good Luck.



Oleksandr Kovalchuk
The State Academy of Agriculture and Ecology,
Zhytomyr (Ukraine)

The Faculty Exchange Program involves the U.S.A., Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. For this reason I am in Nebraska from August until December as a participant of FEP. At the beginning I would like to say a few words about the Ukraine as a new, independent sovereign country. Ukraine is situated in the center of Europe. This state, which is so endowed by human, technical and natural resources, and at the same time, suffering for years from unmerciful history, became independent in 1991 after disintegration of the Soviet Union. The most pressing economic problems currently facing Ukraine are of structural nature: slow privatization; little industrial restructuring; an unwieldy governmental apparatus; a narrow tax base; over-regulation; significant levels of corruption; and a largely unreformed agricultural sector. We want to build a new state with market economy, pluralistic democratic state system and oriented towards the possibilities and resources of Ukraine.

During my stay in Nebraska and studying at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln I had the opportunity to learn the main principles of U.S. agricultural economics, the work of extension and distance education in the U.S.A., both from the theoretical and practical sides. Besides this, I learned a lot about UNL and how it compared with our academy, especially its role and mission in agriculture; student responsibility; admission to UNL; Graduate Studies and Graduate Degrees offered; requirements for Master Degree and for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy; advanced degrees in education; financial aid and academic credit policies; student services, resources and facilities; research, service activities, international affairs, etc.

I attended courses which were interesting for me and learned the new methods of teaching, improved my academic knowledge, professional training and experience. All the people whom I have met here are very friendly and polite. The professors at the University have shared their experience with pleasure. I had opportunities to develop

new or revise courses which I teach in my Academy; write some articles, prepare seminar materials and collect necessary information for new courses and my scientific research work and improve my English.

I am very thankful to all the people who are involved in the Faculty Exchange Program and who created all the necessary conditions for our work. I would especially like to say words of gratitude to Susan Miller and Lynn Lutgen. Thank you very much.



Serguei Vodolazki
Omsk's State Agrarian University (Russia)

My name is Serguei Vodolazski, I'm from Russia. I work in Omsk's State Agrarian University as an associate professor for the Department of Economic and Management of Agrarian Production.

My summary objectives in the U.S.A. are:

1. To learn organization of Agriculture and Agribusiness in Nebraska and U.S.A.
2. To learn organization and work of Extension Service in Nebraska and U.S.A.
3. To learn organization of Distance Education at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.
4. To learn new teaching methods used at UNL and prepare some information for Omsk State Agrarian University staff.

During our stay in the U.S.A. we visited some classes at UNL and had two big trips. One of them was organized by our supervisor Lynn Lutgen. We visited a lot of agricultural enterprises in Nebraska and met with different people in different occupations. The second trip was in the southern states of the U.S.A. This period was very useful for me. I have been collecting new materials for teaching and seminars of agricultural education system for my colleagues, have been getting ideas about methods of teaching in American's universities and getting real imagination about the style of life American people have. I have also been getting ideas about methods and organization of distance education in America's universities, about activity of extension service in Nebraska, etc. I would like to say thank-you to all the people who provided our program, and most of all to our supervisors, Lynn Lutgen and Susan Miller.



Olena Lutsenko (Ukraine)

I came to the U.S.A. from Ukraine on the Faculty Exchange Program. This program is intended for faculties of economic subjects of Agrarian universities. The basic goal is to exchange teachers and gain the experience of teaching.

Today our country has undergone changes and transformations after the reformation of the Soviet Union. Being an independent country, Ukraine tries to live according to international law in the field of market economy. It is very difficult to do for our economical, political and educational sides. But education is one of the biggest problems.

Being a participant of the Faculty Exchange Program, we stayed in Lincoln from July 29 until December 12. I was very glad to have an opportunity to live and study here. I found everything here that is necessary for good conditions of living, work and rest. We had a good apartment for living, which was situated near the University. We have a computer in the office and computer lab at work, also we can use the computer at home.

We met very kind and friendly people in Lincoln. I am very thankful to our supervisors, Susan Miller and Lynn Lutgen, who gave us all their attention and care. Lynn helped us to choose courses, introduced us to professors and gave advice on scientific work. Susan answered our questions, oriented us to the university and helped us gain all necessary things for living. After classes we visited local university libraries. We had English class twice a week and tried improving our English with a private teacher, Susan Ellis. We attended some classes, which were interesting for me and will be useful in my work at the university in Ukraine.

The professors at the University were very polite and kind to us. They helped us to find literature and materials which we needed, gave advice, introduced us to the faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics and shared experiences and methods of teaching. So we gained higher professional knowledge and experience, revised our courses and prepared new ones.

This program was planned and organized very well. We had an opportunity to know and to learn more about agriculture during our trip to South Dakota. We learned more about activities of the agrarian sector, functioning farms, financing and investment in agricultural enterprises, acquired work of Extension Service and developing the distant education program.

We were introduced to and associated with many people and have learned about their customs, conditions of work and life. One of our best memories will be our visits to historical and cultural places (national monuments, parks, museums).



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