



Q: How can you get more profit from your farm/ranch operation?

Answer Inside

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A: Marketing education and training pay dividends that will directly improve your bottom line! Previous graduates report their incomes have increased, on average, more than \$33,000 per year.

What is the Master Marketer Program?

This program is designed for agricultural producers and agribusiness leaders experienced in marketing commodities and having some knowledge of futures and options markets. The course contains 64 hours of intensive marketing training, focusing on cotton, wheat, livestock, and feedgrains.

When: I: Jan. 12-14 III: Feb. 10-11
II: Jan. 27-28 IV: Feb. 24-25

Where: District Extension Office, Amarillo, Texas

Why Should I Be Interested?

Profit and Risk. The political movement towards free trade throughout the world, coupled with changing farm program supports, have led to greater price volatility. These changes necessitate a renewed emphasis on marketing skills. Producers who understand market forces and alternative marketing techniques will have a clear advantage in the future.

A little improvement in marketing skills can mean a lot to a producer's bottom line. A commercial producer who increases his net price just 2.5 percent to 5 percent will increase net returns before taxes by \$10,000 to \$50,000 a year, depending on size of operation.

What Will be Taught?

The course, offering a range of topics aimed at enhancing marketing skills, will be approached from a real-world standpoint using numerous case-study examples and simulated problems. Subjects will include:

- Development and implementation of a marketing plan
- Basic and advanced marketing strategies
- Fundamental and technical analysis
- Value added and alternative marketing mechanisms
- Marketing discipline
- Weather impact on market prices

Anyone who doesn't feel they are already at the intermediate to advanced level should attend the free futures and options leveling workshop being held on January 12, 2010, before the beginning of the Master Marketer Program.

Who Will Be the Instructors?

Master Marketer Program instructors come from the faculty of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, numerous other universities and private industry. Their outstanding expertise and communication skills rank them among the best in the country.

What Do Previous Graduates Say?

- *This program could possibly be the difference in whether or not a producer survives in this business.* - **Richard Burger, Ochiltree County**
- *I knew coming into the Master Marketer Program that doing nothing with marketing doesn't work. Master Marketer training has given me the tools that our farm needs to maximize our earning potential.* - **Karen Pshigoda, Ochiltree County**
- *Best marketing strategy program I've ever been to.* - **Josh Freeman, Sherman County**
- *Expertise, experience, and knowledge. A great asset in all ag operations.* - **Billy Blankenship, Hansford County**
- *The most educational program available, especially considering the cost.* - **Dean Hauser, Sherman County**
- *An excellent program arming me with the knowledge to make intelligent decisions. Beneficial to producers of all ages.* - **Kyle Kemp, Hartley County**

How Do I Apply?

Complete the attached application and enclose a check for \$250 payable to account #222100-60025. Please send both by **January 4, 2010** to Steve Amosson, 6500 W. Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106-1796.

If you would like to use a credit card and register over the Internet, please go to the following Internet address: <http://AgriLifeevents.tamu.edu>.

Since the Master Marketer Program involves intensive hands-on training, enrollment will be limited to 60 participants.

How Is This Program Funded?

Registration fees only pay for a small portion of the program cost. Grants from the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau, the Cotton State Support Committee, and Risk Management Agency/USDA make this program possible. Other significant contributors include the Texas Wheat Producers Association and area agribusinesses.

SESSION I: Review of Basics and Introduction to Market Fundamentals

The first two-day session will concentrate on basic and intermediate marketing to set the stage for the remaining sessions. Major topic areas covered include budgets/breakeven analysis, basis, marketing strategies, development/implementation of marketing plans, and feedgrain fundamentals.



Dr. Stephen H. Amosson is a Regents Fellow and Extension Economist-Management based in Amarillo. Dr. Amosson's program covers a wide area of emphasis, ranging from marketing, farm management, air quality and water policy.

Dr. Mark Welch is an Assistant Professor and Extension Economist-Grain marketing in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. His research and Extension appointments are focused on the areas of risk management and market analysis.



Dr. Mark L. Waller is an associate Department Head, Professor, and Extension Economist based in College Station. Dr. Waller's program emphasis includes price risk management and market analysis.

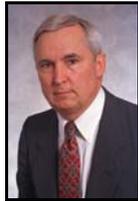
Dr. William I. Tierney is General Manager of Doane Advisory Services. Prior to his current position, he was Senior Economist and head of North American Research for LMC International. He also was Executive Vice President of Research and Marketing for John Stewart and Associates, as well as the USDA's principal grains economist.



Dr. Jackie G. Smith is a Professor and Extension Economist based in Lubbock. His areas of specialization include farm and ranch management and production economics, specifically focusing on marketing, budgeting, and computerized record keeping.

SESSION II: Financial Analysis, Crop Fundamentals, Crop and Livestock Insurance, and Advanced Marketing Strategies

The topics of this session include financial analysis, farm business management, cotton fundamentals, and crop and livestock insurance. Attendees will participate in crop production and marketing simulation exercises that highlight the relationship between crop insurance and a marketing plan. This session will also include a discussion of advanced marketing strategies.



Dr. Danny A. Klinefelter is a Professor of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University and Director of *The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers*. He serves as Executive Secretary for the Association of Agricultural Production Executives and is Executive Vice President of Klinefelter Farms, Inc., an Illinois family farm corporation. He is author of seven books on agricultural finance and farm business management.

Dr. John Robinson is a Professor of Agricultural Economics and Extension Economist-Cotton Marketing specialist at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. His educational programming emphasizes risk management issues related to cotton, including cash markets, hedging, contracting, insurance, and policy issues.



Dr. G.A. (Art) Barnaby, Jr. is a Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. His program emphasis includes financial planning, government commodity programs, risk, and crop insurance. Dr. Barnaby has worked extensively with the private crop insurance industry, FCIC, and farm commodity groups on crop insurance issues.

SESSION III: Futures Markets, Technical Analysis, and Livestock Fundamentals

The first day of this session will explore the uses of technical analysis, especially in relation to the marketing plan. The instructor will use case studies to explain such techniques as chart formations, support/resistance, trends, moving averages, oscillators, and other tools to improve marketing timing. The second day of this session will discuss production fundamental factors affecting the cattle markets and the national award winning program packer/feeder game which increases understanding of market structure and the interaction between buyers and sellers.



Alan Brugler has served as President of Brugler Marketing and Management, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska since 2002. Previously, he was DTN Director of Market Analysis and spent ten years as a research and commodity strategist. He has presented some 750 seminars on fundamental and technical market analysis methods, options, and market outlooks in the U.S. and Canada. His Brugler Cycle Indicator (BCI) is available on DTN Pro Series and DTNstant services. He is a regular guest analyst on US Farm Report and the PBS network TV program Market to Market and is a Consulting Analyst for DTN.

Dr. David P. Anderson is a Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. His research and Extension education activities are in livestock and food products marketing and policy, focusing on issues relevant to Texas livestock producers.



Stan J. Bevers is a Professor and Extension Economist based in Vernon. His current programming efforts are in ranch management and analysis, business planning, managerial accounting, and marketing.



Dr. Robert J. Hogan, Jr. is an Assistant Professor and Extension Economist in Fort Stockton. His responsibilities include presentation of economically related information and applied research in management, marketing, and policy for stakeholders in Far West Texas as well as farm and ranch management, production economics, economic markets, and product marketing.



SESSION IV: Marketing Plans, Discipline, Legal Issues, and Weather Risk/Impacts

During this final session, participants will learn more about how to incorporate what they learned in the first three sessions into the marketing plan, as well as discuss legal issues and weather risk/impacts. They will also learn how important a disciplined approach is in achieving their marketing goals.



Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga is a Professor and Extension Specialist at Texas A&M University. Dr. Hayenga's program emphasis is in teaching and coordinating educational programs in estate and income tax management. In the past several years he has discussed estate planning and other legal topics with many professional organizations and business owner groups. He has also been involved in agricultural finance and other agribusiness educational programs. He was awarded the Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award from the Former Students Association of Texas A&M University.

Dr. S. Elwynn Taylor is an Extension Climatologist at Iowa State University. He is well known for his analysis of weather influence upon crop yields. He is widely recognized for his clear explanations of the complexities of long-term weather variability. Before moving to Iowa in 1979, he was a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Alabama. He has published more than 200 articles reporting his research in plant response to weather conditions.



Darrell D. Holaday is a private marketing/management consultant. Prior to his current position, he served as Manager of the Kansas Agricultural Marketing Association for Kansas Farm Bureau. He also directed the association's FB TAX and Accounting Service. While at Kansas Farm Bureau, Mr. Holaday developed educational programs on marketing and management; published *Market \$en\$e*, a weekly market information newsletter; and advised producers within Kansas Farm Bureau's individualized consulting service, Market Sentry.

Registration Form Master Marketer Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ / _____

Fax: _____ / _____

E-Mail: _____

Please specify information about your operation:

Location (county): _____

Occupation: _____ Producer _____ Other _____

Commodities produced

Crops (acres)

Corn _____

Wheat _____

Sorghum _____

Cotton _____

Other _____

Livestock (head)

Cow/Calf _____

Stocker _____

Sheep _____

Goats _____

Please describe any previous marketing courses taken or training received:

What marketing tools do you currently use?

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