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K-State's Risk and Profit Conference set for Aug. 18-19 in Manhattan

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Kansas State University's 2016 Risk and Profit Conference will take place Aug. 18-19 at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan. The days will be packed with breakout sessions and talks from many keynote speakers. There are seven breakout sessions throughout the conference and 20 topics led by agricultural economics faculty and graduate students.

William Tierney, Jr., the chief economist for AgResource Company, will present "A Long-term View on the Current Price Situation." Tierney is a former K-State agricultural economics professor and has more than 35 years of experience as an agricultural economist. He has also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cargill, Doane Advisory Services, an international agribusiness consulting firm, a national brokerage firm and served as a senior agricultural advisor for the U.S. government.

Lee and Margaret Scheufler of Sterling, Kansas, will lead the general session, "A Conversation with a Kansas Producer." Lee is a K-State agronomy graduate and Margaret is a physical therapy graduate of the University of Kansas. They operate a no-till farm.

John Floros, dean of the K-State College of Agriculture, will address, "Agriculture at K-State: Driving the State and the University Forward." Floros has led the development of the College of Agriculture strategic plan for Vision 2025 and has led the college to record undergraduate and graduate enrollments.

Allen Featherstone, agricultural economics department head, and Mykel Taylor, agricultural economics assistant professor, will discuss "The Farm Financial Situation." Featherstone is recognized as a leading scholar in agricultural finance and has more than 120 articles published. Taylor focuses primarily on crop marketing and farm management. Some of her current research areas include measuring the basis risk for commodity grains, the implications of certain labels on demand for meat and Kansas land values.

For more information on the 2016 Risk and Profit Conference please visit www.AgManager.info