Welcome! The intent of this newsletter is to provide a summary of recent accomplishments of the School of Economics Faculty. The newsletter will be issued three times per year, and each issue will contain publications, presentations, and other materials available since the last newsletter edition.

Journal Articles Accepted or Published


Awards:

**Hayley Chouinard**—Named an Outstanding Mentor by the WSU 2008 Mentor of the Year Awards Program

**Ana Espinola-Arrendondo**—Was chosen as a finalist for the Annual Global Development Awards and Medals Competition 2008 for her paper, “Free-riding and Cooperation in Environmental Games.”

**Jeffrey LaFrance**—Named the first Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics for the School of Economic Sciences.

**Jonathan Yoder**—Voted new director for the Western Agricultural Economics Association.
Faculty News

Other Publications – Book chapters, Bulletins, Grant reports, etc.


New SES Working Papers


Professional Presentations


Professional Presentations Cont.


Popular Press

Aberdeen Daily World reported on the economic issues facing the logging truck industry based on a study done for the Legislature by the WSU School of Economic Sciences and UW College of Forest Resources (Oct.11, 2008).

A Yakima Herald-Republic story about the financial and community benefits of county fairs includes quotes from agricultural economist Ken Duf (Sep. 24, 2008).

A Washington Post story on beer sales remaining high despite the economic downturn in which WSU’s Jill McCluskey is quoted has been published in several other publications, most recently the Los Angeles Times (Sep. 11, 2008).

A story in Sunday’s Yakima Herald-Republic on the first large anaerobic manure digester in Central Washington cites WSU research and quotes economist Richard Shumway on the economics of digester operation (Nov. 22, 2008).
Popular Press Cont.

WSU economist Jonathan Yoder is among those quoted in a Sunday Spokesman-Review article on the reasons behind slow progress in state biofuel production (Sep. 21, 2008).

For two days the Northwest Ag Information Network aired stories with Jonathan Yoder on his report that biomass from farm and forestry waste is a more viable source for biofuels than food crops in Washington state (Dec. 29-30, 2008).

CAHNRS’ story with economist Doug Young on the impact of the credit crunch and falling wheat prices on growers resulted in the following coverage: Cattle Network (Oct. 29) and NPR’s Northwest News Network (Nov. 2).

Wenatchee World reported on the impacts of fluctuating wheat prices and quoted agricultural economist Doug Young. The story also appeared in the Yakima Herald-Republic (Dec. 1, 2008).

Yoder et al. (2008) biofuel report press mentions:
- Northwest Renewable News (Dec. 23, 2008)
- Seattle PI (Jan. 7, 2009)