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Office Hours: I will be available to answer emails throughout the week. You can expect a response within 48 hours. Please make sure to put AEC 219 in the subject line so that I can make sure I get to your e-mails in a timely fashion.


Prerequisites: None.

Course Description: A study of economic principles, with emphasis on their application to the solution of farm, agribusiness, and agricultural industry problems.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon satisfactory completion of the course the student will be able to list and explain different agricultural economic fields, including the food industry, demand theory (e.g., demand and price analysis, consumer behavior, and market price determination), supply theory (e.g., production economics, cost analysis, and optimal output levels), and competitive environments (e.g., perfect and imperfect competition).

Topics:

Part I: Agricultural Economics and Food  
Chapter 1: The Food Industry  
Chapter 2: Introduction to Agricultural Economics

Part II: Demand and Supply Theory  
Chapter 3: Introduction to Market Price Determination  
Chapter 8: The Theory of Consumer Behavior  
Chapter 9: The Concept of Elasticity  
Chapter 4: The Firm as a Production Unit

Part III: Production Economics and Competitive Environments  
Chapter 5: Costs and Optimal Output Levels  
Chapter 6: Supply, Market Adjustments, and Input Demand  
Chapter 7: Imperfect Competition and Government Regulation
Part IV: More Topics in Agricultural Economics
Chapter 14: International Trade
Chapter 15: Agricultural Policy
Chapter 17: Futures Markets
Chapter 20: Farm Service Sector

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Grading Scale:

Exams: No makeup exams will be offered. A grade of zero will be assigned to any missed exams.

What to Expect from an Online Class
This course is designed to be taught through eCollege (http://www.online.tamuc.org/). Online courses require that the student take a more active role in meeting the learning objectives of the course. To be successful in this course I recommend that you complete the required readings, take notes as you read, read the chapter lectures, and complete all assignments. You will be able to interact with me through e-mails, although it is your responsibility to initiate the interaction. I am here to help you be successful in this course, but you must take initiative.

Students with Disabilities: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal antidiscrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Gee Library  
Room 132  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
Fax (903) 468-8148  
StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu

Technology Requirements
The following technology is recommended to be successful in this online course: Internet connection (high speed is recommended) and Microsoft Word.
Bibliography (Not Required):


**Course Design:** The dates for all class activities and exams are announced in eCollege. Make sure you regularly check eCollege so that submit your assignments in time.

**Important Dates:**
- January 14th, Monday First day of this class.
- January 21st, Monday University is closed.
- January 30th, Wednesday Last day to drop a class with refund, if remaining enrolled.
- March 11th -17th, Spring Break
- March 29th, Thursday Last day to drop while still enrolled.
- May 3rd, Friday Last day of this class.
- May 10th, Friday Final Exam needs to be completed online by 5:00 p.m.

**Counseling Center:** A student that faces a crisis or a serious and unforeseeable event that affects his/her class performance must contact the Counseling Center, Student Services Building, Room 204, Phone (903) 886-5145. If important class material or course assignments are missed because of such crisis or event, the student must contact the instructor as soon as possible.

**Academic Integrity:** Students must follow the *Code of Student Conduct* in the *Student Guidebook* (http://web.tamu-commerce.edu/admissions/studentGuidebook.aspx). Any form of plagiarism or academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Academic honesty is defined on *Chapter 13 Students (Academic)* of the *TAMUC Rules and Procedures* (http://web.tamucommerce.edu/aboutus/policiesproceduresstandardsstatements/rulesprocedures/):

“Academic dishonesty” includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one’s own), cheating, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.
Tentative Course Outline:

Week 1: January 14th - 20th
   Introduction to the course.

Week 2: January 21st - 27th
   Chapter 1 The Food Industry

Week 3: January 28th - February 3rd
   Chapter 2 Introduction to Agricultural Economics

Week 4: February 4th - 10th
   Chapter 3 Introduction to Market Price Determination

Week 5: February 11th - 17th
   Chapter 3 Introduction to Market Price Determination
   Exam I

Week 6: February 18th - 24th
   Chapter 8 The Theory of Consumer Behavior

Week 7: February 25th - March 3rd
   Chapter 8 The Theory of Consumer Behavior
   Chapter 9 The Concept of Elasticity

Week 8: March 4th - 10th
   Chapter 9 The Concept of Elasticity

Week 9: March 11th - 17th
   Spring Break

Week 10: March 18th - 24th
   Chapter 4 The Firm as a Production Unit

Week 11: March 25th - 31st
   Chapter 4 The Firm as a Production Unit
   Exam II

Week 12: April 1st - 7th
   Chapter 5 Costs and Optimal Output Levels

Week 13: April 8th - 14th
   Chapter 5 Costs and Optimal Output Levels
   Chapter 6 Supply, Market Adjustments, and Input Demand
Week 14: April 15\textsuperscript{th} - 21\textsuperscript{st}
Chapter 6 Supply, Market Adjustments, and Input Demand

Week 15: April 22\textsuperscript{nd} - 28\textsuperscript{th}
Chapter 7 Imperfect Competition and Government Regulation

Week 16: April 29\textsuperscript{th} - May 3\textsuperscript{rd}
Chapter 7 Imperfect Competition and Government Regulation

Finals Week May 4\textsuperscript{th} - 10\textsuperscript{th}

\textit{The instructor reserves the right to make modifications to this syllabus during the semester.}