AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SOCIETY AWARDS 1990

Masters Thesis Prize

The prize was awarded to Mr Jonathan Kelso for a thesis entitled 'An Evaluation of Consumer Preference Changes for Meat in the United States', submitted to The University of New England. A special mention was given to Mr John Gibson for a thesis entitled 'The Pattern of Manufacturing Industry Assistance in New Zealand, 1981/82' submitted to Lincoln University.

 Thesis Abstract

The revealed preference technique was applied in this analysis to test for structural change in meat demand in the United States. Preferences were found to be stable over the period 1970 to 1987 for a disaggregated meat 'bundle', suggesting that prices and expenditure are the only factors affecting meat consumption. Consequently, the view that consumer preferences have switched from table beef and/or ground beef to chicken products and pork appears to be unfounded. These results conflict with several other studies on the same subject which found evidence of a change. It is possible that this conflict arises from the use of inadequate functional forms in the other studies. The main implication of the findings is that demand for meat in the U.S. is stable, in which case price competitiveness is the key to increasing demand. Consequently, the beef industry should focus marketing efforts on improving and conveying information about price competitiveness.

Undergraduate Prizes

M. Perich (University of Sydney)
T. Paramore (Charles Sturt University)
B. de Hayr (University of Queensland)
D. Darvall (University of New England)
D. Elsley (University of New England)
E. Miller (University of New England)
S. Burger (La Trobe University)
A. Liston (University of Melbourne)

Journal Article Prize

The price for the best article published in the Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics was awarded to S. Beare and H. Meshios for the article entitled 'Substitution Between Wools of Different Fibre Diameter'; published in Volume 34(1), pp. 56-66.

SIR JOHN CRAWFORD AWARD

Dr Arsenio Balisacan from the University of the Philippines received the Sir John Crawford Award.

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Alauddin, M. and Tisdell, C., 'The Ishikawa Curve: agricultural productivity, labour intensity and employment; the curve's implications and applicability for Bangladesh'.

Balisacan, A. M., 'Agricultural growth, economic environment, and rural poverty in the Philippines'.

Bantilan, M. C. and Davis, J. S., 'Probability of success in agricultural research evaluation'.

Bantilan, M. C. and Davis, J. S., 'Opportunity costs in a multi-product production environment and across commodity spillover effects of research'.

Barton, J., Hertzler, G. and Hassam, R. M., 'Deforestation and the external costs imposed on agriculture in Sudan'.

Batterham, R. L., Mikosza, T. and Ockwell, A. P., 'Coal transportation in New South Wales: a programming analysis of road and rail options'.

Battese, G. E., 'Frontier production functions and efficiency issues: a review'.

Bennett, J., 'Wage flexibility in the New South Wales and United States coal industries'.


Byombaliwa, E., 'Spatial equilibrium modelling of trade in quasihomogeneous commodities: the case of wool'.

Chadee, D. D. and Guthrie, J., 'World trade reforms and implications for dairy exports'.

Conboy, P. and Goddard, E. W., 'Optimal international promotional expenditure — the case of differentiated vs non-differentiated products'.

Daramola, G. and Salua, M., 'The supply of agricultural research personnel in selected countries: an application of transfer-function modelling'.

Davis, J. S., 'Spillover effects of agricultural research: importance for research policy and incorporation in research evaluation models'.

Davis, J. S. and Bantilan, M. C., 'Agricultural production response and cost structures: cost reduction and output increasing linkages due to research'.

De Saram, Z., 'Impact of negotiable quotas on the New South Wales dairy industry — a farm level perspective'.

Dumsday, R. G., Jakobsson, K. and Ransome, S., 'Applying contingent valuation estimates to state-wide assessment of a proposal to protect river segments in Victoria'.

Dumsday, R. G., Nolan, J. and Kennedy, J. O. S., 'Do dynamic programming models improve decision-making on the conjunctive use of surface and groundwater resources? An application to Geelong's water supply system'.

Farquharson, R., 'An ex-ante economic assessment at the farm level of a new beef production technology'.

Fearn, M. and Davis, J. S., 'Evaluation of fisheries research: an application to support international decision-making'.

Field, H., 'The implication of German reunification for EC decision making and the CAP'.

Gill, R. A., 'The applicability of the economics surplus model to the valuation of honeybee pollination benefits'.

Goddard, D., 'Government, public servants, interest groups and the public'.

Godyn, D. and Muir, A., 'Farm cheque — developing a record keeping system in New South Wales'.

Gomos, J., 'A hydrological-economic modelling approach to dryland salinity in Western Australia'.

Goode, B., 'The adoption of minimum tillage in the Western Australian wheatbelt'.

Gow, J. and Kaine, G., 'Agricultural policy in action or inaction? The case of the Vine Pull Scheme'.

Griffith, G. R. and Scott, B., 'Canadian pork imports — feasibility and potential impacts'.

Gross, R., Kneebone, V. and Luke, R., 'Returns from the acceleration of agricultural research'.

Gunawardana, P. J. and Oczkowski, E. A., 'Government policies and supply response in the paddy sector of Sri Lanka'.

Hall, N., Mallawaarachchi, T. and Batterham, R. L., 'The market for irrigation water: a modelling approach'.


Hardaker, J. B., 'The effects of commercialisation of agriculture on human nutrition: analytical issues from a PNG case study'.

Hardaker, J. B., Pattan, L. and Pandey, S., 'Farming systems planning under uncertainty: mathematical programming and stochastic efficiency analysis'.

Hardman, J. R. P., 'Vapour heat treatment of Queensland mangoes for export: an economic feasibility study'.

Harianto and Quilkey, J., 'Retail pricing in Jakarta — an exploration'.

Havrila, A. and March, A. M. J., 'Pesticide regulations — measuring welfare costs with marginal analysis'.

Hertel, T., Peterson, E. B. and Tsigas, M. E., 'Adding value to existing models of international agricultural trade'.

Hertzler, G., 'Dynamic decisions under risk: applications of ITO stochastic control in agriculture'.

Hogan, L. and Sterland, B., 'Inflation, monetary policy and Australia's primary industries'.

Hyberg, S. and Hall, N., 'Effects of land degradation on farm output: an exploration analysis'.

Hyberg, S., Hall, N. and Abt, R., 'Using partial principal components analysis to provide better tests of models with collinear data'.

Field, H., 'The environmental costs of the CAP'.

Flavel, N., 'Conservation in progress: a land manager survey'.

Galapitake, D. C., 'An economic analysis of multiple use management of mountain ash stands in Victoria for timber and water production'.

Gibbard, P. and Tyers, R., 'The distributional incidence of commodity price stabilization in an open economy'.

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Jia, Y. X. and Wan, G. H., 'Isolating and measuring technical progress and scale effects: an alternative approach'.

Johnson, R. M. W., 'Some issues in risk analysis at the farm level'.

Jones, R., 'The farm level benefits of an annual water transfer scheme in the Murrumbidgee irrigation area'.

Jones, R., Musgrave, W. and Bryant, M., 'Optimal irrigation water supply reliability in the Murrumbidgee valley'.

Kennedy, J. O. S. and Pasternak, H., 'Optimal Australian and Japanese harvesting of southern bluefin tuna'.

Keyworth, S. W. and Zaal, D. A., 'Kerang Lakes irrigation area: impact of irrigation water quality (ECw) on agricultural sector gross margin'.

Kingwell, R., Pannell, D. and Robinson, S., 'Climatic risk and the value of information'.

Leslie, D. G. and Lynn, F. L., 'The economics of salinity control in the Shepparton region of northern Victoria'.

Leu, M., 'Apparel trade flow effects of phasing out the multi-fibre arrangement: implications for demand for Australian wool'.

MacLaren, D., 'Agriculture in the Uruguay round: a perspective from the political economy of protectionism'.

Males, W. P., O'Mara, L. P. and Bakalor, J. A., 'The effects of the macroeconomy of underwriting'.

Mallawaarchchi, T. and Hall, N., 'Investment in water saving technology on horticultural farms'.

Marshall, G. and Jones, R., 'Economics of laser-landforming for rice farming in the Murrumbidgee irrigation area'.

McCutcheon, M. L. and Goddard, E. W., 'Optimal social payoff from general advertising — the case of the Canadian supply managed egg sector'.

Messenger, A. and Jarratt, I., 'Brand premiums and discounts for imported beef sold at wholesale auctions in Japan'.

Morris, K. G., Mullen, J. D., Griffith, G. R. and Wohlgenant, M. K., 'A two sector substitution model for evaluating pig industry research and development and promotion'.

Nosworthy, P. J. and Batterham, R. L., 'An economic evaluation of the possible strategies for the control of sheep body lice in New South Wales'.

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