

The Agricultural Economic Landscape: Interpreting the Indicators

Tuesday, APRIL 23, 2013

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Central

Global and domestic variables are creating surprises around every corner for agricultural lenders, producers, and agribusiness people. What global and domestic indicators will be critical to the financial health of your customers' financial situation and overall agricultural portfolio? Agriculture has been in a ten-year super-sized commodity super cycle which has created tremendous wealth in agricultural and rural areas. How long will it last and what factors need to be monitored? Will land values continue to appreciate? If there is a correction, how will it impact prices?

Which financial ratios and benchmarks will be pertinent for assessing financial risk for agribusinesses that are in growth, evolution, or transition modes? What are "cut above" agricultural producers doing differently to succeed? What characteristics differentiate "cut above" agricultural bankers? Ensure you add this high-energy webinar to your calendar and invite your staff, board, and customers, also.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- How global and domestic economics are impacting risk and opportunity in the agricultural industry
- Assessment of global and domestic economic indicators
- Insight into the direction of key economic elements such as the commodity super cycle, inflation, interest rates, oil prices, and farmland values
- How today's economic environment compares to the 1970s and 1980s
- Financial ratios and benchmarks to assess growth and transition of agricultural customers' businesses
- TAKE-AWAY TOOLKIT
 - List of global and domestic economic indicators
 - o Financial ratios and benchmarks chart
 - o Comparison chart of the 1970s and 1980s with today
 - List of "cut above" banker characteristics

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This informative session is designed for agri-lenders, account managers, management, CEOs, and board members who are developing strategies for their agriculture or rural portfolio. Invite key customers to this webinar as a value-added service!

ABOUT THE PRESENTER - David M. Kohl, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech

Dr. Kohl is Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Finance and Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. He taught in the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department for 25 years. Dr. Kohl currently energizes agricultural lenders, producers, and business people with his keen insight into the agricultural industry gained through extensive travel, research, and exposure during his career. He has traveled over 8 million miles in his career; conducted more than 6,000 workshops and seminars for agricultural audiences; published more than 1,300 articles; and writes for many leading publications.

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