American-Canadian Ag Economists Examine Digital Revolution

AMES, Iowa — Every aspect of society has been affected by the digital revolution — especially agriculture. The changes created by new technology in the global agricultural system will be examined in-depth at this year's joint meeting of the

American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, Aug. 5-8.

The principal paper session "E-Commerce and Agricultural Commodity Markets" will ex-

amine which types of ecommerce applications are adopted by major players in the agricultural commodity markets

Rolf A.E. Mueller, a professor at the University of Kiel (Germany) with more than 20 years of study on electronic marketing, will survey the diversity in e-commerce agricultural exchanges and commodity markets.

Jeffrey Williams, from the University of California at Davis, will link e-commerce to what we know about the history and economics of organized commodity markets through the year.

Bruce Babcock, director of the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development at Iowa State University, and Eugene Kunda, senior economist in

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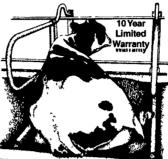
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posium featuring staff from the Economic Research Service of the USDA will examine "E-Commerce and Globalization of Agricultural Markets." This session will draw together practitioners, researchers and government officials from the U.S. and around the world to evaluate the role of e-commerce in U.S. and international agricultural markets and to define and prioritize a set of policy issues surrounding e-commerce in agricultural mar-

Fulton Breen poses his challenge to today's agribusiness leaders in "E-Commerce: Adapt or Die," the subject of this year's Industry Banquet. Breen is founder and chief executive officer of XS, Inc., the parent of company XSAg.com, the leading agricultural ecommerce Website, and Nterline, a comprehensive commerce platform used by agribusiness.

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