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**SYMPOSIUM**

**IMPACTS OF E-COMMERCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETS**

Implications for Research Priorities, Policy Issues and Data Needs

Sponsors: Economic Research Service, The Farm Foundation and the University of Minnesota

Waugh Auditorium, The Economic Research Service  
1800 M St. NW, Washington, DC

**MAY 29, 2001 - DAY 1**

8:30 – 9:00 – Registration and Assembly - Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 – Welcome

  **Introduction and Objectives:** Shirley Pryor, Economic Research Service  
  **Context:** Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service

9:30 – 10:30 – Old Economy, New Economy, Information Still Rules

  **Chair:** Terry Roe, University of Minnesota

  **Keynote address:** Robert Kauffman, University of Minnesota  
  Economics and Electronic Commerce: Survey and Directions for Research

10:30 – 10:45 – Refreshments

10:45 – 12:30 – E-Commerce and IT: Implications for International and US Trade

  **Chair:** Neilson Conklin, Economic Research Service

  Caroline Freund, Federal Reserve Board  
  Impacts of E-Commerce on International Trade

  Tara Smith, Promar International  
  Reaping the Cyber Harvest: E-Commerce and Trade in Food and Agriculture

  Andrew Loder, Cargill International  
  Capitalizing on Global E-Business Opportunities in Agriculture

12:30 – 1:30 - Lunch

  Jonathan Seltzer  
  E-Commerce’s Effect on Food Retailing and Supply Chains

1:30 – 3:30 – Use of Information Technology in the Food Systems of Selected Countries: The Current
Chair – Cheryl Christensen, Economic Research Service

Albert Kagan and Paul Patterson, Arizona State University: United States

S. Kenneth Shwedel - Rabobank International, Mexico: Latin America

Rachel Howe, Cyberworks Japan: Japan

Burak Ar, Private Businessman: Turkey

Glenn Rogers, United States Agency for International Development, Egypt: Egypt

3:30 – 3:45 – Break

3:45 – 5:00 – Research Priorities, Policy Issues and Data Needs

Chair – Shirley Pryor, Economic Research Service

Panel - Sally Thompson, University of Illinois
- Rolf Mueller, University at Kiel
- Andrew Schmitz, University of Florida
- Hamid Mohtadi, University of Minnesota
- S. Kenneth Shwedel, Rabobank International, Mexico
8:30 – 9:00 - Refreshments

9:00 – 10:30 – Impacts of E-Commerce on Trade

Chair – Steve Halbrook, Farm Foundation

Gordon Hunt, eFruit International
Buying and Selling Juice on Line: A Case Study for International E-Commerce

Andrew Schmitz, University of Florida
Buying Inputs and Selling Outputs through E-commerce

Hamid Mohtadi, University of Minnesota
Information Technology Adoption in Supply Chains: Some Global Implications

10:30 – 10:45 – Refreshments

10:45 – 12:15 – Potential Impacts of E-Commerce on Industry Structure and Behavior

Chair – Janet Perry, Economic Research Service

David Zilberman, University of California, Berkeley
Information Technology and the Evolution and Structure of Agriculture

Rolf Mueller, University at Kiel, Germany
Digital Information Technology and Entrepreneurship in the Agro-food Industry

Jeffrey Dorfman, University of Georgia
The Emergence of E-Markets in Agribusiness: How Will They Work and Who Will Win?

12:15 – 1:30 – Research Priorities, Policy Issues and Data Needs
EACH SPEAKER HAS 10 MINUTES. THERE ARE 50 MINUTES FOR DISCUSSION.

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