



Creative Thinking. Objective Analysis. Innovative Solutions.

Economics of Invasive Species Management

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- Founded in 1933
- Trustees are leaders in agriculture and agribusiness
- Funding
 - Endowment Income
 - Support from individuals, businesses and government agencies
- Every \$1 invested leverages more than \$7

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- We are unique in the agricultural community, addressing issues impacting the entire industry, not just one region or commodity
- We have a 72-year reputation for objectivity. We do not lobby or advocate positions.
- We promote understanding of issues facing agriculture, the food chain and rural America.

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- Promotes understanding of the relationship among natural resources, human capital, technology, public institutions and society
- Provides an agenda-free environment for discussion and debate of timely economic and policy issues
- Addresses emerging economic and policy issues

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Program Focus

Environmental and Natural Resources

Globalization

Rural Community Viability

Role of Agricultural Institutions

Consumer Issues

New Technology

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- Outreach
 - Executive summaries
 - *Farm Foundation Issue Reports*
 - Delivering information to target audiences
 - Media releases
 - Farm Foundation Web site
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Current Program Initiatives

- 2007 Farm Bill Education Work
 - *51 Farm Foundation Issue Reports*
 - AFT/ERS Focus Groups
 - Producer Survey
- Energy from Agriculture
 - December 14-15, St. Louis

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Current Program Initiatives

- Future of Animal Agriculture in North America
 - First comprehensive look at the issues
 - More than 150 people invited from more than 75 organizations
 - Final Report & Conference February 2006
 - Washington DC, Mexico City, Ottawa

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Future Program Initiatives

- WTO Negotiations after Hong Kong
- A Decade of Biotechnology in Agriculture
- Rural Entrepreneurship
- Agricultural Productivity

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Why this project?

- Explore the consequences of alternative public and private approaches to natural resource policy, management and regulations.

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- Goal: More informed public policy
 - Supply private and public decision makers with informative economic analysis.
 - Identify gaps in research/analysis and set a future research agenda.
 - Increase public understanding of the issues by fostering dialogue and building networks.