

INFORMA ECONOMICS ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

Informa Economics, Inc. Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Scherr and Informa Economics President and Chief Operating Officer Tom Scott recently announced several promotions within the company.

Chris Eggerman was promoted to Informa Economics Senior Commodity Analyst within Informa's fundamental economic research and analysis service. Prior to joining the company, he was an agricultural research assistant within the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University. While there, he developed a stochastic model of Texas crops to forecast farm income for the state and analyzed the effects of rising fuel prices on Texas crop incomes. Eggerman also interned with USDA's Farm Service Agency where he reviewed and corrected reports of subsidy payments made to dairy farmers. He received his bachelor's degree in agricultural business from Missouri State University and received his master's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University.

Mark Jordan also was promoted to Informa Economics Senior Poultry and Egg Analyst. Jordan is responsible for research of the broiler, turkey, and egg industries, and his analysis focuses on the short- and long-term impacts of changing market conditions within each sector. Prior to joining Informa, he was an agricultural statistician in the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service where his duties included survey administration and setting commodity estimates. Jordan received a bachelor's degree in agribusiness from Arkansas State University and a master's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Arkansas.

Darwin Lockhart was named a Senior Consultant for the company. From Informa Economics' Winnipeg office, his primary responsibility is to provide analytic support in both projects and Canadian commodity research. This work encompasses a wide variety of sectors across Canadian agribusiness with areas of expertise including the use of Geographic Information System technology to provide site selection and spatial competitive analyses involving the evaluation and modeling of grain and their handling networks. Prior to joining the company, Lockhart worked for the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange (WCE) where he held positions as market research analyst and market information manager. While at the WCE, Lockhart's primary responsibility was the coordination of all aspects of market information accumulation and dissemination. He received his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Manitoba.

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