## What's Happening

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#### A note from Dr. Van Tassell

Along with the rest of the departments around campus, AERS has been busy preparing materials for the program mapping/realignment process. This process includes examining the efficiency of our undergraduate and graduate programs in terms of the student credit hours and number of graduates generated by each program. The productivity, as measured by publications and grants, of faculty associated with each program also is being assessed. While there is still room for improvement, we are confident that AERS will continue to play a prominent role in the academic, outreach and research missions of the University of Idaho.

We want to again express our thanks for your support and friendship and wish each of you the best as you transition from winter to spring.

#### Activities of Interest





**Neil Rimbey** went to Pocatello January 6-7, 2005 for the Idaho Section Society for Range Management Annual Meeting.

**Neil Rimbey** attended the A to Z Retained Ownership, Inc. in Bruneau, Idaho January 14.

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On January 25, **Neil Rimbey** went to Boise for the District BLM Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

**Neil Rimbey** attended the A to Z Retained Ownership, Inc. Mid-Year Meeting on January 28 in Bruneau, Idaho.





**Paul Patterson** traveled to Tashkent, Uzbekistan February 24 – March 14 and conducted a two week workshop: Developing Costs and Returns Estimates: Methods and Procedures at the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Ag Mechanization Engineers.



**Neil Rimbey**, **J.D. Wulfhorst**, and **Larry Van Tassell** attended the Society for Range Management Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas February 5 - 10.

On February 14, **Neil Rimbey** went to Boise, Idaho for the Leadership Idaho Agriculture seminar.

**Neil Rimbey and Chris McIntosh** traveled on February 15-16 to attend the Idaho Agriculture Summit in Boise, Idaho.

**Neil Rimbey** went to Phoenix, Arizona on February 22 for the Arizona Ag Business Forum.

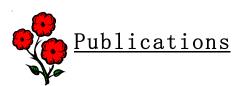
**Neil Rimbey** traveled February 24 for Farm Credit Services in Phoenix, Arizona.

On February 25, **Neil Rimbey** went to Mesa, Arizona for the Arizona Society Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Annual Meeting.



**Neil Rimbey** went to Boise, Idaho on March 2 for Boise District BLM Resource Advisory Council New Member Training.

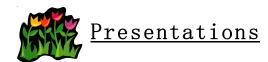
On March 8, **Neil Rimbey** attended a Rangeland Drought Subcommittee meeting in Boise, Idaho.



**Patterson, Paul E.** U of I Study Shows Increased Expenses. 2005. Potato Grower Magazine, March 2005.

Wittman, Cori, Kelly Olson, **Paul Patterson** and **Larry Makus**. December 2004. Developing a Grain Marketing Plan. Idaho Barley Commission.

Eborn, Ben, C. **Wilson Gray**, **Paul Patterson** and **Garth Taylor**. 2004. The Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture: 2003 projections. Moscow, ID: University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.



Cooke, Stephen C. "The Impact on Average Wages and Income Distribution from Substituting Bad Jobs for Good Ones in the U.S. Between 1978 and 1998." NE-1011/Western Regional Science Association Joint Session on Rural Labor Markets and Poverty, San Diego, CA, February 23, 2005.

**Guenthner, Joe**. "Trends in the Potato Industry in the Northwest." Idaho Seed Potato Grower's Seminar. Pocatello, ID, Jan 18, 2005

**Guenthner, Joe**. "The Future of the Potato Industry." Oregon Potato Conference, Portland, Oregon, January 27, 2005.

**Paul Patterson** Tax Management: Implications for Cash Flows and Financing. Presented at the District 4 Farm Management Workshops. Rexburg, ID February 14 and Montpelier, ID February 15, 2005.

**Paul Patterson** Calculating Potato Production Costs and Risk Farm Size and Economic Efficiency. Managing Your Machinery Costs Presented at the University of Idaho 2005 Potato Conference, Pocatello, ID. January 19, 2005.

**Paul Patterson** Analyzing Your Cost of Production Using the Crop Enterprise Budget Worksheet Program. Presented twice at the University of Idaho 2005 Snake River Sugarbeet Conference, Nampa, ID. January 14, 2005.

**Paul Patterson** Changes in Cost of Production: 2003 to 2004. Presented at the 2004 Potato Growers of Idaho Annual Meeting, Pocatello, ID. December 14, 2004.

**Paul Patterson** Appeared as one of two guests on the January 27<sup>th</sup> edition of "Tough Talk", a 30-minute program on Channnel-8 where the issue discussed was the "water call" made by Magic Valley water users

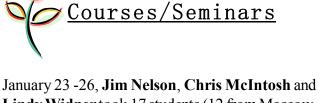
**Neil Rimbey** gave the following presentations at the annual meeting of the Society for Range Management in Fort Worth, Texas (February 5-10, 2005):

**Rimbey, NR.** 2005. The Quest for Silver Bullets: Economic Implications of Changing Season of Use and Herding to Improve Grazing Distribution. Presented at the Quest for Silver Bullets Symposium. Fort Worth, TX.

**Rimbey, N.R.**, L.A. Torell and O.A. Ramirez. 2005. Lifestyle Choices vs. Ranch Income: The Effect on Ranchland and Public Grazing Permit Values. Fort Worth, TX.

**Wulfhorst, J.D.**, **N.R. Rimbey** and T.D. Darden. 2005. Community and Resistance on the Range. Fort Worth, TX.

Neil Rimbey and L. Allen Torell were invited to present the results of their on-going Great Basin and New Mexico ranch value research at 3 recent meetings in Arizona. Presentations were made to the University of Arizona's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Agribusiness Forum on Urbanization and Agriculture (1/22/05), Farm Credit Services Regional appraisal staff (1/24/05) and the annual meeting of the Arizona Chapter of the Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (1/25/05).



Lindy Widner took 17 students (12 from Moscow, 5 from Idaho Falls) to Boise for an intensive three day meeting with individual legislators, legislative committees, interest groups (including registered lobbyists), and state and federal agency personnel to discuss current state issues and the policy making process by which the issues are being addressed. Participation in the trip met partial requirements of Ag Econ 410, "Experiencing the Idaho Public Policy Making Process."

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#### <u>Noteworthy News</u>

**Paul Patterson** worked with the Potato Growers of Idaho to substantiate their claim showing economic harm to Idaho fresh market potato growers stemming from increased Canadian French fries imports. The petition, filed under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, was approved.

