

APRN Farm Level Policy

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Workshop Objectives

- Identify key farm issues
- Identify Research Program for Network
 - 1 year
 - Over 3 years

- Overall APRN Request

- Network for policy relevant research
- Integration of research and policy
- Informed debate
- Graduate student training

- Farm Level Research Program

- **Integrated farm management issues**
 - **Risk, food safety, quality, environment**
- Impact of AAFC policy instruments
- Impact of supply-chain
- other

Research Objectives

- International Competitiveness
- Sustainable Production
- Risk Management
- Regional Integration
- Social Integration

Management Team

- Jim Unterschultz U. of A.
 - Finance and business risk
- Richard Schoney U. of S.
 - Crops, farm-level models & aggregations, IFCN
- Case van Kooten U. of Vic.
 - Environmental management, health & modeling
- Alfons Weersink U. of Guelph
 - Production Economics and Environment
- Steve Clark NSAC
 - Production Economics & time series

Plan and Methods

- Plan

- Directed Research
- Research Requests

- Methods

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Outcomes over 3 years

- Relationships
 - Workshops
- Synergies related research
- New Contributions to the Field(s)
 - Selected Research
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Policy Analysis and Recommendations
- 5-8 Graduate Students Trained

Workshop: Farm Level

■ Monday

– Session 1

- Big Picture Canadian Policy Issues. Past and present

– Session 2

- International Perspectives European
- Province of Alberta

– Session 3

- US and International
- Breakout
 - Identify big picture network policy issues
 - Identify appropriate research methodologies

Workshop: Farm Level

- Monday

 - Joint Session

 - AAFC objectives
 - A research funding organization viewpoint

- Tuesday

 - Session 1

 - Farm view of issues
 - Aggregating from farm to regional to national

 - **Session 2**

 - Identify specific farm level issues
 - Identify specific research questions for the network
 - 1 year
 - 3 year

Workshop: Farm Level

- Outcome from all sessions
 - Management team
 - Identify the most important short term and long term farm level policy issues
 - put together a research program that meets the needs of AAFC and of researchers
 - Initiate research
 - specific research
 - research proposals

Workshop: Farm Level

- How Will This Happen?
 - Participate
 - Discussion
 - Ideas
 - Networking

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