

Agriculture in a Global Context

Ag Systems under Major Policy Change: **United Kingdom** Spring 2018



Experiential-based class that investigates topics on grain and cattle supply chains, government and trade policies, and research methodologies. At the end of 16 weeks of seminars, students traveled to the United Kingdom to learn about the impact of historical and on-going agricultural and trade policies. The trip offered unique opportunities to obtain hands-on knowledge about the impacts of Brexit on the agricultural sector.

Topics and Guest Speakers for Course

- Randy Rucker (DAEE Professor) “Overview of Agricultural Policy”
- Anton Bekkerman (DAEE Associate Professor), “Writing an Effective Paper”
- Eric Belasco (DAEE Associate Professor), “Overview of U.S. Cattle Sector”
- Vince Smith (DAEE Professor), “Overview of International Trade”
- Joe Janzen (DAEE Assistant Professor), “Overview of U.S. Wheat Market”
- Collin Watters (Executive Vice President, Montana Wheat & Barley Committee) “U.S. Grains Promotion in International Markets”
- Errol Rice (Executive Vice President, Montana Stockgrowers Association, “How the JD.com Deal was Made”
- John Youngberg (Executive Vice President), Montana Farm Federation, “How Agricultural Policy is Formed”
- Greg Gilpin (DAEE Department Head and Associate Professor) “Overview of International Financial Markets”

Quotes from Ag Business Students

“This has been absolutely eye opening and the most straightforward way to apply our education to major global issues. This program will be something I reference while solving economic problems for years to come.”
~Laina

“Our trip gave us a unique perspective on the effects of trade agreements.”
~Tanner

“We learned a variety of new information pertaining to marketing, livestock and crop production, and agricultural policy during our trip to the United Kingdom. Education outside the classroom is extremely valuable, and is made possible, thanks to contributions like yours!”
~Ashley

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Places Visited

- Royal Agricultural Society
- National Farmers Union
- Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board
- Cambridge University
- George Farm, Lincolnshire (Velcourt Ltd)
- Hall Farm, Stainton Le Vale
- University of Sheffield
- Yorkshire Dales
- Monkridge Hill Farm, Newcastle upon Tyne
- Chillingham Castle & Wild Cattle Ranch
- Broome Park Farms
- Scotland's Rural College, Edinburgh
- Edinburgh Dairy Farm
- Hill and Mountain Research Centre, Loch Lomond National Park

Quotes from Ag Business Students

“Students have gain valuable insight into the challenges and opportunities that exist in our world’s agricultural economies and get a whole new appreciation for the ways that food and fiber are produced across the globe.” ~Albert

“By traveling to operations in the United Kingdom, I have furthered my knowledge and understanding of agricultural policies across the world.” ~Sabrina

“My perspective was changed through learning about Brexit, common agricultural policy, and touring various farms. This was my first international travel experience and one I will treasure forever.” ~Meghan



MSU students with Velcourt regional and farm managers in rapeseed field, Lincolnshire, UK



Hall Farm’s farm manager discussing impacts of agri-environmental management, Stainton, UK



Innovative Wagyu cattle operation, Newcastle, UK



Discussing livestock management on traditional hill sheep farms



Meeting with Professors at University of Sheffield



Edinburgh Dairy farm manager with MSU students



Tour of commercial Angus cattle operation at Broome Park Farm, Alnwick, UK