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Course Overview

Course Title	Agriculture Futures and Options
Course and Section Number	AGR-305-ONL
Number of Credits	3 Semester Credits
Term	21/AUTM
Course/Section Dates	08/16/2021 – 10/09/2021
Meeting Time	Class meets online via Canvas
Instructor	Don Benjamin
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Textbook Information: (e.g. title, edition, publisher, ISBN)	None Link to Doane Bookstore: https://www.bkstr.com/doaneuniversitystore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials
Additional Course Materials	Use free materials from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
Course Description	<p>This course examines the role of agricultural futures and options in risk management strategies for producers and agribusiness firms and in the price discovery process. The focus is on fundamental supply-demand and technical analysis of markets and pricing processes as well as the development and applications of effective price risk management strategies. To develop analytical skills relevant to agribusiness management, students will a) apply economic principles to problems of farms, ranches, and other institutions in the food and fiber industries and b) demonstrate technological skills used in quantitative analysis. In addition, to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, students will a) apply the scientific method in an area relevant to agribusiness and</p>



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economics and b) propose and assess economic policy solutions to agricultural and food issues.

Foundational Area of Knowledge

Course Learning Outcomes/Objectives

- LO 1 – develop analytical skills relevant to agribusiness management
- LO 2 - apply economic principles to problems of farms, ranches, and other institutions in the food and fiber industries
- LO 3 - demonstrate technological skills used in quantitative analysis
- LO 4 - apply the scientific method in an area relevant to agribusiness
- LO 5 - propose and assess economic policy solutions to agricultural and food issues

Technology Requirements

For the successful use of Canvas please refer to Doane University's [minimum computer requirements](#). This may also include:

- Reliable computer and internet connection
- A web browser (Chrome or Mozilla Firefox)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free)
- Word processing software -Microsoft or Google Docs
- Webcam and mic

Syllabus Addendum

www.doane.edu/syllabus includes information regarding:

- Academic Support
- Military Friendliness & Services
- Study Time
- Credit Hour Definition
- Catalog and Policies

Technological Support

If you are in need of technical assistance, please contact the help desk at 402-826-8411 or by email at helpdesk@doane.edu.

Learning Management System

Canvas: <https://doane.instructure.com>



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