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2006 Presidents Message

My, how time flies! It seems as if it were only a short time ago that I began my tenure on the National Market News Association Board of Directors. Serving on the board has been a great learning experience and I have made new friendships that I will not forget in the years to come.

Our visit to the Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago International Produce Market was certainly the highlight of the conference. To witness how valuable the data we as Market News Reporters collect and analyze is to mainstream America as well as the global agri-business network was awesome! Our "Farm Bill 2007" panel discussion continued to drive home the importance of Market News to the agricultural industry and especially the growing Organics segment. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the planning and production of the 49th Annual National Market News Conference. You all made it possible!



I hope everyone enjoyed their visit to Chicago, and took some personal time to explore the downtown area as there were so many places to see and things to do. The free time seemed to please many of us anxious to explore the Loop!

Looking ahead to Oklahoma City, I am certain Tina and her committee has some excellent ideas and will host our "50th" National Market News Association in style. Until then...

Graciously,

Debbie Friday USDA-AMS-Fruit and Vegetable Market News Benton Harbor, Michigan

2006 Scholarship Award Winners

Alyn Kiel is currently completing her second year at Michigan State University, working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Natural Resource Communications, as well as completing coursework in International Studies and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. I plan to combine my work experience in agriculture and journalism, degrees in agricultural communications and international studies, and my network of agricultural professionals with an international career in agricultural development. My familiarity I have gained through involvement in various horticulture and communication



organizations will be a distinct advantage in a professional life, as I have a working knowledge of the agricultural industry and the marketing tactics utilized in the industry. I also feel that service work and education are integral parts of agricultural development, and wish to utilize my communication and agricultural skills by working in developing countries. The National Market News Association scholarship has helped to provide a valuable opportunity for me to combine my passions for agriculture and communications and set me on the road for a rewarding career in agricultural development; thank you so much for your generosity!



Katie A. Cook - I would like to sincerely thank you for selecting me as a 2006 scholarship winner. Your contribution to my education is greatly appreciated. In December, I graduated from Michigan State University with degrees in Animal Science and Marketing. Since then, I have accepted a position with Elanco Animal Health which started in the beginning of January. I am currently located in Oklahoma as a cattle sales representative. After gaining experience in the field, I intend to pursue a MBA.

NMNA Award Nominations!!

It is never too early to begin thinking about NMNA award nominations for 2007. Nomination forms and details are available on the NMNA website in the awards section. Complete the application, click submit, and receive an e-mailed confirmation. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Meredith.



Gary Brown Recipient, 2006 Reporter of the Year.

2007 Awards Committee

Barbara Meredith, Chairperson-Cotton-Memphis, TN Greg Demery – MNSU, Washington, DC F. David Gonsoulin – L&S, Montgomery, AL Jeff Carnahan – Cotton, Memphis, TN

More 2007 NMNA Committees

Executive

Tina Colby, Chair Barbara Meredith Sherry Warren Tiffany Smit Tom Lister Lewis Langell Debbie Friday Donald Carnes Holly Mozal Steve Skuba

Scholarship

Tina Colby, LS, OKC, Chair Barbara Meredith, CT, TN Sherry Warren, Raleigh NC

Nominations & Achievement and Recognitions

Sherry Warren, Raleigh, NC, Chair Cordell Givens, LS, IL Debbie Schwartz, PY, IA Marilyn Mayeux, FV, LA

Lifetime Membership

Tiffany Smit, LS, OR Annie Terry Deborah Gleaton Jim Bass Philip Montgomery <u>Membership</u>

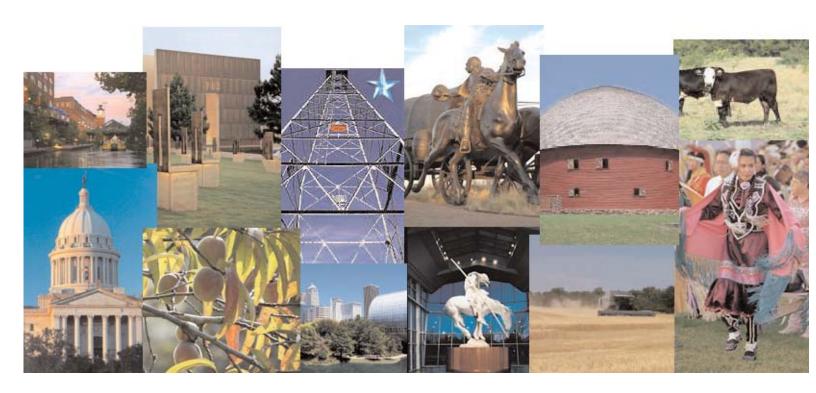
Tom Lister, FV, NY, Chair

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please let one of the Nominations Committee members know of your interest. They are seeking nominations now.

Welcome Oklahoma's Centennial Celebration & 50th Annual NMNA Conference

Livestock and Seed Branch August 22-26, 2007, all other branches August 23-26, 2007.





New Officers: Tiffany Smit- Portland, OR & Tom Lister Bronx, NY

Tiffany Smit began her career with the Portland Market News office in March 2001 as an Office Automation Clerk. She performed regular duties as a clerk for grain reporting; in addition she took on many duties normally performed by a Market Reporter during the time that the office was short-staffed. In January of 2003, Tiffany was selected for the Market Reporter Trainee and promoted to Market Reporter in January 2004. During this time Tiffany graduated from Oregon State University with highest honors. Currently as a Market Report her daily duties include: analyzing, evaluating, preparing and disseminating grain and feed market information. Creating and continually updating, expanding, and improving Excel worksheets to improve the accuracy, speed and the ease of creating market news reports; proofing reports for public/customer viewing; and helping customers with any requests they may have. In her spare time, Tiffany enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Tom Lister works in our Bronx office at the NYC Terminal Market. I've been with Market News since late February 2004. I report wholesale prices at the market. Lately, before coming to Idaho Falls, I was reporting the fruit beat.

Before joining Market News, I was a newspaper reporter and editor for 10 years. I spent three years of that time as markets editor for The Packer, a weekly business newspaper that covers the fresh produce industry. I speak Spanish. I've traveled extensively in Latin America. I live in the Pelham Bay neighborhood of the Bronx. I'm a Navy brat born in Florida and raised early on in San Diego. The place I call home is Plevna, KS, which has a population of about 100. In my spare time, I like to bicycle, travel and read.

National Market News Association Business Meeting

August 26, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Friday.

Secretary: Sherry Warren presented the minutes of the 2005 National Market News Association's Business Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published in this year's program. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Barbara Meredith presented the treasurer's report as printed in the program. It was moved and seconded that the report be approved as published. The motion carried.

The Achievement and Recognition Committee report was presented by chair Russ Travelute. A list of achievements and recognition were reported in the first Communicator.

Barbara Meredith, chairperson, presented the report for the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee. There were no nominees for this year. Her committee consisted of Paul Pasholk, Cathy Greene, Kesha Graves and Annie Terry.

Sherry Warren, chairperson of the Membership Committee, reported that there were approximately 175 members and 25 spouses registered for this year's conference. The Membership Committee was responsible for compiling a list of new employees and encouraging them to join the National Market News Association. They also encouraged all existing members to renew their membership in the association. Her committee included Dan Schussler and Amos Hardy.

First Vice-President Tina Colby gave the Awards Committee report. Announcements of this year's awards were deferred until this evening's banquet. Committee members included John Goetz, Patty Willkie, Brittany Dreier and Joe Harrison.

Linda Verstrate, chairperson, presented the Nominating Committee report. Her committee members were Becky Sauder, John Kyranos, Mick Davie and Charlie McIntire. Due to Linda's resignation from the Executive Board, a motion was made and seconded to move current Board members up two positions. There were two nominees for upcoming Board member. This year's nominees were Tiffany Smit from Portland, Oregon as Treasurer and Tom Lister from New York as Secretary. A motion was made and seconded that their nominations be accepted. The motion carried.

President Debbie Friday presented the Scholarship Committee report. Her committee included Russ Travelute and Tina Colby. She was happy to report that the committee received 20 applicants for this year's scholarship. Two applicants were accepted for scholarships. Katie Cook and Alyn Kiel, both from Michigan State University were presented scholarships.

Historian Lewis Langell reported that there were no new resolutions or changes to the By-Laws.

Alumni Association President, Charlie Hackensmith, reported that there were too few members in attendance to have any business.

Old Business: Terry Long announced that the effort to get approval for the National Market News Association to donate \$500 to pay for refreshments at an event hosted by USDA, AMS to commemorate the 90th anniversary of USDA Market News was not approved by AMS.

New Business: There was discussion about allocating money to be used to commemorate the 50^{th} anniversary of the National Market News Association. Jeff Carnahan made a motion to organize a committee to discuss ideas for the 50^{th} anniversary. Motion was withdrawn.

Patty Willkie made a motion for the Executive Board to form a committee to explore ideas for a 50th anniversary celebration for the National Market News Association at next year's conference. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. Committee members include Tina Colby, Jeff Carnahan, Patty Wilkie, Jim Beard and Terry Long.

A motion was made and seconded adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Submitted by Sherry Warren, Secretary

2006 NMNA TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2006

Checking Account #4617147	\$8,047.90		
CD account #21(1 year)	\$13,642.52		
CD account #22 (6 month)	\$10,038.78		
TOTAL	\$31,729.20		
Income from Interest			
CD Account #21	\$510.27		
CD Account #22	\$395.20		
TOTAL	\$905.47		
Income from 2006 Workshop			
Workshop Registration Fees	\$24,900.00		
Spouses/Guests Registration	\$3,010.90		
NMNA Membership Dues	\$1,099.00		
Scholarship Donations	\$341.00		
Scholarship Draw Down	\$2,535.00		
Contributions	\$1,400.00		
Advanced Seed Money	\$3,000.00		
	\$36,285.90		
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		INCOME	\$68,920.57
Expenses for 2006 Workshop			. ,
Audio/Visual/Internet	\$1,946.00		
Welcome Reception	\$3,316.42		
, Banquet	\$14,649.79		
Printing and Postage	\$618.74		
Breaks	\$3,970.28		
Busses	\$1,920.16		
Awards and Engraving	\$590.52		
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Spouses Program	\$1,583.40		
Spouses Program Door prizes	\$1,583.40 \$404.65		
Door prizes	\$404.65		
Door prizes Registration-Supplies	\$404.65 \$165.73		
Door prizes Registration-Supplies Bank Charges	\$404.65 \$165.73 \$60.00		
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Livestock and Seed Branch Updates:

Retail Pork and Lamb Reports:

Two new weekly reports are available on the LGMN Internet site. These reports compile information from weekly ads of approximately 17,000 retail stores nationwide. The reports give a feature rate, which is the percentage of sampled stores advertising pork/lamb, a special rate, which is the percentage of sampled stores promotion, an activity index which is a measure of the absolute frequency of the feature activity equal to the total number of stores for each advertised pork/lamb item, and the total number of advertising outlets and their weighted average price. The report also includes graphs of the current and previous five weeks activity index. Additionally, the price range and weighted averages for the various items are broken down into six regions for pork and three regions for lamb. The reports are released on Fridays by 3:00 PM Central.

Ethanol Reporting: LGMN began its efforts in ethanol reporting in the fall of 2006. A daily report for the Iowa market began on October 2, 2006. A weekly report covering trading in Illinois began November 7, 2006, and a daily report covering the Nebraska market began Jan. 2, 2007.

Coverage includes the price and basis bid to producers for corn delivered to the ethanol plant, the prices of the distillers grains offered out for sale from those plants, and in some instances, the offering price for the ethanol. All prices are based at the ethanol plant and are for the spot market. On most of the reports, distillers grains prices are available on three products: Distillers Dried Grains (10% moisture). Modified Wet Distillers Grain (50-55% moisture), and Wet Distillers Grain (65-70% moisture). The report in Nebraska only shows the distillers price for the wet product. Expansion to additional states will be considered.

Livestock Mandatory Reporting: The statutory authority of the Livestock Mandatory Act of 1999 Act ended in September 2005. At that time, AMS sent letters to each packer required to report under the 1999 Act, requesting their voluntary cooperation in continuing to submit information. Based on the response to USDA's request for voluntary packer participation in Mandatory Reporting, most reports have continued to be published, except for imported boxed lamb cuts and slaughter cow reports. On October 5, 2006, the President signed a bill that extended the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act until September 30, 2010, as well as mandated a number of program modifications. As the statutory authority for the program has lapsed, the regulatory authority must be re-established through rulemaking. Work on the necessary rulemaking has been initiated.

New Livestock Auction Reports:

Stratford WI. Dairy Auction Belen NM. Livestock Auction Portales NM. Dairy Sale Mansura LA. Livestock Auction Greencastle PA. Livestock Auction Centennial CO. Goat Auction Clay County AL. Livestock Auction

Passaic MO. Livestock Auction Macon MO. Livestock Auction Maryville MO. Livestock Auction Discontinued Reports: South St. Paul Stockyards reports were discontinued on September 30, 2006.

Fruit and Vegetable Market News

Portal Training

FV continues to train both reporters and the industry in the use of the Market News Portal. The Branch held the second program-wide training session for reporters on the Portal in December, 2006 at the Fresh Products Branch Training Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The Training Center has a computer lab with approximately 30 computer work stations making it an excellent venue for doing hands-on training for a large group. The training was open to both state and federal market reporters. As not all reporters were available to attend the December training, a makeup session is scheduled for early March in Washington, DC. The bulk of the training will take place in the computer lab at the AMS Training Institute.

Additionally, FV has been very active in reaching out to industry groups and individual firms to help them better use the power of the Portal to meet their information needs. With budget challenges of 2005-2006, FV was forced to eliminate most of the support staff positions in the Branch. The primary duty of the affected staff was to assemble composite reports. The traditional reports were reflective of what customers were thought to want in terms of market information. With the Portal, customers can now select customize the data they receive, directly access the Market News Information System (MNIS), and access the data in a variety of fashions to best meet their needs. So, while the budget situation forced the Branch to downsize, the Portal allowed it. Many customers still have to be shown how to fully harness the potential of the Portal, and reporters have traveled across the country to do so.

Fruit and Vegetable Holds Its First Product Correlation

FV held its first product correlation in conjunction with the December Portal training. The correlation was modeled after the live animal correlations routinely held by Livestock and Grain Market News. The exercise was led by Holly Mozal, Jessup, and the correlation looked at several products including strawberries, grapes and squash. The session received very positive marks from the participants and it will be repeated for the attendees at the makeup training class to be held in March.

AMS Enters Into Interagency Agreement with RMA

AMS Market News has entered into an interagency agreement with the Risk Management Agency (RMA) of USDA to modify the MNIS and the Portal to store and allow for easy retrieval of data on organic products, with an initial emphasis on fruits and vegetable. Additionally, the agreement calls for a two year pilot project to enhance the reporting of organically grown fruits and vegetables. The modifications to the MNIS and the Portal have to done run in tandem, with a targeted completion date of August, 2007.

Cotton Branch

The cotton branch has been extremely busy this past year with new projects. Currently we are working on reviewing and evaluating their current reports.

Reorganization:

 In 2006, Poultry Programs completed a restructuring of its mission areas in order to continue the efficient provision of high quality service to our customers. The Program's Chief Economist position was combined with the Market News Branch to form the new Market News and Analysis Branch. This action combines the economic and market intelligence functions of the Program, creating a more powerful system of information collection and analysis that benefits internal and external customers alike. This move positions Poultry Market News & Analysis to continue to be an innovative and responsive leader in providing services to the poultry and egg industries.



New Reports and Revisions:

• Weekly Retail Shell Egg and Egg products Feature Activity Report – Egg Products

In 2005 in conjunction with industry members and trade groups, Poultry Market News developed a market news report covering supermarket feature activity for the most common consumer grades of shell eggs. In October 2006, upon the completion of a full year of reporting, the report was updated to include year ago comparison data. At the same time, the report was expanded to a third page to include similar information for the most commonly marketed forms of liquid egg products. Also on the third page as a regular feature is a graph showing the relationship in featuring activity between regular shell eggs and liquid egg products and a second graph showing the relationship between Large white shell egg activity and the Large egg inventory. In addition, a special section was included during the November-December holiday observations covering supermarket feature activity of egg-nog.

• Retail Chicken Feature Activity Report – Specialty and USDA Certified Organic

In 2005 in conjunction with industry members and trade groups, Poultry Market News developed a market news report covering supermarket feature activity for the most common consumer cuts of chicken. In September 2006, this report was expanded to include similar activity for specialty and USDA Certified Organic chicken products. Specialty products are produced from chickens raised on an all vegetable diet without antibiotics and are minimally processed. USDA Certified Organic are products grown and processed according to USDA's national organic standards and certified by USDA-accredited State and private certification organizations.

- BROILER/FRYER: Weekly Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection (Thur) Live weights of young meat chickens continue to increase. In response to this situation and at the request of the broiler industry, USDA AMS Poultry Market News, working with the National Chicken Council and industry cooperators, developed the following updates to the reporting of young chicken slaughter information effective August 2006:
 - Expanded weight breakdowns to four:
 - 4.25 lbs. and down: This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
 - 4.26-6.25 lbs.: This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
 - 6.26-7.75 lbs.: This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
 - 7.76 lbs and up : This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

- The report timeframe was moved up one week to reflect the prior week's data instead of data from two week's prior.
- The slaughter information provided in the report now reflects 100% of the Federally Inspected slaughter instead of the 66% previously shown.

Current Projects for 2007:

- Weekly Retail Chicken Feature Activity Report Individually Quick Frozen Products new
- Poultry Proteins, Feather Meal, and Fats Report new
- Whole Body Turkey Cutout new
- National Mechanically Separated Chicken report update
- Shell Egg Demand Indicator new
- Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Producer Price Series update
- Trailerload Egg Sales update

2006 Awards Livestock and Seed

New Hires: Levi Geyer & Wendy Halloran

Retirements:

John Van Dyke Penny Sockel

Awards for 2006:

Erin Morris, Performance John VanDyke, Performance Jodie Pitcock, Spot Christopher Sommers, Group Extra Effort Alan Hummel, Group Extra Effort Lonnie Peetz, Group Extra Effort Rex Hurd, Group Extra Effort Thomas Walthers, Group Extra Effort Michael Jeter, Performance Portia White, Time Off Baldemar Ortiz, Group Extra Effort

Corbitt Wall, Group Extra Effort Tiffany Smit, Performance Amy Levy, Performance Paulette Wingate, Performance Marjorie Hunt, Extra Effort Tina Colby, Performance Russ Travelute, Group Extra Effort Ron Cole, Group Extra Effort Randy Hammerstrom, Group Extra Effort Sarah Muhr, Group Extra Effort Ed Czerwien, Group Extra Effort James Ward, Group Extra Effort Heather Riley, Performance Christopher Sommers, Extra Effort Judy Bruhling, Extra Effort Sjontelle Crocker, Extra Effort Lea Ann Peetz, Spot

Fruit and Vegetable Awards, Retirees, and New Reporters

New Reporters: Jennifer Woods joined the Branch on January 8, 2007. She is starting her career as a market reporter in Boston and is a graduate of New Mexico State University.

Retirees:

Jim Piedlow, Los Angeles, retired in August, 2006 with nearly 36 years of service. Harold Fiscus, Chicago, retired on January 31, 2007 with 25 years of service. Maureen Murray, Boston, retired on December 31, 2006 with nearly 20 years of service.

Awards:

Extra Effort Randy Foster, Pittsburgh Francine Marando, Headquarters Lisa VanMeter, Headquarters Kevin Morris, Los Angeles Angelo Galioto, Los Angeles Fred Teensma, Oakland Richard DeMenna, Headquarters Debra Friday, Benton Harbor Phil Montgomery, Orlando Dennis, Jemmerson, St. Louis Bob Corwin, Thomasville Fernando Palmer, Headquarters Maureen Murray, Boston Darlene Oliver, Philadelphia Malinda McNeil, Headquarters Maria Castillo, Fresno

Mike Rafanan, Fresno Brenda Shuklian, Fresno Lori Tasos, Fresno Gina Thrasher, Fresno Steve Skuba, Phoenix Abbie Hannon, Phoenix Paul Pasholk, Phoenix Jacqueline Hardy, Chicago John Kerrens, Chicago Pat King, Oakland Kathy Posh, Dallas Mike Rann, Detroit Tony Sorenson, Idaho Falls Peter Diciero, Boston Jim Praski, Boston **Spot Awards** Donna Lupo, Boston Phil Montgomery, Orlando Brenda Shuklian, Fresno

Performance Bonus Awards

Holly Mozal, Jessup Richard DeMenna, Headquarters Barbara Maxwell, Headquarters John Okoniewski, Headquarters Fernando Palmer, Headquarters

Poultry Market News & Analysis

Awards and Recognition:

Secretary's Honor Awards - Employee Recognition and Remembrance Awards

Michael Sheats, Washington, DC Ponie Sistrunk, Jr., Atlanta, GA (retired) Gary Brown, Jackson, MS Mary Adkins, Des Moines, IA Richard Parsons, Washington, DC Amos Hardy, Washington, DC

Civil Rights

Michael Sheats, Washington, DC

Performance Awards:

Gary D. Brown, Jackson, MS Richard Parsons, Washington, DC Michael Sheats, Washington, DC

Spot Awards:

Jason Karwal, Des Moines, IA Chbarbara Harris, Atlanta, GA Priscilla Robinson, Washington, DC Nettie Andry, Long Beach, CA Michael Sheats, Washington, DC Ponie Sistrunk, Jr., Atlanta, GA Gary Brown, Jackson, MS Mary Adkins, Des Moines, IA Richard Parsons, Washington, DC Amos Hardy, Washington, DC

Retirements/Deaths/New Hires:

Ponie Sistrunk, Jr. Atlanta, GA 40 years

AMS Administrator's Awards: Superior Service

Michael Sheats, Washington, DC Richard Parsons, Washington, DC Johnny Freeman, Atlanta, GA Chbarbara Harris, Atlanta, GA Jennifer Lamb, Atlanta, GA Gary Brown, Jackson, MS

Additions:

Marc Warman, Chief Economist, Washington, DC

Keepsake Awards:

Suzanne Wills. Des Moines. IA Donna Schrader, Des Moines, IA Jennifer Lamb. Atlanta. GA Lakisha Aller, Des Moines, IA Debra Schwartz, Des Moines, IA Dee Scharfenberg, Des Moines, IA Michael Pollock, Des Moines, IA Mary Adkins, Des Moines, IA James Derby, Long Beach, CA Gerald Meyer, Des Moines, IA James Keenan, Des Moines, IA James Simpson, Des Moines, IA Craig Williams, Des Moines, IA Ponie Sistrunk, Jr., Atlanta, GA

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