

Optimizing Policy Tools: *Economics Data and Modeling*

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USDA Whitten Building
Room 107-A

- 8:30-8:15 Welcome and introduction by moderators
- Mary Bohman –Director, Resource and Rural Economics Division, USDA/ERS
 - Helen Jensen – Professor of Economics and Head of CARD's Food and Nutrition Policy Division.
- 8:30-9:00 “Developing Prototype Prices for Use with the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey”
- Dr. Oral Capps Professor – Southwest Dairy Marketing Endowed Chair at Texas A&M University, and
 - Dr. Rodolfo M. Nayga, Jr. - Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University
- 9:00-9:15 Question and Answer
- 9:15-9:45 "Combining Survey and ARMS Data to Examine Farmers' Off-Farm Investment Behavior"
- David Trechter – Professor of Agricultural Economics and Regional Development Institute at University of Wisconsin, River Falls
- 9:45-10:00 Question and Answer
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-10:45 “Using ARMS Data for Macro and Micro Analysis: the FAPRI Experience.”
- Patrick Westhoff – Market/Policy Research Associate Professor at FAPRI
- 10:45-11:00 Question and Answer
- 11:00-11:30 Wrap up discussion and Q&A

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