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## Vo Interned in Nation's Capitol

*National Organization Hires Oklahoma State University Student for 2009 Internship*

WASHINGTON, DC – Anh Vo recently completed her Summer 2009 Science Policy Internship with The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) in Washington, DC. Ms. Vo is studying for her M.S. in Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University in the Department of Agricultural Economics and plans to graduate in December 2009.

During her internship, Ms. Vo participated in a shadow program with agricultural economists from the government sector focusing on her potential future career prospects. She was able to utilize the program to provide research and background from the 2007 Census of Agriculture, to evaluate and assess small farmers and direct marketers the the USDA CSREES SARE program.

Ms. Vo attended various hearings in the U.S. House, Senate, and other informational briefings on important policy issues impacting US Agriculture. In addition, Ms. Vo played an active role in organizing and planning C-FARE's eighth annual Summer Intern Briefing series. Students with an interest in applied economics from across the country who interned in Washington, DC were invited to the briefing series. Each briefing focused on successful Washington, DC economists and allowed the interns the opportunity to meet other students with similar interests. As a student and member of C-FARE's target audience, Ms. Vo helped provide insight on format, structure and topics of the briefing series.

"Anh was very eager to learn and grow as an employee and agricultural economist. Her agricultural policy training from Oklahoma State University proved to be very helpful for our needs as we tracked issues important to the profession and American agriculture," stated C-FARE's Executive Director, Tamara Wagester.

Ms. Vo's degree concentration is on International Policy and Development, and she is completing her thesis on "Farm-To-School Economic Viability and Efficiency." Ms. Vo is a recipient of the Leonard F. Miller Distinguished Graduate Award, and she spent time as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal where she helped farmers achieve food security and earn additional income by improving farming techniques.

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