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Invite you to the Fall Seminar

GAMES INVOLVED IN GRAIN HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION IN WESTERN CANADA



Speaker: Derek Brewin

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Derek received a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Economics and has a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Alberta. Derek's research has focused on the location of firms and spatial aspects of the markets for grains and oilseeds; innovation and rural development. His most recent peer reviewed articles have been on competition in the grains sector, and innovation in the canola sector. Derek was raised on a mixed irrigation farm in Purple Springs, Alberta.



Faculty Club, University of Alberta
11435 Saskatchewan Drive, Edmonton, AB
November 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm

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by November 7th, 2016

Abstract: Distances in the Canadian grain handling system mean the supply chain is highly reliant on rail for transport. The export basis (port price minus average elevator price) for wheat in 2012/13, the first year without the Canadian Wheat Board, was around \$54/t. But in 2013/14 the wheat basis increased to \$133/t, a level never before seen in Canada. Given these facts, we explore the evolving behavior of firms in the Canadian grain handling supply chain. This research finds that some deregulation in rail regulations in Canada has led to overall efficiency gains, while deregulation in grain handling generated gains for grain companies at the expense of farmers and further deregulation in rail rates could generate further losses for farmers.

Registration fees:

- Students: \$10
- Regular by Nov 7th: \$15
- Regular after Nov 7th: \$20

Payments by cash or cheque
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Registration includes one drink, a
wine and cheese mixer and
networking before and after the talk

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