# ELLIOTT J. DENNIS

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#### CAREER OBJECTIVE

Solve relevant issues intersecting livestock producers and policy makers by integrating animal health epidemiology with applied economic theory

### **EDUCATION**

Committee:

Kansas State University

2015-2019

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics

GPA: 3.7/4.0

Dissertation: Economic Impacts of Metaphylaxis Use in US Feedlots: Producer Decisions, Policy, and a Market Alternative

Ted Schroeder (Chair), Glynn Tonsor, Dustin Pendell, Jesse Tack, and

David Renter (Outside committee member)

Utah State University

2013-2015

Master of Science, Applied Economics

GPA: 3.85/4.0

Thesis: Composite Forecasting Feeder Cattle Basis

Committee: DeeVon Bailey (Chair), Dillion Feuz, Man-Keun Kim, and

Brett Bowman (Outside committee member)

Royal Agricultural University

2013-2015

Master of International Food and Agribusiness

First class honours

Cambridge University

2012

Direct Enrollment, Psychology and Economics

First class honours

Brigham Young University at Idaho

2010-2013

Bachelor of Science, Industrial Psychology

GPA: 3.90/4.0

# WORK EXPERIENCE

#### University of Nebraska - Lincoln

2019-Present

Assistant Professor, Livestock Marketing

60% Extension / 40% Research

Developing a high-impact, nationally and internationally recognized extension and research program in the economics of livestock marketing and risk management, including, marketing of livestock under different contract specifications, outlook reports on livestock prices and markets; the use of derivatives, contracts, and insurance as risk management tools; and public policy.

### Kansas State University

2015-2019

Graduate Research Assistant

100% Research

Worked as part of a research team on projects with faculty members in Agricultural Economics and Veterinary Medicine. Research areas included, but were not limited to, economics of contagious livestock diseases and animal health enhancement, meat food safety economics, consumer preferences for meat products, and risk management in livestock and meat production and marketing.

100% Research

Worked as part of a research team on projects with faculty members in Applied Economics, Animal Science, and Ecology. Research areas included, but were not limited to, marketing, risk management, survey design, and international development of domestic and international livestock producers.

#### **GRANTS**

**Dennis, E.** (Principal Investigator), 130968, Contract, "WTP for Antibiotic Residue Meat", Nebraska Beef Council, Industry, Research, Submitted. (sub: July 19, 2019). \$35,000

### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

**Dennis, E.**, T. Schroeder, D. Renter, and D. Pendell. 2018. Value of Arrival Metaphylaxis in U.S. Cattle Industry. *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 43(2):233-250. (link)

**Dennis, E.**, T. Schroeder, and D. Renter. 2020. Net return distributions when metaphylaxis is used to control bovine respiratory disease in high health risk cattle (forthcoming at *Translational Animal Science*).

### JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

**Dennis**, E., G. Tonsor, J. Lusk. Choosing Quantities Impacts Consumers Willingness to Pay Measurements (revise and resubmit at *European Review of Agricultural Economics*)

Ajewole, K., E. Dennis, T. Schroeder, and J. Bergtold. Food and Nonfood Risks: A Relative Risk Valuation. (under review at *Journal of Agricultural Economics*)

Chen, B., **E. Dennis**, A. Featherstone. Farm Productivity and Weather Variation: An Empirical Analysis of Kansas Wheat Farms (under review at *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*)

**Dennis**, E., K. Ajewole, T. Schroeder, and J. Bergtold. Consumer Valuation of Antimicrobial Residue in Meat Products (invited submission to *Frontiers in Veterinary Medicine*)

### WORKING PAPERS

**Dennis, E.**, J. Tack, T. Hefley, and N. Hendricks. Soil Conditioned Climate Effects Matter when Modeling Crop Yields (Second draft)

**Dennis, E.**, J. Tack, T. Schroeder, and B. White. Cattle Morbidity and Climate Variability (First draft)

**Dennis, E.**, Y.M. Chang, J. Tack, and T. Schroeder. A Market Alternative to Counter Antimicrobial Resistance: Case of Metaphylatic Use in U.S. Feedlots (First draft)

**Dennis**, E. and N. Hendricks. Estimating Producer Losses from Antimicrobial Resistance (First draft)

#### DEVELOPING PAPERS

Ajewole, K., E. Dennis, T. Schroeder, and J. Bergtold. Risk Gap Valuation (Modeling)

E. Dennis, M. Hille, and D. Lov. Economic Impact of Pink Eye on the Beef Sector (Modeling)

Batie, C., B. Lubben, and **E. Dennis**. Do State-funded Promotion Programs Work: A Case of the Nebraska Livestock Friendly Designation Program (Modeling)

Neill, C., **E. Dennis**, and F. Ramsey. Distributional Changes of Antimicrobial Resistance Across Species and Bacteria (Modeling)

## **EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS**

**Dennis, E. and D. Aiken**. January 2020. Financial Impact when Grain Operations add a Contract Hog Operation. Under Review

**Dennis, E.**. September 2019. National Changes in Intensity and Type of Antimicrobials used for Metaphylaxis. *Nebraska Beef Watch*, (link)

**Dennis**, E. August 2019. Nebraska Beef Council - Livestock Demand and Outlook for Nebraska

**Dennis, E.** July 2019. Antimicrobials Used for Metaphylaxis and Implications for Product Diversification in the Animal Health Sector (link)

**Dennis, E.**, T. Schroeder, D. Renter, and D. Pendell. June 2018. Value of Metaphylaxis to the U.S. Fed Cattle Industry (link)

• Picked up by: Beef Magazine (link), High Plains Journal (link), Feedstuffs (link), Cattle Range (link), Bovine Veterinarian (link), Meat Import Council of America (link), KC Animal Health (link)

#### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

#### Academic

Chen, B., **E. Dennis**, A. Featherstone. Farm Productivity and Weather Variation: An Empirical Analysis of Kansas Wheat Farms. Selected Poster at *American Journal of Agricultural Economics Association* Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, July 21-23, 2019

Ajewole, K., **E. Dennis**, T. Schroeder, and J. Bergtold. Risk Gap Valuation. Selected Poster at *American Journal of Agricultural Economics Association* Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, July 21-23, 2019

Ajewole, K., T. Schroeder, and **E. Dennis**. Heterogeneity in Risk Perception in the United States. Selected Poster at *Western Agricultural Economics Association* Annual Meeting, Lake Tahoe, NV, July 9-11, 2017.

#### Extension

None

#### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

#### Academic

**Dennis, E.**, J. Tack, T. Hefley, and N. Hendricks. Soil Conditioned Climate Effects Matter when Modeling Crop Yields. Selected Paper at *American Journal of Agricultural Economics Association* Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, July 21-23, 2019

- **Dennis, E.**, K. Ajewole, T. Schroeder, and J. Bergtold. Consumer Valuation of Antimicrobial Residue in Food Products. Selected Paper at *International Society of Economics and Social Sciences for Animal Health* Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, July 20, 2019
- **Dennis, E.**, J. Tack, T. Schroeder, and B. White. Cattle Morbidity and Climate Variability. Selected Paper at *Western Agricultural Economics Association* Annual Meeting, Coeur d'Alene, ID, June 30 July 2, 2019
- **Dennis, E.**, T. Schroeder, D. Renter, and D. Pendell. Eliminating Arrival Antibiotic Treatment Economic Impacts on U.S. Feedlots: Industry Impacts. Selected Paper at *Southern Agricultural Economics Association* Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL February 4-6, 2017.
- **Dennis, E.**, T. Schroeder, and D. Renter. Eliminating Arrival Antibiotic Treatment Economic Impacts on U.S. Feedlots. Selected Paper for presentation at *American Agricultural Economics Association* Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 31 August 2, 2016.

# Extension

- **E. Dennis**. Managing Cow-calf Price Risk: How rare was 2019 and what to expect in 2020. Invited Presentation at *Farm Bureau Logan and McPherson County*, Stapleton NE, January 2020.
- **E. Dennis**. Cattle Market Outlook. Invited Presentation at Farm Bureau Logan and McPherson County, Stapleton NE, January 2020.
- **E. Dennis**. Managing Cow-calf Price Risk. Presentation at *Nebraska Livestock and Risk Management Seminar Series*, Broken Bow NE, December 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Transitioning from PhD to Professor: What I wish I would have known!. Invited Presentation at *CASNR Graduate Student Committee Roundtable*, Lincoln NE, November 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Cattle Industry: What is on the horizon?. Invited Presentation at *Purina Feeding*, Holdredge NE, November 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Cattle Industry: What is on the horizon?. Invited Presentation at *LEED Scholars*, Lincoln NE, November 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Managing Cow-calf Price Risk. Presentation at *Nebraska Livestock and Risk Management Seminar Series*, Arthur NE, November 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Managing Cow-calf Price Risk. Presentation at *Nebraska Livestock and Risk Management Seminar Series*, Sydney NE, November 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Managing Cow-calf Price Risk. Presentation at *Nebraska Livestock and Risk Management Seminar Series*, Chadron NE, November 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Livestock Market Outlook: Opportunities and Challenges. Invited Presentation at *Tri State Crop Insurance Meetings*, Grand Island NE, October 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Agricultural Economics at University of Nebraska Lincoln. Presentation at *Husker Harvest Days*, Grand Island NE, September 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Cow-calf Profitability and Risk Management. Invited Presentation at *Gudmundson Laboratory Nebraska Ranch Practicum*, Whitman, NE, August 2019.
- **E. Dennis and B. Lubben**. Agriculture Outlook for Prospective Hog Barn Investment. Invited Presentation at *AFAN* Meeting on Swine Production in Nebraska, Fullerton NE, July 2019.

- E. Dennis and R. Tigner. Livestock Marketing 101. Presentation at *Annie's Project*, North Platte, NE, June, 2019.
- **E. Dennis**. Evaluating Animal Health Policies: Facts, Figures, and Opportunities Using Livestock Production Data. Selected Presentation at *United States Department of Agriculture & Farm Foundation* Meeting on Challenges to Changing Antibiotic Use in Food Animal Production, Washington D.C., September 6-7, 2018.
- **Dennis, E.** and T. Schroeder. Industry-level Impacts of Arrival Metaphylaxis. Selected Presentation at *Zoetis* Staff Training, Manhattan, KS, August 24, 2018.
- **Dennis, E.** Economist's perspective of industry-level impacts of health and performance technologies. Selected Presentation at *Academy of Veterinary Consultants* Triannual Meeting, Dallas, TX, April 12-13, 2018.

#### MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

# Nebraska Cattlemen's Magazine

- **Dennis, E.** Value Added Fed and Feeder Cattle Practices: Are they Paying?. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, February 2020. (link)
- **Dennis, E.** Beef Cow and Heifer Estimates Pointing towards the January Cattle Inventory Report. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, January 2020. (link)
- **Dennis, E.** Domestic Fed and Feeder Cattle Prices are Supported by Export Demand. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, December 2019. (link)
- **Dennis, E.** Ethanol and Distiller Grain Prices Through Time. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, November 2019. (link)
- **Dennis, E.** Nebraska Feedlots Place Heavier Cattle to Narrow the Cattle Feeding Gap with Texas. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, October 2019. (link)
- **Dennis, E.** Northern Plains Livestock Operations are at a Wage Disadvantage Compared to Crop Operations. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, September 2019. (link)
- **Dennis**, E. Wholesale Primal Products Influenced by Export Demand. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, August 2019. (link)
- **Dennis, E.** The Nature and Extent of Captive Supplies. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattle-men's* Monthly Magazine, June/July 2019. (link)
- K. McCullock and **E. Dennis**. 2019 Cattle Supply Outlook. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, April/May 2019. (link)
- K. McCullock and **E. Dennis**. Nebraska Heifer Price Discounts. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, March 2019. (link)
- J. Robb and **E. Dennis**. Supply and Demand Determine Market. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, February 2019. (link)
- J. Robb and **E. Dennis**. Making 2018 Calf Prices. Magazine Article in *Nebraska Cattlemen's* Monthly Magazine, January 2019. (link)

#### In The Cattle Markets

- **E. Dennis**. Trade and Animal Health Practices: Are they paying? In The Cattle Markets weekly analysis, December 23, 2019
- **E. Dennis**. Cow-calf Producers Responding to Market Events and the Beginning of a Beef Cow Selloff *In The Cattle Markets* weekly analysis, November 11, 2019
- **E. Dennis**. Ethanol Movements Impact Distiller Grains as an Input to Cattle Feeding *In The Cattle Markets* weekly analysis, September 30, 2019
- **E. Dennis**. Macroeconomic Volatility and Industry Specific Shocks Pressure Down Cattle Prices. *In The Cattle Markets* weekly analysis, August 19, 2019
- **E. Dennis**. Finding a Bottom Through Grains and Holiday Meat Demand. *In The Cattle Markets* weekly analysis, July 8, 2019

#### Radio and Podcasts

**Dennis, E.** November 2019. Changing Feedlot Placement Weights in Nebraska. Podcast on *Beef Watch*, Lincoln NE (link)

**Dennis, E.**. September 2019. Change in Metaphylaxis Use over Time. Podcast on *Beef Watch*, Lincoln NE (link)

**Dennis, E.** and T. Schroeder. June 2018. K-State study looks at the economic impact of using antimicrobials. Radio Interview on *Agriculture Today*, Manhattan, KS, June 25, 2018. (link)

#### Television

Dennis, E. Cow Calf Marketing. TV interview on Farm Bureau, Fullerton NE, January 2020.

Dennis, E. Cow Calf Marketing. TV interview on KNOP, Fullerton NE, January 2020. (link)

**Dennis, E.**. Cattle Market Outlook. TV interview on *Market Journal*, Lincoln NE, November 2019. (link)

**Dennis, E.** Impacts of Holcomb Packing Plant Fire. TV interview on *KRVN*, Grand Island NE, September 2019. (link)

Dennis, E. Issues in the Pork Market. TV interview on KRVN, Fullerton NE, July 2019.

**Dennis, E.**. Issues in the Pork Market. TV interview on *Bloomfield Ag News*, Fullerton NE, July 2019.

# STUDENTS ADVISING/MENTORING

Master of Science, Agricultural Economics	
Logan Kalkowski	2019-present
Master of Science (Committee Member)	First Job: Current Student
Cicely Batie	2019-present
Master of Science (Committee Member)	First Job: Current Student
Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Economics	
Adrianna Meiergerd	2019-present
Bachelor of Science (Major Advisor)	First Job: Current Student
Stephanie Sherman	2020-present
Bachelor of Science (Major Advisor)	First Job: Current Student

# ON CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

# Principle Instructor

None

# **Guest Lectures**

None

# HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

Livestock Marketing Fellowship  Doctorate Research Funding	2015-2019 \$120,000
Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship  Graduate School Service Scholarship	2016-2017 \$5,000
Don Ming Wang Scholarship  Graduate Student Scholarship	2014-2015 \$10,000
Hung Wu Ching Scholarship  Graduate Student Scholarship	2013-2014 \$10,000
Thomas E. Ricks Scholarship Undergraduate Scholarship	2010-2013 \$10,000
Rhodes Scholar Nominee	2012
Idaho Rotary Scholar Nominee	2012
Wrestling Academic All American	2008
Boy Scouts of America - Eagle Scout	2005
NVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE	
National Livestock Marketing Information Technical Advisory Board Member	2019-present Denver CO
USDA/OCE Users Call Member	$2019$ -present $Washington\ D.C.$
University Nebraska Agricultural Education Career Development Co-Superintendent, Farm and Agribusiness Management	2019-present Lincoln, NE
Department of Agricultural Economics Committee Member, Social Committee	2019-present $Lincoln, NE$
Kansas State Graduate Student Council (GSC)	2017-2018

Kansas State Graduate Student Council (GSC) 2016-2017

Treasurer Manhattan, KS

Graduate Students in Agricultural Economics (GSAE) 2016-2017

Graduate Student Council Representative Manhattan, KS

Community

Guillen-Barre Support Group (GBS) 2015-present

Support Group Mentor Midwest Region, USA

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) 2018-2019

Adult Leader Manhattan, KS

Journal Reviewer

Journal of Agricultural, Food and Industrial Organization 2019-present

Number of Reviews: 1

Livestock Science 2019-present

Number of Reviews: 1

Journal of Veterinary Preventative Medicine 2019-present

Number of Reviews: 2

Professional Memberships

Agriculture and Applied Economics (AAEA) 2015-present

Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) 2015-present

Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) 2016-2017

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Modeling and Analysis R (advanced), STATA (intermediate)

Software & Tools MS Office (Advanced), Latex (intermediate),

R-markdown (intermediate)

**LANGUAGES** 

English Native

Portuguese Intermediate working proficiency
German Beginning working proficiency

PERSONAL INFORMATION

US/EU Work Authorization

Married, 2 children

Hobbies: entrepreneurship, woodworking, baseball, fishing, travel