



CALL for PAPER PROPOSALS

The NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management will host its 27th annual conference April 20th and 21st, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Louis – Downtown, St. Louis, Missouri.

General Topics

Proposed papers should emphasize applied research. We encourage papers on commodity price forecasting, farm and agribusiness risk management, futures and options markets, as well as price analysis problems or issues. Please submit work that will be completed by April 2009 on these and the following topics in commodity markets.

- ⇒Supply, demand, and price behavior
- ⇒Improved forecasting methods
- ⇒Improved risk management procedures
- ⇒Futures and options markets

Special Session

The NCCC-134 committee is extending a special invitation for papers on futures market speculation, including managed money, long-only commodity index funds, trader behavior, and the impact of speculation on price discovery. Two papers on this topic will be selected for a special session on Tuesday afternoon (following a guest speaker on the same theme). To be considered for the special session, the papers must be relatively non-technical and appeal to a broad audience of academics and industry participants. Papers submitted on this topic but not selected for the special session will be considered for the regular conference program.

Proposal Format

Submit a two-page (double spaced) prospectus which contains the following.

1. Statement of the problem
2. Research objectives
3. Data and empirical procedures
4. Likely results and practical implications

Please include a title page with author information and a reference page. An example proposal is posted at our website (<http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/nccc134/>).

Submission Procedure

1. Submit by e-mail to Dwight Sanders (DwightS@siu.edu) by **October 1, 2008**
2. Attach proposal as Adobe Acrobat file named Author1_Author2_NCCC-134_2009.pdf
3. Proposals received will be acknowledged via reply e-mail
4. Screening committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision in early December
5. Successful authors must complete and submit research presentation by April 17, 2009
6. Completed manuscripts are due on June 1, 2009 for digital publication in the Conference proceedings and posting on AgEcon Search

See the NCCC-134 website at <http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/nccc134/> for more information on registration, conference venue and hotel accommodations.

See you in St. Louis!