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Welcoming Remarks

Introduction to Agricultural Economies of Germany and Colorado



Hermann Huckert
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Graduate Engineer at the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture in Germany (BMEL). Hermann Huckert has been working with the BMEL since 1983 in different divisions like Timber Market Policy, Common Agricultural Policy and Food Sector, Nutritional Prevention and Information as well as International Projects. He is currently working at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in

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Tom Lipetzky
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Tom Lipetzky is the Director of Marketing Programs for the Colorado Department of Agriculture, a position he has held since 2006. He has responsibility for the state's agricultural marketing programs including export development, domestic and direct marketing programs, Colorado Proud, the Colorado Wine Industry Development Board and the state's eight market order programs. The Markets Division also provides size and grade inspections and conducts audits for producers and handlers seeking verification under USDA's Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) programs. From January 2010 to October 2011, Tom served as the Department's Chief Financial & Operations Officer.

He was recently appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue to the USDA Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee. Tom also serves as President of the North American Agricultural Marketing Officials (NAAMO) and Chairman of the Colorado Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation.

Prior to joining the Department, Tom worked with the U.S. Potato Board and U.S. Meat Export Federation, helping those organizations to develop export markets. Earlier in his career, he worked in various policy analysis, economic, and marketing roles with the North Dakota and United States departments of agriculture. Tom's work has taken him to nearly every state and some 50 countries worldwide.

He was raised on a grain and livestock farm in North Dakota and remains involved in the management of his family's farm. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agriculture from North Dakota State University.