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Speaker Profiles

Michael Krueger, President, The Money Farm

Michael Krueger is the founder and President of The Money Farm, a grain marketing advisory service located near Fargo, North Dakota, that works with individual farmers, country elevators and others associated with agriculture. Mr. Krueger hosts a daily syndicated radio and television program called The Money Farm that is carried on 35 radio stations across the upper Midwest and six television stations across North Dakota. He is a licensed commodity broker clearing through ADM Investor Services. Mr. Krueger held various management positions with Cargill, Inc., from 1974 to 1982, including country elevator management and spring wheat and durum merchandising. He is also a senior analyst for World Perspectives, a Washington based international agricultural consulting company, and has traveled extensively internationally as a speaker at various farm and grain industry meetings and seminars. Mr. Krueger has also worked on numerous consulting projects in the US as well as overseas. He has been a frequent guest on the nationally syndicated television programs Ag Day and Weekend Update. Mr. Krueger is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. He is also actively involved in merchandising corn for a North Dakota ethanol plant.

Marcia Scheideman, President, Wheat Foods Council

Marcia Scheideman, M.S., R.D., is president of the Wheat Foods Council. A Registered Dietitian and regarded expert in the grain and nutrition industries, she frequently serves as a featured speaker at forums at both the state and national level concerning consumer trends and health benefits associated with grain consumption. Scheideman is an active member of the, American Dietetic Association, American Association of Cereal Chemists, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Dietary Guidelines Alliance, and Society of Nutrition Education where she serves on the advisory Committee on Public Policy and chairs the Nutrition Educators with Industry committee.

In her diverse, 30-year career, she has served as an educator for the Syracuse school system, dietetics instructor at the university level, cooking school manager, and regional coordinator of extension and outreach programs. She has held positions at the National Dairy Council; Libby, McNeil and Libby, Inc.; Hess and Hunt, Inc.; MacNeal Hospital; and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Scheideman holds a bachelor's degree in home economics from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a master's degree in education from Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

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**Paul Kramer, Vice President of Malt Operations, Rahr Malting Company
President, Koda Energy LLC**

Paul has been an employee of Rahr Malting Co. since 1979 and currently is the Vice President of Malt Operations and President of Koda Energy LLC. He has held a variety of positions at Rahr Malting Co. including Process Engineering, Assistant Plant Manager and Director of Malt Operations. He was the project manager responsible for the design and construction of Rahr Malting Co.'s tower malt production facility built in 1994 and he was part of the design team responsible for Rahr's malt production facility in Alberta Canada and Rahr's waste water treatment facility in Shakopee.

Paul's current efforts include the permitting and construction of a 16.5 MW biomass fueled CHP power plant located adjacent to the Rahr Malting Company malt production facility in Shakopee MN. Koda Energy is scheduled to begin operation in the fall of 2008.

Paul received a BS degree Food Science and Tehcnology from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining Rahr Malting, Paul worked as a Research Specialist at the University of Minnesota. Paul is a past president of both the "Masters Brewers Association of the Americas" and the District St. Paul Minneapolis Master Brewers.

John C. Thaemert, President, National Association of Wheat Growers

John C. Thaemert is a lifelong resident of Sylvan Grove, Kansas where he lives with his wife of 24 years, Shelley, and their two children, Rachel and James. The Thaemerts own and operate JT Farms, Inc. Their operation includes the production and marketing of wheat, grain sorghum, alfalfa, grass hay and straw as well as a forage and freight brokerage business. John also serves as Vice President and Trust Investment Officer for Citizens State Bank & Trust Co., of Ellsworth, Kansas.

John has seved as a borad member and/or officer in various farm and commodity organizations at the local, state and national level. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, from Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas in 1982. He is also a Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) and a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA).

John has held various offices with the National Association of Wheat Growers, currently serving as President. He also has been active in the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers since 1986, having seved two years as State President.

**Michael R. Rahm, Vice President, Market Analysis and Strategic Planning
The Mosaic Company**

Michael R. Rahm is responsible for managing and conducting market analysis and strategic planning for The Mosaic Company. Rahm joined Mosaic when it was formed in October 2004 through the combination of IMC Global and Crop Nutrition business of Cargill.

Prior to joining Mosaic, Rahm served for 19 years as a market analyst for Cargill Crop Nutrition. Before joining Cargill, Rahm taught economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Rahm earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. He earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in agricultural economics from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, in 1978 and 1980.

Betsy Faga, President, North American Millers' Association

Betsy Faga is president of the North American Millers' Association (NAMA), the trade association of the wheat, corn, oat and rye milling industry. She has spent more than thirty-five years working with the milling associations.

Ms. Faga is responsible for overseeing the broad scope of activities carried out by NAMA. These activities support the organization's goals to promote consumption of dry milled grain-based products, be a proponent of free trade and supporter of food aid programs, promote an adequate supply of optimum quality grains, promote the integrity of its products, ensure the interests of its members are best represented in the formation and implementation of public policy affecting the industry, and provide relevant information to its members and key constituents.

Prior to the merger of four industry associations in 1998, Ms. Faga held a variety of positions with two of the merged organizations – Protein Grain Products and the American Corn Millers. She was named president of both organizations in 1986. She represented the associations before the administration and Congress, developed research activities, and traveled extensively overseas in connection with the industry's participation in food assistance programs.

Ms. Faga is originally from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and graduated from Millersville University in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Cam Dahl, Commissioner, Canadian Grain Commission

Cam Dahl has served in a variety of positions within industry and government. Most recently, he represented Agricore United where he liaised between the company and various levels of government and developed coalition positions with other groups within the agricultural sector.

He has also served as an advocate for farmers as the Executive Director for the Grain Growers of Canada (2002 – 2005), a national umbrella group representing Canadian grain and oilseed farmers from coast to coast.

Mr. Dahl has represented both farmers and agri-business on a wide variety of government and industry associations and committees that have been established to help improve Canadian agriculture policy.

Mr. Dahl has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and a Master of Science, from the University of Manitoba, both with specialization in Agriculture Economics.

Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel, President, Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association

Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel was raised on a grain farm outside of Mossbank, SK . She studied Marketing at Medicine Hat College and in 2000 continued her post secondary education at Olds College studying Agriculture Business and graduating with honours. She was elected President of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association in 2004. The Wheat Growers is a voluntary farm organization, advocating on behalf of forward thinking farmers on a number of agricultural policy issues.

Cherilyn is currently farming an 8500 acre diversified grain farm with her husband David. In 2005 they were nominated for the outstanding Young Farmers Award in Saskatchewan. In addition to farming, they own and operate a Hunting Lodge for migratory birds. Cherilyn was the first Rural Economic Development Officer for the town of Mossbank and as Chair of the Rural History and Culture Association, Cherilyn has an avid interest in the revitalization of rural communities.

Cherilyn has traveled extensively including Paris, Tokyo, Germany, Poland, Greece, Singapore, Cuba, Israel, Australia and throughout the United States. In December 2005, she represented the Wheat Growers at the World Trade Organization Ministerial Meetings in Hong Kong.

Cherilyn and David are the proud parents of a 19 month old daughter, Claire.

Rosalie Ellasus, President, Philippine Maize Federation, Inc.

I was born in the northern part of the Philippines in Pangasinan province. After college I started my career as a medical laboratory technician. In the years 1987 to 1998 I worked in Canada and Singapore, but later decided to return to my country and venture into farming. As a believer in modern farming technology, I was one of the pioneer farmers who planted BT Corn in 2003.

In 2005 I received the Most Outstanding Farmer award by our Provincial Government of Pangasinan and soon after as the Regional Most Outstanding Rural Woman Achiever on Gender Concerns in 2006.

In October 2006 I represented the Philippines as a farmer delegate at the inaugural Global Farmer to Farmer Roundtable in Des Moines, Iowa. In October 2007 I returned and was honored as the first recipient of the Kleckner Trade and Technology Advancement Award.

Currently, I head the Philippine Maize Federation, Inc. as National President. Other memberships include, Regional Representative Asian Farmers Network (ASFARNET), Chairperson, San Jacinto KASAKALIKASAN Multi-Purpose Cooperative, and 1st Vice-Chairman, National Competitiveness Corn Board.

I am a newly elected Municipal Councilor of the Municipality of San Jacinto, Pangasinan and a member of the Rotary Club Uptown Dagupan since 2000.