Speakers in session Science meets policy and business

State of play of EU risk management and role of CAP

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**Karel van Bommel.** I’m a Senior Policy Officer at the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs in the unit responsible for Common Agricultural Policy. For the last 3 years, I’m responsible for Common market Organization on arable crops. Moreover, I’m working on possibilities for risk instruments in the Common Agricultural Policy after 2020. Before I came to the Ministry, I have worked as an economist for 10 years at the Dutch Agricultural Economic Research Institute (LEI). I have studied economics at the Erasmus University Rotterdam.
Insurance perspectives from the US

Dr. Barry J. Barnett is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University and currently a visiting scholar at Humboldt University in Berlin. He conducts research and writes extensively about agricultural public policy and insurance. He regularly conducts analysis for the Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has testified before the Agriculture Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to numerous scholarly journal articles, he has contributed to several World Bank, OECD, and USAID publications.

Dr. Joshua Woodard is an assistant professor and the Zaitz Family Faculty Fellow of Agricultural Business and Finance. His work focuses primarily on risk and policy issues in agricultural finance including risk management, banking, and insurance, with special emphases on empirical applications, spatial data analysis, weather risk, and large scale data analysis. He also specializes in the design, analysis, and evaluation of insurance programs, and has developed several crop insurance products currently sold in the market. He is the founder of Ag-Analytics.org, a live open data/open source data integration and automation platform. He teaches financial analytics, agricultural banking, and agricultural finance, and also oversees the Farm Credit Fellows program.

Innovations in agricultural insurance

Bernard Koeckhoven. Within the Achmea Group, the biggest insurance group in The Netherlands, Bernard Koeckhoven is since 2002 responsible for the (non-life) agricultural insurance portfolio. Brand names are Interpolis, Avéro and Hagelunie. Achmea has a market share in Dutch agriculture of around 50% and in the greenhouse horticultural sector of 85%. In greenhouses Achmea, with the brand Hagelunie, is active in various European countries: UK, Belgium, Germany, France, Ireland, Portugal and Spain, and, since 2016, also in Canada. Before he joined Achmea in 1998, he was Secretary General of the Dutch Farmers Organisation (LTO-Nederland) and had several related functions. He has a MSc in Agricultural Economics at the Agricultural University of Wageningen. He was born at a farm in the western part of Holland.

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Anne-Marie Verheij. My name is Anne-Marie Verheij, and I am a master student in the field of food safety in the supply chain. In 2014 I finished a bachelor in management economics and law. During my bachelor I had working experience in fraud prevention for an insurance company. After my bachelor I worked in the line of account manager at the ING Bank at the department of large companies and organisations in agriculture. Here I learned to look at investments specific in agriculture. Furthermore, as a learning experience, I participated in different departments, such as the department Lease and Credits.

Koert Verkerk (Wageningen, 1991) is a lobbyist and policy advisor international affairs at the Dutch organisation for agri- and horticulture: LTO Nederland. He is the permanent representative of LTO Nederland in Brussels. His responsibilities are to maintain the network of LTO Nederland in Brussels, provide support to the president of LTO Nederland in his international work and translate Brussels policy to national level or vice versa. Verkerk is policy expert on the Common Agricultural Policy and European trade policies. Growing up in the surrounding of Wageningen Verkerk’s passion for the agricultural sector has always been significant. At young age Koert worked in side jobs on and around the farm. Koert studied Management Economics at Wageningen University where he graduated in September 2014. His thesis focussed on European innovation policies for agriculture and was supervised by the Public Administration and Policy group. During his study Verkerk did internships in both Brussels and Washington DC.

Round table: setting the research agenda

Miranda Meuwissen (1972) is associate professor of agricultural insurance and finance at the Business Economics group of Wageningen University. Her research links insurance and finance with value chain issues including certification, liability, risk prevention, resilience and risk-sharing. In Ulysses (2012/15) she coordinated the analysis of price risk management strategies in EU food chains. In the past 10 years, she noticed that Wageningen students are not well acquainted with the topic of agricultural insurance and generally do not see it as an opportunity for a future career. Through organising the student contest on innovations for agricultural insurance and by hosting this eaae-seminar in one of the main education buildings of Wageningen her ambition is to put “ag insurance” on the to do list of students.

Yann, de Mey. Yann de Mey is assistant professor in risk analysis at the business economics group of Wageningen University & Research. He teaches accounting, risk management and agricultural finance courses. His research focus is on analyzing the relationship between different types of risk and risk management strategies of farms and farm households. His PhD thesis entitled "Household risk balancing in European agricultural: an econometric approach" won the best agricultural economics PhD thesis award granted by the Belgian Association of Agricultural Economics.