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EXPERIENCE

Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics.

Extension Agricultural Economist - Northwest Research Extension Center. K-State Research and Extension, Colby, Kansas. January 2020 – Present.

Associate Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics.

Extension Agricultural Economist - Northwest Research Extension Center. K-State Research and Extension, Colby, Kansas. January 2007 – December 2019.

Associate Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics.

Extension Area Administrative Director - Northwest Kansas, Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension, Colby, Kansas. June 2003 – December 2006.

Associate Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics.

Extension Agricultural Economist - Northwest Research Extension Center, Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension, Colby, Kansas. 1999 – May 2003.

Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics.

Extension Agricultural Economist - Northwest Research Extension Center, Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension, Colby, Kansas. 1995 – 1999.

Extension Farm Management Field Specialist – Northwest / West Central Iowa Extension Service, Iowa State University, Onawa, Iowa 1993 – 1995.

Extension Associate - Agricultural Marketing, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa - Department of Economics, 1988 – 1993.

Graduate Assistant - Extension Agricultural Marketing, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa - Department of Economics. 1987 – 1988.

Extension Agent - Agriculture & Chair - Pierce County Extension - Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nebraska, Pierce, NE. 1983 – 1987.

Extension Agent - Agriculture & 4-H Youth - Lincoln County Extension – Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nebraska, North Platte, NE. 1981 – 1983.

Graduate Assistantship – University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE. Department of Agricultural Economics. 1979 - 1980

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, 1993 – Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Ph.D. Dissertation: Forecasting the probability distribution of U.S. harvest time average corn prices

M.S., Agricultural Economics, 1980 – University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

M.S. Thesis: The effect of agricultural cooperatives on rural fertilizer markets

B.S., Agricultural Economics, 1978 – University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

AFFILIATIONS

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Team Member for the *Western Economics Forum (WEF)* affiliated with the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA)

- Co-lead editor for the Fall 2018 WEF issue focusing on “*Beef Management and Marketing.*”
- Co-lead editor for the Fall 2020 WEF issue focusing on “*Adding Economic Value – Increasing Farm and Community Prosperity in the Western U.S.*”
- Co-lead editor for the Fall 2022 WEF issue focusing on “*Value at Risk in Agricultural Supply Chains.*”

Associate Editor for the *Agronomy Journal (AJ)*: 2008 through 2022 (41 reviews, 1 in 2022)

Reviewer for *the Journal of Applied Farm Economics*, 2020 (1)

Reviewer for *the Journal of Field Crops Research*, 2020 (1)

Reviewer for *the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (JARE)*, 2017 (1), 2019 (1)

Reviewer for *Agricultural Systems*, 2019 (1 article)

Reviewer for *Transactions of the ASABE*, 2015 (1), 2019 (1)

Reviewer for *The Energy Journal*, 2014 (1 article)

UNIVERSITY and DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Designated Station Head for the K-State Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby, Kansas (2022-2025), in the Western Kansas Research-Extension System.

Search Committee Chair for the *Southwest Kansas Cropping Systems Agronomist – Tribune Kansas Specialist Position Search Committee*. Review of applicants begins on January 3, 2025, with interviews planned for February 2025 (ongoing search).

Co-Chair of the *KSU Extension Farm Management PFT* *Program Focus Team*, 2014 – Fall 2024.

Search Committee Member for the *Northwest Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist Position Search Committee*, first search in 2019 (failed), second search in 2020 (failed), and third search in 2022 (successful).

Briggeman, Brian, Daniel O'Brien and Jody Wendt. *Economics Assessment of Kansas Agricultural and Rural Industries and Investments*. Report prepared for Ernie Minton, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Director of K-State Research and Extension, 2020.

Search Committee Co-Chair for the *Western Kansas Agricultural Research Center Administrator Position Search Committee*, 2020.

Search Committee Member for the *Northwest Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Specialist Position Search Committee*, 2017-early 2018.

Search Committee Member for a Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association *Extension Agricultural Economist Position*, November-December 2017.

Chair of Search Committee for the *Southwest Extension Agricultural Economist Position Search Committee*, 2014-2015.

KSRE Extension Area-Multicounty Specialist DCOP Committee (Departmental Committee on Planning), 2009-2016.

Chair of the *Northwest Extension Agronomy Specialist Search Committee*, 2013.

Chair of the *Northwest Extension Livestock Specialist Search Committee*, 1996.

HONORS

- “2024 Gold Quill Award”, presented to Jenn Krultz, Dr. Greg Hadley, Dr. Rich Llewelyn, Dr. Daniel O’Brien and Robin Reid by the American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) at the 2024 ASFMRA Annual Conference, Kansas City MO, November 19, 2024.
- “2023 Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career”, presented to Daniel O’Brien by the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) at the 2023 WAEA Annual Meeting, Whistler, British Columbia – Canada, July 17-18, 2023.
- “2023 Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project”, presented to the Kansas State University Agricultural Economics team of Allen Featherstone, Antonina Broyaka, Daniel O’Brien, Greg Ibendahl, Brian Briggeman, Glynn Tonsor, Jude Kastens, Guy Allen, and Rich Llewelyn, by the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) at the 2023 WAEA Annual Meeting, Whistler, British Columbia – Canada, July 17-18, 2023.
- “2022 Outstanding Team Award”, The College of Agriculture, Kansas State University, *KSRE Annual Conference*, Manhattan, KS. October 19, 2022. Recipients include Department of Agricultural Economics members Allen Featherstone (Department Head), Brian Briggeman, Antonina Broyaka, Gregg Ibendahl, Rich Llewelyn, Daniel O’Brien, and Glynn Tonsor, along with Jude Kastens of the University of Kansas.
- “2017 Outstanding Program Focus Team Award – Farm Management PFT”, Kansas State University, *KSRE Annual Conference*, Manhattan, KS. November 2, 2017.
- “2017 ASA Extension Educational Materials Award – 2016 Soybean Production Handbook”, American Society of Agronomy, *ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting*, Tampa, Florida. October 22-25, 2017.
- “Extension Service – 35 Years” Award. Presented to Daniel O’Brien by Kansas State University at the 2016 *KSRE Annual Conference*, Manhattan, KS, October 27, 2016.
- “2015 Team Award - Farm Bill Education Team”, Kansas State University, *KSRE Annual Conference*, Manhattan, KS. October 20-22, 2015.
- “Communicator of the Year” Award. Presented to Daniel O’Brien by the Kansas ACE Chapter, K-State Department of Communications at the *KSRE Annual Conference*, Manhattan, KS. October 23, 2014.
- “Extension Service – 30 Years” Award. Presented to Daniel O’Brien by Kansas State University at the *KSRE Annual Conference*, Manhattan, KS, October 18, 2012.
- “Outstanding Electronic Media Education Award” Award. Presented by the AAEA Extension Section for the K-State AgManager.info Website. Team members: R. Llewelyn, K. Dhuyvetter, G.A. Barnaby, D. O’Brien, T. Dumler, M. Langemeier, T. Schroeder, and A. Goheen. Award given by the Extension Section at the *AAEA Annual Meeting* in Denver, CO. July 25-27, 2010.

“Horizons Award for Young Extension Faculty” Award. Presented to Daniel O’Brien by the Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Fraternity, Kansas State University Chapter at the *KSRE Annual Conference*, Manhattan, KS, November 6, 1977.

“Team Achievement” Award for the 0-92 Farm Program Farm Management Education Program. Presented to members of the Farm Management Team in Northwest/West Central Iowa (including Daniel O’Brien) by Iowa State University Extension at the *ISU Annual Conference*, Ames, IA. 1993.

“Excellence in Programming Award” for the ‘5 Aces of Farm Management’ Multi-County Educational Program in Northeast Nebraska. Awarded by both the University of Nebraska Extension Service at the *Nebraska Extension Annual Conference*, 1993, and the *National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Annual Meeting*, 1993.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Grant Activity (Received)

USDA-Research Education and Economics – Economics Research Service (ERS). “Documenting Outlook Activities and Training Agricultural Economists.” Principal Investigator: Daniel O’Brien. Co-Investigators: Guy Allen and Richard Llewelyn, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$70,000 for 3 years – September 20, 2022 through September 30, 2025. *(D. O’Brien portion 50% allocation of effort, \$32,004 over a 3-year period)*

Global Food System (GFS) Initiative – Kansas State University. “Increasing wheat protein/gluten extraction: Building the foundation for long-term success of a Kansas-based industry.” Principal Investigator: Allen Fritz. Co-Investigators: Daniel O’Brien, Yong Cheng Shi, and Eduadr Akhunov, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$200,000 for 3-years – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. *(D. O’Brien portion – 35% allocation of effort, \$15,000 over a 3-year period)*

USDA Natural Research Conservation Service (NRCS) – Farm Production and Conservation. “Climate-Smart Advances in Ag Performance.” Lead Principal Investigator: Daran Rudnick. Co-Principal Investigators: Brian Olson, Lucas Haag, Susan Metzger, Jonathan Aguilar, Daniel O’Brien, and Jeanne Falk Jones, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$1,654,262 – September 27, 2023 through September 26, 2026. *(D. O’Brien portion – 14% allocation of effort, ≈\$3,000 in expenses over a 3-year period)*

Kansas Water Office Grant. “Testing Agricultural Performance Solutions.” Principal Investigator: Daran Rudnick. Co-Investigators: Lucas Haag, Daniel O’Brien, Susan Metzger, Brian Olson, Jeanne Falk Jones, and Jonathan Aguilar, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$50,000 – November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. *(D. O’Brien portion – 14% allocation of effort, ≈\$1,000 in expenses over a 7-month period)*

Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR). “Increasing Water Productivity, Soil Carbon and Sustainability of Integrated Multi-Crop Systems Using Field Scale Research.” Principal Investigator: Dorivar Ruiz Diaz Suaraz – Kansas State University. Co-Investigators: Jonathan Aguilar, Johnathon Holman, Augustine Obour, Brian Olson, Charles Rice, Lydia Zeglin, Gregory Ibendahl and Daniel O’Brien, all of KSU, plus investigators from partnering Universities. Grant amount: \$7,657,633.26 for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. *(D. O’Brien portion – 2% allocation of effort, ≈ \$95,000 total over the 4-year duration of the grant)*

USDA-Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Grant. “Efficacy of Biostimulants to Improve Soil Health, Nutrient Availability and Crop Yields in Water-limited Environments.” Principal Investigator: Augustine Obour. Co-Investigators: John Holman, Logan Simon and Daniel O’Brien, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$249,936 for 3 years – November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2027. *(D. O’Brien portion – 5% allocation of effort, ≈\$4,000 in expenses over a 3-year period)*

USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA), Kansas State University on behalf of the Kansas Water Institute, and the University of Kansas on behalf of the Kansas Geological Survey. “Research and development to maintain or improve existing federal crop insurance

policies and to examine agricultural risk management.” Principal Investigator(s): Susan Metzger, Allen Featherstone and Brian Olson. Co-Investigators: Nathan Hendricks, Jennifer Ifft, Jisang Yu, Bill Golden and Daniel O’Brien, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$0 – i.e., as a Zero Dollar Multiple Parties Grant – November 26, 2024 through November 25, 2025. *(D. O’Brien portion – 12.5% allocation of effort, \$0 in expenses over a 12-month period)*

Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR). “Quantification of reductions in volatile nitrogen losses from climate-smart agriculture nitrogen management in water-limited Great Plains crop production.” Principal Investigator: Lucas Haag. Co-Investigators: Eduardo Alvarez Santos, Peter Tomlinson, Dorivar Ruiz Diaz Suarez and Daniel O’Brien, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$1,745,126 for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. *(D. O’Brien portion – 5% allocation of effort, ≈\$2,000 annually for 4-year duration of the grant)*

Kansas Water Office (KWO) – Kansas Department of Agriculture. “Low Water Use Legume Solution for Livestock Feeding in the Ogalla Aquifer Region.” Principal Investigator: Jonathan Holman. Co-Investigators: Augustine Obour, Lucas Haag, Logan Simon, Sandra Johnson, Daniel O’Brien, and Bill Golden, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$98,830 over 3 ½ years – July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027. *(D. O’Brien portion – 1% of effort, \$0 over a 3.5-year period)*

USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). “USDA FAS Grain and Oilseed Marketing System Seminar.” Principal Investigator: Guy Allen. Co-Investigators: Carlos Campabadal, Daniel O’Brien, and Antonina Broyaka, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$36,801.00 for September 12, 2023 through November 15, 2023 – for an October 23-25, 2023 educational Seminar provided at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.. *(D. O’Brien portion – 25% allocation of effort, \$3,474 plus travel costs)*

North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center (NC-ERMEC). “An Educational Evaluation and Feedback Process for Grain Producer’s Marketing Strategies.” NC-ERMEC Project 14894. Principal Investigator: Daniel O’Brien. Co-Investigator: Richard Llewellyn, both of KSU. Grant amount: \$49,999 for 1 ½ years – April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. *(D. O’Brien portion – 50% allocation of effort, \$26,751 over a 1.5-year period)*

U.S. Soybean Export Council, Inc. “Creating a Preference for U.S. Soybeans – Bespoke International Grains Program (IGP) Procurement, Purchasing and Supply Chain Education Course.” Principal Investigator: Guy Allen. Co-Investigators: Carlos Campabadal Teran and Daniel O’Brien, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$24,500 – May 14 through May 21, 2022. *(D. O’Brien portion – 5% allocation of effort, \$2,000 during period of grant)*

Ogallala Aquifer Initiative Grant. “Integrating Livestock into Traditional Wheat-Sorghum-Fallow Rotations.” Principal Investigator: Jonathan Holman. Co-Investigators: Augustine Obour, Sandy Johnson, and Daniel O’Brien, all of KSU. Grant amount: \$98,825 over three years – October 2021 through September, 2024. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$1,769 over a three-year period)*

USDA Critical Agricultural Research and Extension (CARE). “Development of an Innovative Technology for Value-added Production of Antioxidants from Corn Distillers’ Grains.” Principal Investigator: Yonghui Li – Grain Science and Industry, Kansas State University. Project Participants: Haibo Huang – Virginia Tech University; Carlos Campabadal & Daniel O’Brien – Kansas State University. Grant amount: \$299,966 for 3 years – May 5, 2020 through May 14, 2023. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$3,478 over a 3 year period, years 2 & 3)*

North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center (NC-ERMEC). “Using Crop Insurance and Preharvest Marketing Strategies to Improve Grain Marketing Risk Management for Kansas Farmer.” NC-ERMEC Project 14321. Principal Investigator: Daniel O’Brien. Co-Investigator: Richard Llewelyn. Grant amount: \$49,999 for 1 ½ years – March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, with COVID-19-related extension through March 2022. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$22,285 over a 1 ½ year period)*

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Grant. “Developing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Cover Crops to Improve Soil Health in Dryland Systems in Western Kansas.” Principal Investigator: Augustine Obour. Other Investigators: Jonathan Holman, Vipin Kumar, and Daniel O’Brien. Grant amount: \$75,000 for the June 12, 2020 through August 31, 2022 period. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$1,858 over three-year period)*

Kansas Soybean Commission Grant. “Improving Soybean Yields by Enhancing Seed Filling.” Principal Investigator: Ignacio Ciampitti (lead). Other Investigators: D. Ruiz Diaz Suarez, M. Knapp, B. McCarnack, D. Jardine, D. O’Brien, and S. Duncan. Grant amount: \$27,500 for the March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 period. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$0)*

Kansas Corn Commission Grant. “Working with Less Water for Corn Production” Principal Investigator: Alan Schlegel (lead). Other Investigators: F. Lamm and D. O’Brien. Grant amount: \$32,500 for the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 period. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$2,500)*

Kansas Soybean Commission Grant. “Improving Soybean Yields by Enhancing Seed Filling.” Principal Investigator: Ignacio Ciampitti (lead). Other Investigators: D. Ruiz Diaz Suarez, M. Knapp, B. McCarnack, D. Jardine, D. O’Brien, and S. Duncan. Grant amount: \$27,500 for the March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 period. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$0)*

Kansas Corn Commission Grant. “Efficient Irrigation Technologies for Corn – A Comparison” Principal Investigator: Freddie Lamm (lead). Other Investigator: D. O’Brien. Grant amount: \$15,000 for the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 period, year 3 or 3. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$1,250 in year 3, \$2,000 used in previous 2 periods)*

US Department of Agriculture – Risk Management Agency. “Utilizing RMA Insurance Products to Enhance Farm-level Risk Management Strategies for Kansas Producers.” Principal Investigator: Daniel O’Brien. Co-Investigators: Roberta Reid, Richard Llewelyn, and Monte Vandever. Grant amount: \$97,074 for 1 ½ years – September 30, 2018 through March 31, 2020. *(D. O’Brien portion - \$29,743 over a 1 ½ year period)*

National Sunflower Association Grant. “Influence of rainfall on the timing and efficacy of PRE/POST soil residual herbicides for control of herbicide-resistant kochia and Palmer

amaranth.” Principal Investigator: Vipin Kumar (lead). Other Investigators: P. Stallman, D. O’Brien, and J. F. Jones. Grant amount: \$4,000 for the March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020 period. (*D. O’Brien portion - \$0*)

US Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Research Service. “Water Management to Sustain the Economic Activity from the Ogallala Aquifer on the Southern High Plains.” Principal Investigator: Dan Devlin. Co-Investigators: Bill Golden, Daniel O’Brien, Monte Vandever, et al.. Grant amount: \$436,847 for five years – September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020. (*D. O’Brien portion - \$18,712 over five-year period*)

Ogallala Aquifer Initiative Grant. “Crop Assurance Strategies for Irrigated Grain Sorghum Production.” Principal Investigator: KSU Scientist Alan Schlegel. Co-Investigators: Jourdan Bell (Texas Agrilife), Freddie Lamm and Daniel O’Brien (KSU), and Robert Schwartz (USDA ARS Bushland). Grant amount: \$162,791 over three years – October 2017 through March, 2020. (*D. O’Brien portion - \$4,743 over three-year period*)

Ogallala Aquifer Initiative Grant. “Landscape-scale Crop Water Productivity Model Supporting Multi-year Water Management Decisions.” Principal Investigators: KSU Scientists Robert Aiken, Xiaomao Lin, and F. Lamm. Co-Investigators: Paul Colazzi (USDA ARS Bushland), Daniel O’Brien (KSU), and R. Louis Baumert (USDA ARS Bushland). Grant amount: \$58,000 over three years – October 2015 through September, 2018. (*D. O’Brien portion - \$2,700 over three-year period*)

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). “Demonstrating interactions between reduced tillage, soil water storage, and nutrient leaching under water limited irrigated cropping systems.” Principal Investigator: Isaya Kisekka. Other Investigators: Johnathan Holman, Daniel O’Brien, and Jonathan Aguilar. Grant amount: \$169,572 for year 3 of 3 year grant for the October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 period. (*D. O’Brien portion - \$4,000 over three-year period*)

Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission. “Sorghum Yield and Profitability Response to Water Supply and Irrigation Management.” Principal Investigators: Isaya Kisekka, and William Golden. Other Investigators: Freddie Lamm, Alan Schlegel, and Daniel O’Brien. Grant amount: \$75,000 for year 3 of 3 year grant for the October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 period. Total of \$230,659 for 3-year life of grant. (*D. O’Brien portion - \$5,000 over three-year period*)

Kansas Corn Commission Grant. “Corn Management Decision Guiding Website and Mobile App.” Principal Investigator: Ignacio Ciampitti (lead). Other Investigators: B. McCornack, Y. Assefa, D. O’Brien, V. Prasad, W. Johnson, I. Kisekka, D. Shoup, L. Haag, S. Duncan, and A.J. Foster. Grant amount: \$39,350 for the July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Kansas Corn Commission Grant. “Developing a crop evaluation tool for comparing corn to alternative crop in Kansas Cropping Systems.” Principal Investigator: Daniel O’Brien (lead). Other Investigators: Ignacio Ciampitti, Danny Rogers, Jonathan Aguilar, William Golden, Xiaomao Lin, Lucas Haag, and Kraig Roozeboom. Grant amount: \$50,000 for the July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 period.

Arthur Capper Cooperative Center - CoBank Research Fellow Grant. “Factors affecting Kansas grain handling industry trends at the local level.” Principal Investigator: Daniel O’Brien. Grant amount: \$5,000 for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 period.

Ogallala Aquifer Initiative Grant. “Optimizing Land/Water Allocations for Irrigated Corn Production.” Focus of this grant: to reevaluate grain and biomass yield response functions in the High Plains region, normalize corn yield production functions across the region, and evaluate the economics of corn production for various irrigation capacities, hybrids, and plant populations. Principal Investigator: KSU Scientist F. Lamm. Co-Investigators: A. Schlegel, I. Kisekka, D. O’Brien, R. Schwartz, J. Bell, P. Colaizzi, and B. Guerrero. Grant amount: \$196,201 for two years – October 2014 through March, 2016.

Ogallala Aquifer Initiative Grant. “Conjunctive Use of Soil and Plant Based Sensors in Reducing Irrigation Scheduling Uncertainty.” Focus of this grant: to evaluate combined use of soil- and plant-based sensors for reducing uncertainty in irrigation scheduling in limited water environments. Principal Investigator: KSU Scientist I. Kisekka. Co-Investigators: J. Aguilar, D. O’Brien, and D. Rogers. Grant amount: \$39,802 for two years – October 2014 through March, 2016.

Kansas Corn Commission. “Yield of two (corn) hybrid maturities as affected by management allowed depletion level.” Principal Investigator: Freddie Lamm. Other Investigator: Daniel O’Brien. Grant amount: \$18,000 for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 period.

Ogallala Aquifer Initiative Grant. “Crop Water Production Functions for Grain Sorghum and Winter Wheat.” Focus of this grant: to develop relationships among water use, grain productivity and weather parameters to produce production functions forecasting grain yields of grain sorghum and winter wheat in water-limited cropping systems. Principal Investigators: KSU scientists Robert Aiken, Xiamao Lin, and Loyd Stone. Daniel O’Brien of KSU is a co-investigator along with three others from KSU and ARS-Texas. Grant amount: \$41,500 per year for 2 years, equaling \$83,000 – for Oct. 2013-Oct. 2015.

Kansas Water Resources Institute. “Moving Towards a Real-Time Drought Assessment and Forecasting System for Kansas.” Focus of this grant: to develop a real-time Kansas drought assessment and forecasting system in order to improve Kansan’s decision making in regards to economic efficiency and sustainability. Principal Investigators: KSU scientists Xiaomao Lin, Gerard Kluitenberg, Robert Aiken, and Daniel O’Brien. Grant amount: \$14,430 per year over a two-year period, totaling \$28,860 – March 2014 - February 2016.

Ogallala Aquifer Initiative Grant. “Determining Profitable Integrated Grain and Forage Crop Rotations for the Ogallala Aquifer Region.” Focus of this grant: to integrate grain and annual forage crops together in crop rotations that reduce fallow, increase precipitation use efficiency, and increase profitability. Principal Investigators: KSU scientists John Holman, Alan Schlegel and Daniel O’Brien. Grant amount: \$46,021 per year for two years, with total = \$92,042 – January 2014 through December 2015.

Out-of-State Invited and Presented Applied Research Papers & Symposia:

- Allen, G.H., and D. O'Brien. "Developing a Value-Based Procurement Business Model – A Coordinated Business Approach." Applied research paper developed for a grant from the United Soybean Board, and presented by Guy Allen at the *U.S. Grain Council Starch Conference*, Chicago IL, June 10-12, 2024, and at the *U.S. Grain Council Export Exchange*, Dallas-Forth Worth TX October 9, 2024.
- O'Brien, D., C. Hart, B. Brown, and G. Allen. "Using the WASDE and ERS Outlook Reports." Presentation in a selected Extension Track Session titled "Demystifying the Outlook Process" at the *Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C., July 24, 2023.
- Hatzenbeuhler, P., H. Tejada, and D. O'Brien. "Marketing Between Two Demand Sources: Pacific Northwest U.S. Wheat Price Dynamics." Presentation at the *Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) Annual Conference*, Santa Fe, New Mexico. June 27, 2022.
- O'Brien, D., and G. Ibendahl. "Crop Budgets and Lease Evaluation Tool for Extension Educators." Presentation at the virtual *Extension Risk Management Conference*, April 23-25, 2021.
- O'Brien, D., H. Tejada, and R. Llewelyn. "The Effect of Corn Futures Forecast Accuracy on Basis in Local Cash Markets." Accepted for presentation at the *NCCC-134 Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management Conference*, St. Louis, MO. April 20-21, 2020.
- Dhungel, R., R. Aiken, P. Colaizzi, X. Lin, D. O'Brien, L. Baumhardt, D. Brauer, G. Marek and S. Evett. "Landscape-scale crop water productivity model supporting multi-year water management decisions." Progress report, presented at Ogallala Aquifer Workshop, Lubbock, TX, March 27, 2018.
- Barnaby, G.A., D. O'Brien and E. Yeager. "Have the Land Grants been Teaching Futures and Options Wrong for 50 Years?" Organized Symposium at the *2017 Agriculture and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, August 1, 2017.
- O'Brien, D., and B. Briggeman. "The Changing Competitive Structure of the Kansas Grain Handling and Transportation Industry." Presentation at the *2016 Agriculture and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, Massachusetts, July 31-August 2, 2016.
- Moderly, J, R. Aiken, X. Lin, L. Stone, A. Schlegel, L. Baumhardt, R. Schwartz, and D. O'Brien. "Crop water functions for grain sorghum and winter wheat." Abstract of a presentation at the *ASA/CSSA/SSSA Annual meeting*, November 6-9, 2015. *ASA Abstracts* 95-1(2015).
- Schlegel, A., D.M. O'Brien, and L. Haag. "Dryland Cropping Systems for the Central High Plains of North America." Submitted abstract for the *70th Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) International Annual Conference*, Greensboro, NC. July 26-27, 2015.
- O'Brien, D., and F. Olson. "The Competitive Position of the Black Sea Region in World Wheat Export Markets." Presented at the *NCCC-134 Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management Conference*, St. Louis, MO. April 21-22, 2014.

- Langemeier, M, E. Yeager, and D. O'Brien. "Cost Efficiency and Feed Grain Production in Kansas." Presented at *Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meetings*, Orlando, FL. February 4-7, 2013.
- Wisner, R., D. Anderson, R. Plain, D. Hofstrand, and D.M. O'Brien. "Future Patterns for Grains, Biofuels, and Livestock and Poultry Feeding in the U.S." Report on a project financed by the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) and C-FARE, and presented at the *Federation of Animal Sciences Symposium*, Phoenix, AZ, July 17, 2012, and also to the *USDA ERS Economists Group*, Washington, D.C.. December 14, 2012.
- Lamm, F.R., D.M. O'Brien, D.H. Rogers, and T.J. Dumler. "Comparison of SDI and center pivot sprinkler economics." In: *Proc. 2012 Irrigation Association Tech. Conf.*, Orlando, FL., November 4-5, 2012. Available from the IA, Falls Church, VA. CD-Rom, 10 pp.
- O'Brien, D. and F. Olson. "The Price Responsiveness of U.S. Wheat Export Demand by Class." *NCCC-134 Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management Conference*, St. Louis, MO. April 16-17, 2012.
- O'Brien, D., and J. O'Neill. "The Feasibility of Railcar Track Delivery as an Alternative Settlement Option for KCBT Wheat Futures Contracts." Presented at the *NCCC-134 Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management Conference*, St. Louis, MO. April 18-19, 2011.
- Lamm, F., D. Rogers, M. Alam, D. O'Brien, and T. Trooien. "Twenty-Two Years of SDI Research in Kansas." *Proceedings of 23rd annual Central Plains Irrigation Conference*, Burlington, CO. February 22-23, 2011. Available from CPIA, 760 N.Thompson, Colby, KS, pp. 68-92.
- Lamm, F., D. O'Brien, D. Rogers, and T. Dumler. "Using the K-State Center Pivot Sprinkler and SDI Economic Comparison Spreadsheet - 2011." *Proceedings of 23rd annual Central Plains Irrigation Conference*, Burlington, CO, February 22-23, 2011. Available from CPIA, 760 N.Thompson, Colby, KS. pp. 93-103.
- O'Brien, D., T. Dumler, and R. Jones. "The Economics of Selling Crop Residue Biomass for Cellulosic Ethanol Production at the Farm Level." Presented at the *AAEA, CAES, and WAEA Joint Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO. July 25-27, 2010.
- O'Brien, D. "Measuring Supply – Use for Distiller's Grains." Presentation at the *2010 Distillers Grains Symposium*, sponsored by Distillers Grains Technology Council, Indianapolis, IN. May 12-13, 2010.
- Lamm, F., D. O'Brien, D. Rogers, and T. Dumler. "How Economic Factors Affect the Profitability of Center Pivot Sprinkler and SDI Systems." *Proceedings of the Central Plains Irrigation Conference*, Kearney, NE. February 23-24, 2010.
- O'Brien, D., F. Lamm, D. Rogers, and T. Dumler. "Effect of the Changing U.S. Economy on the Relative Profitability of Center Pivot Sprinklers and SDI Systems." Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Irrigation Association* in San Antonio, Texas. December 2-4, 2009.

- O'Brien, D. "The Effects of the Micro-Market Structure for Kansas Grain Elevators on Spatial Grain Price Differentials." Presented at the *NCCC-134 Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management Conference*, St. Louis, MO. April 20-21, 2009.
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- O'Brien, D. Selected "K-State Ethanol & Biodiesel Market Presentations." Nine (9) sets of materials (monthly) made available on the *K-State Ag Economics Extension Agmanager.info website*, during January-December 2024 (vs 8 sets in 2023, 8 sets in 2022, 10 sets in 2021, 10 sets in 2020, 8 sets in 2019, 7 sets in 2018, 11 sets sets of materials in 2017, 11 in 2016, 12 sets in 2015 & 10 sets in 2014).
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- O'Brien, D. "2024-2025 Grain Market Outlook Presentations." Fifteen (15) presentations which were given at KSU Extension meetings in 2024 were published on the www.AgManager.info website.
- O'Brien, D. "2024 Monthly KSU *Winning-The-Game* Webinar Grain Market Outlook – Risk Management Presentations." Nine (9) presentations and accompanying Grain Market Outlook materials from monthly (January-September, 2024) KSU "Winning-the-Game" Grain Marketing Webinars published on www.AgManager.info in 2024.
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- O'Brien, D. and G. Ibendahl. "Situation and Outlook for Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Cash Rents in Kansas" at the *K-State Risk and Profit Conference*, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. August 19-20, 2021.
- O'Brien, D. "Managing Grain Price Risk with Contracts, Hedges and Options." *Risk and Profit Conf.*, Dept. of Ag. Economics, Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS. August 22-23, 2019.
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- O'Brien, D., and T. Dumler. "Strategic Planning for Two Generation Farming." *Risk and Profit Conf.*, Dept. of Ag. Economics, Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS. August 20-21, 1998.
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- Golden, B., J. Peterson, and D. O'Brien. "Potential Economic Impact of Water Use Changes in NW Kansas." *Staff Paper 08-02* KSU Ag. Exp. Station and Coop. Ext. March 2008.
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- O'Brien, D. "Spatial Grain Market Economics: Handling and Transportation." *Kansas State University MAST Program*, Manhattan, KS. (Revised) December 21, 2007.

EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND MEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Extension educational presentations and contacts annually from 1995 through 2024 relating to the subject matter areas of Grain Market Outlook & Transportation, Bioenergy Economics, Commodity Price Risk Management, and Farm Programs & Crop Insurance.

Year	Public Presentations (Including Virtual in 2020)	Professional Contacts	Radio / TV / Print Media
1995	27	883	--
1996	42	1,527	--
1997	32	672	--
1998	18	465	--
1999	39	1,021	--
2000	34	778	--
2001	36	1,003	--
2002	39	1,777	--
2003-2006	KSU Administrative Responsibilities		
2007	34	585	--
2008	50	2,017	8
2009	46	1,597	26
2010	44	1,859	65
2011	45	2,256	67
2012	41	1,804	181
2013	34	1,607	191
2014	51	2,729	171
2015	29	2,716	173
2016	53	2,579	155
2017	55	2,559	148
2018	44	2,519	160
2019	56	3,694	93
2020	42	3,237	64
2021	33	1,436	60
2022	55	4,087	82
2023	62	1,866	119
2024	59	2,038	112

- Presentations: In year 2024, Daniel M. O'Brien gave 59 grain market and/or bioenergy market situation/outlook, grain price risk management, and/or farm bill educational presentations to a total of 2,038 people – an average of 34.5 per presentation. In 14 of these 59 presentations, information was presented in a “team” or “co-presenter” role (i.e., 14 of the 59 presentations).
 - This compares to 62 presentations to 1,866 people in 2023 (30.1^{per pres.}), 55 presentations to 4,087 people in 2022 (74^{per pres.}), 33 presentations to 1,363 people in 2021 (41^{per pres.}), 42

pres. to 3,237 people in 2020 (77^{per pres.}), 56 pres. to 3,694 people in 2019 (56^{per pres.}), and 44 pres. to 1,967 people in 2018 (45^{per pres.}) (see table).

- Professional Consultations / Questions: Individual consultations related to grain and bioenergy market situation/outlook, farm bill, and grain price risk management issues were provided for 79 professional inquiries in 2024. This number is down from 84 in 2023, 104 in 2022, but up from 48 in 2021, and compares to 117 in 2020, 189 in 2019, and 150 in 2018 (see table).
- Total Professional Contacts related to grain and bioenergy market situation/outlook, farm bill, and grain price risk management issues in 2024 totaled 2,038 clientele and other fellow professionals, up from 1,866 in 2023, and compared to 4,087 in 2022, 1,425 in 2021, 3,237 in 2020, 3,694 in 2019, and 2,519 clientele in 2018 (see table).
- Media Articles: During year 2024, O'Brien wrote or contributed to 58 print and/or electronic media articles in this subject matter area via the www.AgManager.info website. In addition, contributions were made to at least 5 popular agricultural media articles, providing analyses on grain marketing trends and other key market factors.
 - During years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 respectively, O'Brien wrote or contributed to at least 81, 65, 64, 60, 61 and 58 print and/or electronic media articles in this subject matter area.
- Radio Programs: In year 2024, O'Brien contributed to 113 public radio programs focusing on grain market and/or bioenergy market situation/outlook and grain price risk management issues. Of these, 48 were presented as a weekly, state-wide grain market update on KSU Agriculture Today radio program. Another 8 radio interviews were associated with a monthly bioenergy market analysis program with WILL public radio in Illinois. An additional 52 weekly grain marketing report were provided to KBUF Radio in Kansas. An additional 5 interviews were provided throughout 2023 to other public, commercial and private media outlets – focusing primarily on grain marketing related issues.
 - This compares to year 2023 in which O'Brien contributed to 114 public radio programs focusing on grain market and/or bioenergy market situation/outlook and grain price risk management issues. Of these, 48 were presented as a weekly, state-wide grain market update on KSU Agriculture Today radio program, with another 8 radio interviews associated with a monthly bioenergy market analysis program with WILL public radio in Illinois, and 52 more to KBUF radio in Kansas.
- "KSUGrains" Website for Extension Grain Marketing Information: During 2024 the "*Focused on Grains*" blog had 2,908 views from 1,593 views and 875 visitors, with 0 posts published. This de-emphasis in usage compares to 2022-2023 for the "*Focused on Grains*" blog when it had 2,908 & 13,817 views from 1,362 & 3,447 visitors respectively, with 0 and 31 posts published, and 2021 when the blog had 9,813 views from 4,531 visitors, with 12 posts published. This compares to 12,699 views from 8,931 visitors (on 48 posts) in 2020; 9,133 views (on 47 posts) from 5,759 visitors in 2019; 9,311 views (66 posts) in from 5,427 visitors in 2018; 15,947 views (85 posts) from 8,511 visitors in 2017; and 16,515 views (102 posts) from 9,198 visitors in 2016. The purpose of the blog is to supplement the information available on the KSU AgManager.info website, focusing on "grain and bioenergy market information, analysis, and discussion". The website address is: <http://ksugrains.wordpress.com/>

- Twitter© Social Media for Extension Grain Marketing Information: On Twitter© under the identifier “KSUGrains”, there was a deemphasis on initiating Twitter entries in 2023 and 2024, with 0 “tweets” related to grain marketing, bioenergy, and macro economic topics were made in these years. This is down sharply from 32 “tweets” in 2022, 25 “tweets” in 2021, 92 “tweets” in 2020, 81 “tweets” in 2019, 73 “tweets” in 2018, 79 in 2017, and 118 in 2016. However, there were twenty-nine (29) “re-tweets” of other poster’s information in 2024.
 - The number of followers of the “KSUGrains” Twitter© account has continued to grow steady number over time. The “KSUGrains” account had approximately 2,600 followers through the end of 2024, up slightly from 2,585 followers through the end of 2023, 2,539 in 2022, from 2,485 in 2021; 2,410 in 2020; to 2,379 in 2019, and 2,244 in 2018.

EXTENSION CROPPING SYSTEMS AND FARM MANAGEMENT PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES

Extension Dryland and Irrigated Cropping Systems, Farmland Leasing, Farm Financial Management and other education presentations from 1995 through 2024.

Year	Public Presentations	Professional Contacts	Radio / TV / Print Media
1995	18	400	--
1996	20	523	--
1997	21	520	--
1998	18	601	--
1999	28	920	--
2000	36	761	--
2001	37	1,029	--
2002	39	687	--
2003-2006	Administrative Responsibilities		--
2007	30	1,290	--
2008	13	631	8
2009	6	142	4
2010	6	182	7
2011	3	111	5
2012	9	171	--
2013	9	442	9
2014	7	268	3
2015	2	205	0
2016	4	158	2
2017	1	248	0
2018	1	248	0
2019	3	109	0
2020	1	70	0
2021	10	303	0
2022	0	99	0
2023	1	179	0
2024	0	237	1

- Presentations: In year 2024, Daniel M. O'Brien gave 1 presentation as primary presenter, and 0 presentations as co-presenter of Extension Education-related cropping systems, farmland leasing, and/or farm financial management-related educational presentations to a total of 237 clientele. This compares to 2023 - 2022 - 2021 - 2020 - 2019 - 2018 - 2017 - 2016 - 2015 in which he gave 1 - 0 - 10 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 2 educational presentations in this subject matter area, respectively.
- Consultations/Questions: Individual consultations were provided to 56 Extension clientele in 2024 related to cropping systems, farmland leasing, and/or farm financial management-related issues – compared to 35 in 2023, 32 in 2022, 57 in 2021, 40 in 2020, 37 in 2019, 47 in 2018; 55 in 2017; 50 in 2016; 74 in 2015; 62 in 2014; 60 in 2013; and 54 in 2012.

- Total Professional Contacts related to cropping systems, farmland leasing, and/or farm financial management-related education in 2024 equaled 236 people. This compares to 117 in 2023, 99 people in 2022, 303 people in 2021, 70 people in 2020, 109 people in 2019, 178 people in 2018, 248 people in 2017; 158 people in 2016; 205 people in 2015; 268 people in 2014; 442 clientele in 2013; from 171 in 2012.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Wilson, Christian. “*Grain Marketing Strategies Using Market Forecast Models.*” MAB Thesis completed – April 2024. (Major Professor)

Yandell, David. “*Impact of USDA COVID-19 Assistance on Farm Finances in Illinois.*” Intended MAB Thesis completion – Inactive at this time. (Major Professor)

Milton, Christa. “*Economic Effect of Proposed Stepped Up Inheritance Tax Basis on Kansas Farms.*” MAB Thesis completed – April 2022. (Major Professor)

Wasinger, Leighton. “*Economics of On Farm Grain Storage.*” MAB Thesis completed – April 2022. (Major Professor)

Swartz, Bradley. “*The Economics of Blending Quality Grades of Durum Wheat.*” MAB Thesis completed – December 2020. (Major Professor)

Anderson, Megan. “*Economics of Using Mycotoxin Blockers in Livestock Feeds at the Farm Level.*” MAB Thesis completed – May 2020. (Major Professor)

Blairfontinelle, Gabrielle. “*Price Limits and Wheat Futures Contracts.*” Anticipated MS Thesis completed – May 2020. (Committee Member, Joseph Janzen as Major Professor)

Uthoff, Jordan. “*Economic Feasibility of Building Grain Storage in Northeast Iowa.*” MAB Thesis completed – December 2019. (Major Professor)

Schneider, Cassandra. “*Ethanol Plant Predictive Regression Models: The Importance of Plant Data Analytics.*” MS Thesis completed, KSU Department of Agricultural Economics, May 2019. (Committee Member)

Brokesh, Ed. “*Biomass harvesting cost analysis using field scale testing data.*” Ph.D. Dissertation completed – December 2018. (Outside Chairperson – Dept. of Biological & Agricultural Engineering)

Sukhin, Chawla. “*U.S. Proso Millet Production and Marketing Opportunities.*” Anticipated MAB Thesis not completed – uncertain / on hold. (Major Professor)

Milstead, Andy. “*Local Grain Market Storage, Transportation Logistics, and Profitability in Northwest Mississippi.*” MAB Thesis completed, August 2017. (Major Professor)

Zambreski, Zach. “*A Statistical Assessment of Drought Variability and Climate Prediction for Kansas.*” MS Thesis completed, KSU Department of Agronomy, December 2016. (Committee Member)

- Sousek, Nicholas. “*Enhancing Grain Marketing Decisions: Farm Breakeven Analysis & Grain Sales Management.*” MAB Thesis completed, December 2015. (Major Professor)
- Mauer, Jacob Lefe. “The Development of a Conceptual Benchmarking Tool Representing Big Data and Agricultural Technology Adoption on the Farm.” MS Thesis completed, KSU Department of Agricultural Economics, 2015. (Committee Member)
- Davis, Mark. “*Make or Buy, Feasability of Intermediate Good Production.*” (focusing on the livestock feed ingredient industry). MAB Thesis completed, May 2012. (Major Professor)
- Flavin, Adam. “*Variable Storage Rate (VSR) Performance in the Chicago Wheat Futures Contract.*” MAB Thesis completed, May 2011. (Major Professor)
- Von Muhlen Filo, Walter. “*Brazilian Wheat Import Markets.*” MAB Thesis completed, May 2006. (Major Professor)

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