

# Kaitlyn Dinges

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## Education

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**Kansas State University**, *College of Agriculture*, Manhattan, Kansas

*Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics*, Expected Completion – May 2022

Graduate Research Assistant - USDA National Needs Fellow, Full Tuition and Stipend

Committee: Ted Schroeder (Chair), Glynn Tonsor, Dustin Pendell, David Renter

Research Interests: Livestock Production Economics, Animal Health Economics, and Risk Management

**Fort Hays State University**, *Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics*, Hays, Kansas

*Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business*, Graduated May 2018

B.S. Agriculture Business and Certificate in Economics

Cumulative GPA: 3.97/4.00

*Summa Cum Laude* Honors

Fort Hays State University Dean's Honor Roll: All semesters

## Experience

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| August 2018 – Present   | <b>Kansas State University</b> , Graduate Research Assistant – USDA National Needs Fellow, Manhattan, Kansas |
| November 2010 – Present | <b>Dinges Ranch Co.</b> , Part-Owner, Ness City, Kansas  |
| May 2018 – August 2018  | <b>Archer Daniels Midland Company</b> , Commodity Merchandising Intern, Leoti, Kansas                        |
| January 2017 – May 2018 | <b>Fort Hays State University</b> , Economics, Finance, & Accounting Office Assistant, Hays, Kansas          |
| May 2017 – August 2017  | <b>Archer Daniels Midland Company</b> , Commodity Merchandising Intern, Leoti, Kansas                        |

## Teaching Experience

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January 2021 – Present

**Instructor**, Kansas State University  
Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Department

AGEC 420

**Commodity Futures:** Understanding the role of futures and options as risk management tools for agricultural producers and agribusinesses and as investment opportunities for speculators. Topics include purpose of futures contracts and options; how futures trading occurs; how to design hedging strategies for various commodity producers and users; put and call options; and fundamental and technical analyses. (60% hybrid course structure with some students in-person and others completely online due to pandemic)

## Posters & Invited Presentations

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**Dinges, K.**\*, and T. Schroeder, “Forecasting Regional Lean Hog Basis using GARCH Models.” *Agriculture & Applied Economics Association and Western Agricultural Economics Association Joint Annual Conference*, Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 2021.

**Dinges, K.**, and T. Schroeder, “Lean Hog Index Simulation and Its Effect on Market Performance.” *Western Agricultural Economics Association Conference*, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2020.

## Working Papers

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**Dinges, K.**, and T. Schroeder, “Lean Hog Index Simulation and Its Effect on Market Performance.”

**Dinges, K.**, T. Xia, T. Schroeder, “Consumer Expenditure Survey Analysis of Disaggregated Pork Products.”

**Dinges, K.**, and T. Schroeder, “Forecasting Regional Lean Hog Basis using GARCH Models.”

**Dinges, K.**, A. Anderson, G. Tonsor, and J. Bergtold, “Do you know the correct answer? Factors that Affect Knowledgeable Meat Consumers.”

## **Honors & Awards**

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Graduate Student Council Professional Development Certificate, 2021

National Pork Checkoff Fellow, 2019 – 2020

Year 1 Project: “Lean Hog Market Review”

Year 2 Project: “Lean Hog Index Simulation and Its Effect on Market Performance”

Agriculture and Applied Economics Case Study – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2019

Royal Scholar Scholarship Recipient, 2017

Fort Hays State University Presidential Award, 2015 – 2018

Fort Hays State University Miller Black & Gold Award, 2015 – 2018

Fort Hays State University Ralph and Lucille Hunter Scholarship, 2015 – 2018

## **Professional Service & Leadership**

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Search Committee member for Kansas State University Asst/Assoc/Full Professor,  
Department of Agricultural Economics, 2019

Student Fellow for Center of Risk Management Education and Research, Kansas State  
University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2019 - 2020

Kansas State University Graduate Case Study Club Secretary, 2019

Kansas State University Graduate Students of Agriculture Economics Secretary, 2019

## **Professional Affiliations**

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Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA)