

# Meet the speakers



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Kelvin Leibold, USA

Kelvin Leibold is a farm and agricultural business management specialist at Iowa State University.



“Our comparison between Brazil, Argentina, Ukraine and the US shows that corn and soybean production and logistics in the US are still very competitive. However, in the changing environment the US's competitors are making improvements of innovation and infrastructure which reduces the competitive gap the US once had over its competitors.”



Yelto Zimmer, Germany

Yelto Zimmer has been a senior crop economist at the Thünen Institute of Farm Economics in Germany since 2005. He is also the head of the *agri benchmark* Cash Crop Team.



“*agri benchmark* enables clients from international institutions, growers and agribusiness to grow. For us, feeding the world means feeding decision makers with meaningful and reliable data and analysis on global crop production systems and their economics.”



Kevin Onyango, Kenya

Kevin Onyango is a research assistant at Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural, Policy and Development in Kenya.



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“Compared to world markets, corn is a high value crop in Kenya and production is still very labor intensive. Therefore, cost of production is relatively high – even though our growers do receive significant input subsidies. However, from a global perspective yields are only moderate.”

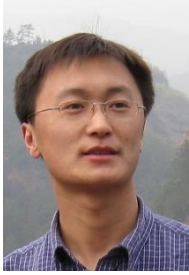


Sergey Chetvertakov, Russia

Sergey Chetvertakov, from Russia, is a PhD student at Thünen Institute of Farm Economics in Germany.



“Compared to wheat, corn is very profitable for Russian growers in the Central Black Soil region. I therefore believe that Russia has the potential to become a major player in global corn markets.”



Xiangdong Hu, China

Xiangdong Hu is an associate professor at the Beijing University of Agriculture in China.

“Given limited mechanization and relatively low fertilizer use in the Chinese corn belt I see significant room for improved corn production economics in my country.”



Dessy Anggraeni, Indonesia

Dessy Anggraeni is from Indonesia and works for the Thünen Institute of Farm Economics on the *agri benchmark* Cash Crop Team.

“My research comparing soybean to palm oil production economics suggests that palm oil is a very competitive raw material. Therefore it is rather likely that it will continue to be the driver in global vegetable oil markets.”



Michael Langemeier, USA

Michael Langemeier joined Purdue University in 2012 as associate director.

Michael will give statements during the round table discussion: “Society and policy makers asking for “greener” farming -What does that mean for producers?”



Peter Borreby, Denmark

Peter Borreby is the development director at Patriotisk Selskab in Denmark.

Peter is participating in the round table discussion: “Society and policy makers asking for “greener” farming -What does that mean for producers?”



Ben Lang, United Kingdom

Ben Lang is a Senior Research Associate / Manager, Rural Business Unit at the Department of Land Economy at Cambridge University in England.

Ben will take part in the round table discussion: “Society and policy makers asking for “greener” farming -What does that mean for producers?”

