Spring 2010
FOLLOW THE GRAIN

AgEcon 315 “AG IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT”
MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE

Course Objectives: To follow the grain from the laboratories in which new varieties of wheat and barley are developed, to the fields in which they are grown, to the county elevators in which grain is stored, to the export terminals from which grain is shipped around the world, and to farms mills and bakeries in the US and farms mills and bakeries in Chile where grain is processed into end products.

Along the way, we will meet with geneticists in laboratories, plant breeders operating field trials, farmers producing grain under real world agronomic and market constraints, grain handlers, grain shippers and marketers, and millers and bakers.

Course Format: Meet once a week for two hours. Many of the meetings will involve guest speakers and field trips. Three credits, letter grade.

Course Trip: The course will include an international trip to Chile to meet with millers and bakers in an international setting during spring break week. There will also be a regional trip to Great Falls during February.

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