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FAPRI Missouri,

Congratulations on reaching your 25th anniversary.

The FAPRI-UK team at Queens University & The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Belfast has enjoyed 12 years in a most productive research collaboration with FAPRI-Missouri. With the assistance of Patrick Westhoff and Julian Binfield, we have been able to analyse the impacts of all Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reforms from Agenda 2000 to the 2008 CAP Health Check and a range of proposals for the WTO Doha Round.

Our joint research has resulted in policy analyses at the EU, UK-wide and individual UK country levels which our funders, the four UK agricultural administrations, have found invaluable. UK agricultural industry stakeholders have also benefited from our analyses and have been most supportive engaging in our Baseline determinations.

Recent policy and market developments, including radical reform of the CAP, EU enlargement and the increasing impact of bio-fuels on agricultural commodity markets, have posed significant challenges to the successful modelling of EU agriculture. FAPRI-Missouri staff has been unstinting in supporting our efforts to ensure the models can address these policy/market developments.

We look forward to many further years of research collaboration with FAPRI-Missouri.

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