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FAPRI-MU:

Congratulations on twenty five years of service to the industry of agriculture, our state, and nation. From inception in the middle of the “ag crisis” of the 1980’s to today amidst unprecedented changes in world food, fiber, and energy production, FAPRI has provided invaluable information and analysis. Farmers, agri-businesses, and policy makers have benefited from your objective analysis and projections. Your accurate impact studies have helped fashion appropriate and helpful responses to devastating floods, droughts, and environmental conditions effecting our nations “Foundation Industry”.

As a legislator and Director of Missouri’s Department of Agriculture, I particularly appreciate your willingness to tackle requests for analysis at the state level. Obviously decisions based on factual policy analysis yield better results than those based on guesses and feelings. Through the Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow program I became familiar with the tremendous value of the information, detailed analysis, and accurate projections FAPRI provided for producers and industry leaders. Probably the most visible and far reaching contribution of FAPRI is evident in the positive effect on every farm bill passed since coming on the scene twenty five years ago. Food and Agriculture policy is different today because of your contributions. Without a doubt, your influence has played a role in our nation’s standing in the global marketplace.

As important as FAPRI has been to our past, it is even more important to our future. Decisions that will be made regarding agriculture production, energy and environmental issues will have enormous effects on our future. Because the number of decision makers with a clear understanding of agriculture’s role in these issues is fewer than ever before, the need for objective analysis is more important than ever.

Once again Congratulations and Best Wishes for your continued success! Thanks so much for making such a positive difference from the farm gate to the global marketplace!!

Sincerely,

Tim Kelley