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Dr. Brenda Dyack joins Agri-Food Economic Systems

Guelph, ON (April 29 2016) - Agri-Food Economic Systems is pleased to announce that Dr. Brenda Dyack is joining its network of researchers as Principal Research Associate. Brenda adds extensive experience and expertise in agri-environmental economics as well as agricultural research and innovation policy. Prior to joining Agri-Food Economic Systems, Brenda was with the Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) and the University of Canberra in Australia. She was Senior Economist with the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences, and before leaving for Australia she was the Agriculture Advisor to the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

Brenda is a Canadian, and holds degrees in economics and a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Guelph. She has returned to Canada after 13 years of living and working in Australia. Most recently she is the author, along with an international multi-disciplinary research team, of a study published in the journal *Science* dealing with local and global protection of agricultural soils from salinization.

“Brenda will broaden the range of economic research we conduct at Agri-Food Economic Systems”, says Al Mussell, Research Lead. “Brenda brings a remarkable range of experience and strong academic credentials in the areas of greenhouse gas mitigation and water conservation in agriculture. She has also been intimately involved in agricultural research planning, assessment, and innovation policy - areas in which Australia is known to be a world leader”.

“I look forward to reacquainting myself with the issues in Canadian agriculture and food, and establishing a client network”, said Dyack. “It is great to be back home, and I know many of my unique experiences from Australia will apply here.”

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