

# OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## CLASS XVI

### Scribe Notes

### Seminar 12

January 8 - 10, 2014

**Theme: “Broadening Our International Understanding”**

**January 8, 2014**

**Scribe: Justin Lingo**

#### Anthony Cambas

Customs are the gate keepers of the country; Ag is affected in that many products might not be able to move into the country without the right people or connections. Customs also help regulate the countries own production of products. If policies are made where certain products aren't allowed into the country it will allow the country to make more of it. In the U.S., customs is based on security. It is largely a mix of laws and policies. Almost all items that are sent through customs are first sent through a pre-qualified customs program. This program limits the amount of items that are sent and then are stuck in customs.

#### Justin Hazzard

- Discussed global trade patterns
- China takes 60% of exports
- In 2012, Oklahoma had \$6.6 billion in direct exports
- Discussed the introduction of pecans to China and the high demand it has caused

#### Rossllyn Biggs/Leslie Cole

- Mission of Vet Services is to contain and control diseases; manage import and export of animals
- Plan animal health programs
- Provide technical expertise
- Participate in international standard setting
- National import/export protocols
- Oklahoma has genetics that people want - it is important to be able to get those genetics around the world

#### Shirley Blasier

- Yellow fever 10 days before leaving
- Get your shots/then wrap yourself in plastic to not catch a disease

#### Paul Holtzhausen

- Family moved to S.A. in 1700s
- 25% unemployment in S.A.
- Slept with a gun under his pillow
- First heart transplant in a human was performed in S.A.
- Remoteness to markets around the world is a problem. S.A. is a long way from all markets.
- Since 1994 there has been a large transformation in the labor force

## Derina Holtzhausen

- Apartheid means segregation
- Cape Town was used as a stopping point for the East Indian Trading Company. Soon traders started taking land from the natives. In the early days, there was no slavery. It wasn't until 1658 that slavery began.
- French Huguenots were the first official government of SA
- In 1910, S.A. became a Union
- In 1948, S.A. became an independent country
- South African's weren't able to get TV service until 1975
- South Africa is now a very stable country

## Health and Education

- Rural housing consist of rondawels, shacks, and shanties
- Most are very poor
- Some are very rich

## Education

- K-6<sup>th</sup> grade = primary
- 7-9<sup>th</sup> grade = secondary
- Primary and secondary are mandated
- 10-12<sup>th</sup> would be considered further education - few go beyond secondary
- College level - Master, and Ph.D. - is seldom

Eleven official languages - African and English are the main languages

## Health Concerns

- Outsiders must get vaccines, must drink bottled water, use bug spray, and sun screen
- Police Number - 10111
- Don't look like a tourist

**January 9, 2014**

**Scribe: Rusty Roush**

Geography and Climate - Fuhlendorf, Howard, McIntyre, Stinnett

- There are 9 Provinces in South Africa - we will be visiting 6
- Cape Town is the largest city in South Africa
- There is a 15 degree variation in temperature from the south border to the north border
- Thunderstorms are likely while we are there
- The wildlife in South Africa is very diverse
- Kruger National Park is twice the size of Yellowstone
- The mosquito is the deadliest animal on the planet
- The rhino is the most poached animal from the park
- Weather will be warm so pack frugally
- Luggage restrictions are 1 bag of 50 lbs. or less
- Tuesday Feb. 18 will be a challenging dress day because we have two types of dress with no stop at a place to change

Agriculture - Hitch, Jensen, Wedel

- South Africa is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest wine producer
- Wheat is deregulated and they rely heavily on imports
- Typically, feedlots and packing houses are integrated

- South Africans eat more beef than chicken or pork
- Food safety is basically non-existent

#### Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure - Alspach, Doyal, Sharber

- Steve Alspach presented a comparison to the state of Texas
  - Rail and roads are less dense in S.A.
- There are 7 international airports and 8 major sea ports in South Africa
- Casey Sharber discussed Wi-Fi availability in the hotels that we will be staying as well as popular slang terms
- Jamie Doyal discussed cell phone usage

#### Government and Military - Cohenour, Kidd, Lingo, Stewart

- This group did a skit similar to the Weekend Update on Saturday Night Live
- Dutch East India Trading Company was the first to colonize S.A.
- U.S. relations have been dicey in the past partly due to misuse of a nuclear reactor given to them by the U.S.
- When driving, be sure and lock doors - monkeys can and will open them
- Laws are very similar to the U.S.
- Children's rights are laid out in the constitution

#### Culture and Religion - Cummings, Howeth, Payton Miller, Stevenson

- S.A. has a very diverse population
- Traditional African practices do still exist however
- Apartheid is a huge part of South Africa's history and culture
- Food is diverse as well, however, if you need something familiar there are 161 McDonalds in South Africa
- Don't be careless about cultural issues
- Don't touch people with the left hand
- Don't use the peace sign

#### Economics - Gribble, Jones, Roush, Whitmore

- Justin Whitmore discussed
  - Mining
  - Agriculture
  - Manufacturing
  - Tourism
- Joe Gribble discussed
  - Trading Exchanges
    - JSE
    - SAFEX
  - Exports
    - Coal
    - Platinum, vanadium, chromium, manganese
    - Net exporter of agricultural products
  - Imports
    - Wheat
    - Vegetable oils
  - Apartheid as it relates to trade with South Africa
  - U.S. is a direct investor in South Africa and vice versa

- Rusty Roush discussed
  - Exchanging Money
    - Current exchange rate (dollar to rand)
    - Where and how I can exchange money
    - Credit card purchases
  - Spending Money
    - Meal money
    - Tip money
    - Souvenir money
    - Other
  - Taxes
- Karen Jones discussed
  - Workforce and culture
  - Land redistribution
  - Obstacles to development

#### Oklahoma Agriculture and International Trade - Barbara Charlet

- She is the Market Development Coordinator, International Programs at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
- U.S. exports \$199 million in goods and services to South Africa
- This number fluctuates greatly
- Gave an overview of Made in Oklahoma products

#### Supporting Oklahoma Farmers with Disabilities; One Farmer at a Time - David Hite

- Cleared brush
- Mowed
- Filled holes
- It was great to get to hear David's story after we finished

#### Glenna Williams - Coordinator, Weekend Food Sacks for Children

#### Kyle Anderson - Associate Pastor and Coordinator of The Storehouse, FUMC

- Sacked and sorted food items

Dinner at the home of Randy and Mary Wedel (4101 S. Fairgrounds)

### **January 10, 2014**

#### **Scribe: Justin Whitmore**

#### Packing for the International Trip

By Sue Williams

Sue shared great tips for packing to go on international trips. Her number one tip was not to pack more than you can carry yourself. She also gave the class great tips for packing light without buying a lot of new things.

#### Class Discussion on Trip

The class discussed different strategies for packing. The class also shared different things they learned while researching South Africa that they did not use in their presentation.

#### South African Culture and Agricultural Diversity

By Bill Richardson

Bill was able to give us an Oklahoman's perspective on South Africa. He told us that there is violence in South Africa but that we shouldn't worry about it. South Africans like to take a long time for dinner. He was also

able to give us a good perspective on the South African agricultural industry. Land prices are on the rise. A lot of their other concerns are the same as other farmers.

#### Lunch

By SST Software

Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and blackberry cobbler was very, very good

#### Synthesis

Discussed what we most enjoyed about the session and updated our emergency contacts.