

## Biographical Information for Robert P. King

Robert P. King is a professor in the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. His primary areas of professional expertise are managerial economics, the economics of information systems, decision theory, and quantitative methods.

Rob received his B.A. degree in anthropology from Yale University in 1972. After serving two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin, he entered the graduate program in agricultural economics at Michigan State University, where he received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in 1977 and 1979, respectively. In 1978 he received the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association.

Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Minnesota in 1983, Rob was an assistant professor in the Department of Economics at Colorado State University. From 1983 to 2004 he held the E. Fred Koller Chair in Agricultural Management Information Systems in the Department of Applied Economics. He served as head of the Department of Applied Economics from July 2004 through June 2008. In 1987 Rob spent three months as a visiting professor in the Department of Farm Management at the Wageningen Agricultural University in the Netherlands. In 1990 and 1991 he spent a year as a visiting professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Oregon State University.

Rob's research focuses on organic and sustainable agriculture and on management issues facing food retailers, farmer cooperatives, and farmers. His publication record includes numerous book chapters and university publications and more than fifty articles in journals such as the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, *Review of Agricultural Economics*, *Food Distribution Research*, *Journal of Cooperatives*, *Agricultural Systems*, and *Weed Science*. He has also published three widely distributed software packages for farm risk and marketing management.

Rob teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on managerial economics and cooperatives. He served as coordinator of the Agricultural Business Management undergraduate major from 1988 to 1990 and as Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Applied Economics from 1994 to 1997. In 1996 he received the Distinguished Teacher Award from the College of Agricultural Food, and Environmental Sciences. He is also active in international teaching programs, having lectured in Brazil, Hungary, The Netherlands, and Poland over the past several years.

Rob currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, the Administrative Council for the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program, and the International Advisory Board for the Mansholt Graduate School of Social Sciences at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. He served two terms as an associate editor of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, from 1986 to 1990 and from 1994 to 1997. He also served on the editorial council of the *Review of Agricultural Economics* from 2003 through 2009. From 1994 through 1998 he served on the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, and in 2002 he completed a three year term on the Executive Board of the American Agricultural Economics Association.