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Brian Buhr is Dean and Director of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) and the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station. He is also a professor of applied economics. Dr. Buhr served as interim dean and director from August 2013 until June 2014.

Prior to his interim dean appointment, Buhr led the Division of Applied Economics and Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota. Serving in this role for five years, he worked with faculty, staff, and student leaders to improve the quality of graduate and undergraduate programs, hired field leading faculty, increased grant funding, publication rates and transitioned the centers' leadership. Buhr has been recognized for successfully repositioning agricultural education at the University of Minnesota leading to academic and research faculty additions, increased student enrollment and strengthened stakeholder support.

Professor Buhr joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota in 1992. Dr. Buhr has spoken at over 100 national and international conferences and symposia in the past five years, has published extensively in professional journals, extension outlets, book chapters and trade publications and each year enjoys interacting with 80 – 100 students in his courses related to commodity marketing and risk management with futures and options. He held the E. Fred Koller Chair in Agribusiness and Information Systems from 2004 – 2010. Dr. Buhr has received the Outstanding Policy Contribution Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association, the University of Minnesota College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences' Distinguished Teaching Award as well as the CFANS Distinguished Faculty award.

His research areas include policy and price analysis, risk management, agricultural competition and the economics of information systems and traceability. Dr. Buhr has worked extensively with the pork industry on topics marketing, risk management/contracting, competition policy, animal health and welfare and technology impact evaluation. In addition, he has international research experience in much of Western and Eastern Europe, Kenya, Mexico and Canada.