The Farm Credit Fellows - Cornell Study Program is a special program in agricultural finance conducted by the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University, with support and cooperation from CoBank Eastern Agribusiness Division, Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc. and the two northeastern ACA's (Farm Credit East and Yankee Farm Credit). The objective of the program is to provide an opportunity for students with a strong interest in agricultural finance to gain a better understanding of the agricultural credit system and study special topics in the area of agricultural finance & credit and applied financial modeling. The program involves an opportunity for a one week internship, a fellowship grant, several networking opportunities, 6 required credit hours in AEM finance, and the opportunity to engage in case studies.

The program is open to students with an interest in agricultural finance, with preference for students with at least one class in finance or agricultural finance and GPA greater than 3.0. Students apply during the spring semester. Participants who complete all requirements are designated as Farm Credit Fellows.
General Requirements for Participation in and Completion of the Program

1. *Farm Credit Fellows* will be expected to complete Agricultural Finance (AEM 2050) before entering the program (typically in the same spring that interviews/applications take place) though many students also have taken AEM 3020-Farm Business Management (optional). Students will also enroll in AEM 4040 (Credit and Banking in Agriculture) the fall after acceptance into the program. Students must complete both AEM 2050 and AEM 4040 by the end of the program.

2. *Farm Credit Fellows* will typically be expected to participate in the following activities:
   
a. A two day event at CoBank Eastern Agribusiness Division and the main office of Farm Credit East in Enfield, CT. This program will be conducted by Farm Credit personnel, and is designed to provide a brief understanding of overall Farm Credit System operation.

b. An opportunity to participate in a one week internship at a Farm Credit Association office. During this period, the students will receive an introduction to Association business under the supervision of Association managers.

The Fellowship Grant

The Fellowship will cover the following:

1. Defray travel and hotel cost of the orientation visit to Enfield.

2. A grant to each student to cover expenses and partially compensate for lost income during the one week summer Farm Credit internship.

How to Apply

The Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell has overall responsibility for the administration of this program. Application forms are due March 9, 2016. Selection of Farm Credit Fellows will be announced shortly after the interviews. All applicants will receive a letter indicating whether they are accepted or not.

Program Interview: The Farm Credit Fellows Committee requires an interview with each applicant. Interviews will be 10-15 minutes and are tentatively being held on March 14, 2016 in 351B Warren Hall. You will be contacted after application to schedule an interview.

Further information and copies of application forms may be obtained by contacting Professor Joshua Woodard in 351B Warren Hall, or by email at jdw277@cornell.edu.