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### **CHS Foundation, SDSU launch global agribusiness education program**

Brookings, S.D. (February 4, 2008) – South Dakota State University (SDSU) and the CHS Foundation have announced the start of the CHS Agribusiness Globalization Education Program at SDSU. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS, a leading energy, grains and food company.

Through an initial \$35,000 gift, the CHS Agribusiness Globalization Education Program will provide SDSU students with a unique learning experience through a recommended series of courses focusing on agribusiness, global business, cooperatives and foreign language; an internship experience with an agribusiness, such as CHS or a local cooperative; small business consulting opportunities; and international travel.

“CHS is owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives, and our business is very much involved in and influenced by the global marketplace,” says William J. Nelson, CHS Foundation president. “Whether they ultimately work in rural communities, urban centers or abroad, this program will help students become more well-rounded, culturally aware leaders.

The CHS Agribusiness Globalization Education Program will be led by Evert Van der Sluis, a professor in the Economics Department of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at SDSU. The South Dakota Association of Cooperatives will provide valuable connections with cooperative agribusinesses across the state.

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The CHS Foundation ([www.chsfoundation.org](http://www.chsfoundation.org)) is the major giving entity of CHS Inc. ([www.chsinc.com](http://www.chsinc.com)), a diversified energy, grains and foods Fortune 200 company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation is committed to investing in the future of rural America, agriculture and cooperative business through education and leadership development. With more than \$30 million in assets, the CHS Foundation annually distributes \$1.7 million through grants, scholarships and educational support.

CHS Inc. is a diversified energy, grains and foods company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives around the world. A Fortune 200 company, CHS is owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives, along with thousands of preferred stockholders, from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Northwest and from the Canadian border to Texas. CHS supplies energy, crop nutrients, grain, livestock feed, food and food ingredients, along with business solutions including insurance, financial and risk

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