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## Leaders to tackle global food prices

By JACQUI FATKA

AGRICULTURAL commodity prices should ease from their recent record peaks, but over the next 10 years, they are expected to average well above their mean levels of the past decade, according to the latest "Agricultural Outlook" from the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) and the U.N. Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Current high food prices will hit poor and hungry people hardest, particularly urban net food buyers and rural non-food producers in low-income countries.

Humanitarian aid must be urgently mobilized to face this dramatic situation, but to find sustainable solutions and avoid similar cases in the future, the emphasis in these countries must be on boosting agricultural production and productivity as well as growth and broader economic development, FAO said.

Food prices and their impact on the world economy will be one issue addressed at the June 4-5 OECD Ministerial Council Meeting in Paris, France.

At a separate summit June 3-5 at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, world leaders, including many heads of states and governments from around the world, will discuss policies and strategies on how to improve and ensure world food security and re-launch agriculture in rural communities of developing countries.

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## Price-fixing exposed, but efforts misguided

# Whitacre paid ultimate price

By SARAH MUIRHEAD

SOME might question the real motives of a man who would willingly go undercover to expose wrongdoings yet at the same time engage in a scheme involving fraud and tax evasion.

In one of his first interviews since serving more than eight years in prison, Dr. Mark Whitacre openly talked with *Feedstuffs* about his involvement in the lysine price-fixing investigation of the 1990s, his time in prison and his new start.

Whitacre is best known

"I am not a hero, and young adults entering the business world need to learn from that. I was involved with criminal activity, and I went to prison for almost a decade. They need to realize that is the price we pay for our actions if they are the wrong actions" — Mark Whitacre, former ADM executive.

publicly for his whistleblower role in the mid-1990s at Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), where he exposed an international price-fixing conspiracy for the Fed-

eral Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He wore a wire for almost three years and helped establish one of the largest price-fixing cases in U.S. history.

The now 51-year-old Whitacre served as president of ADM's Bioproducts division from 1989 to 1995. He was brought on board at ADM to move the company into the lysine business and was in charge of getting the new Decatur, Ill.-based production facility up and running.

With costs rising and unsolvable production problems mounting, concern arose over possible sabotage, and the FBI was called in to assist ADM with an investigation.

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## Special Report

# Kansas State center promotes 'ethical fitness'

By ROD SMITH

**SCENARIO one:** A man goes to the store to buy a new pair of slacks and, in the fitting room, finds a wallet in the back pocket of the slacks he's preparing to try on.

The wallet has a driver's license identifying the owner and \$300 in cash.

Does the man:

(1) Keep the wallet and cash?

(2) Keep the money and turn the wallet in to the store's manager?

(3) Turn the money and wallet in to the store's manager?

The man has an ethical temptation.

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