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Professor Robert Hauser received his Ph.D. in agricultural economics at Iowa State University in 1982. He has been at the University of Illinois since then, where his research and teaching has focused on grain transportation, the use and pricing of options and futures, and the effects of economic and policy changes on Illinois and U.S. agriculture. He was awarded The Clearing Corporation Foundation Professorship in June 2009, and held that position until December 2011. Bob served as Head of the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics from January 1995 through August 2001, and then again from August 2004 to 2009. He also served as Interim Director of the College's International Office and Interim Dean of the College. Bob has been Dean of the College since 2009 and in 2012 he was appointed the Associate Provost for University of Illinois Extension.