



AAEA News

President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees

Committees drive the direction and impact of the AAEA by influencing its activities and awards. Please consider shaping the AAEA's future by volunteering for one of the committees listed below. Committee service also offers an excellent opportunity for developing contacts, refining leadership skills, and increasing professional networking.

AAEA President-Elect, Brian Roe will make appointments to the following 2025-2026 committees in June 2025:

- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Communications
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- Membership
- Mentoring
- Nominating
- Selected Presentations
- T.W. Schultz Lecture



For information about these committees and a list of their current members, please visit <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/aaea-committees>. Any AAEA member interested and willing to serve on a committee should contact Jeanne Rhodes at jrhodes@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 by **May 2, 2025**.

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Room Block open

[Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel](#)

1550 Court Place
Denver, Colorado, USA, 80202
(303) 893-3333

AAEA Group Rate: \$229.00
Reservations must be received on
or before **Tuesday, June 24, 2025**.

Please book using the AAEA Group rate here:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50926533>

Join us at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. The fully renovated family hotel in Denver, CO offers access to some of the best attractions in downtown Denver. Experience the best shopping, dining and entertainment including RiNo, LoDo and Uptown neighborhoods. Explore effortlessly thanks to the nearby light rail station, which takes you to Coors Field, Denver Zoo or Denver Art Museum. Recharge after a full day in Denver at their luxury Denver hotel with a year-round heated rooftop pool, 5,000-square-foot



Sheraton Fitness center, Topgolf Swing Suite or on-site dining at Yard House and BEZEL. The four-star hotel maximizes your time from a lobby with town-square energy to a full-service Club Lounge to more than 140,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. Work smart from a pet-friendly hotel room with free Wi-Fi and a height-adjustable desk with an ergonomic chair. Take in the spectacular views from one of the 138 suites options. Work, meet and relax at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.



2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Funding Opportunities

Travel Grants

- These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, July 27 – 29, 2025. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel and the deadline to apply for either is **May 23, 2025**.

<u>Domestic</u>	<u>International</u>
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- The Section Sponsored Travel Grant of \$500 will help cover travel expenses for an AAEA Member to attend the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO July 27–29, 2025. All Section Sponsored Travel Grant recipients must register and attend the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in-person. Receipts are required. Limit one Section Sponsored Travel Grant per person.

Following the conclusion of the annual meeting, you will receive information on how to submit your expenses for reimbursement. You will need to submit copies of all receipts for reimbursement of up to \$500.

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**. All applicants will be notified by Friday, May 9, 2025.

[Section Sponsored Travel Grants](#)

Other Funding

- The AAEA Annual Meeting is a perennial cornerstone component of the organization. We look forward to another successful meeting July 27–29, 2025 in Denver, CO at the AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. The typical slate of pre- and post-conference workshops, keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, reunions and much more are scheduled, and will again offer attendees numerous learning and networking opportunities.

Core to ongoing successful Annual Meetings is robust attendance and participation of our Members. Meanwhile, some AAEA Members have experienced significant challenges associated with lost employment in calendar year 2025. The AAEA wants to acknowledge this and invites and encourages Members who have lost employment in 2025 to log-in to the [AAEA Member Account](#) and see what support is available to partially assist in their attending this year's Annual Meeting.

- AAEA is not providing onsite childcare in Denver; however, you may apply for childcare/accessibility funds by filling out [this form](#).

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Workshops Preview

Registering ahead of time for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops are required before the annual meeting. You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while [registering for the annual meeting](#) or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Pre-Conference Workshops Saturday, July 26, 2025

[\(PC11\) BEER Section Craft Industry Tour](#)

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

(Note: will depart Sheraton at 11:45 am) light lunch included in tour

Limited space available

[\(PC13\) AAEA Teaching Academy](#)

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

[\(PC14\) Leadership Development for Agricultural and Applied Economics](#)

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

[\(PC15\) The New Economics of Food Security and Nutrition](#)

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

Post-Conference Workshops Wednesday, July 30, 2025

[\(PC51\) Extension Section Tour](#)

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Note: Transportation will depart Sheraton by 8:30 am

Limited space available Additional tour details coming soon

[\(PC52\) Honoring the Career and Contributions of Richard E. Just](#)

8:00 am – 5:30 pm Limited space available

[\(PC53\) Reducing the Labor of Beginning Agricultural Labor Economics Research: An Introduction to the AAEA Labor Economics Section](#)

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

[\(PC54\) Small-Scale Urbanization as a Catalyst for Rural Transformation: Comparative Insights from the U.S., China, and the Global South](#)

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

Limited space available

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Ticketed Luncheons

Monday, July 28, 2025

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Additional details on speaker coming soon

- COSBAE, CWAE and Africa Sections Speaker Series and Luncheon
- Extension Section Speaker Series and Luncheon

2025 AAEA FAMPS Poster Competition

FAMPS proposes to host a poster session at the 2025 Annual Meeting, similar to the one hosted at 2024 meeting. The objective of the poster session is to provide a forum for researchers with more limited professional networks, like graduate students and beginning faculty, to be recognized for innovative and high-quality research in poster sessions. These researchers might be less likely to participate in track sessions, and thus attend the annual meeting, than researchers with stronger professional networks. This recognition could also be helpful to some researchers at the beginning stages of their career.

The details for the poster session are the following:

- FAMPS will provide three awards:
 - Two (2) \$250 prizes for the best posters in which the lead author is a graduate student
 - One (1) \$250 prize for the best poster in which the lead author has a doctorate degree
- Requirements: The lead author for each submission must be a FAMPS member and must attend the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in-person.
- Submissions: AAEA will send notifications of accepted posters in March. Once this occurs, FAMPS will communicate in late March/early April to those with accepted posters they can participate in the FAMPS poster contest.
- Judging: FAMPS leadership will identify three researchers to judge the competition.
- Logistics: The poster competition judging will occur on Monday during the lunch break from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the poster hall. Posters accepted in the FAMPS competition will have a symbol/tag on their poster board.

The deadline to apply is **May 30, 2025**.

The 2025 Extension Competition for Graduate Students

AAEA Denver, CO July 27–29

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides an opportunity to develop and/or get feedback on programs that communicate research and practical information to Extension (usually non-economist) audiences. Entries can be based upon graduate student research for a thesis, dissertation or other academic work. The competition is sponsored by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

Who's Eligible?

Graduate students currently engaged in topics related to agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and/or community economic development, as well as those who graduated from such programs in Spring 2025 or later.

Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

The Application:

Applications should be addressed to Craig Carpenter at cwarp@msu.edu and must include:

1. Student's name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include project outcomes, target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as fact sheets, reports, web sites, spreadsheets, and presentations (4 page maximum). If the applicant was part of a team, the role of the applicant within the team must be made clear. If the proposed project is building upon the success of other extension programs, the summary should include a description of the previous program and the innovative approach of this proposed project.

4. An educational popular press article limited to 500 words and no more than two graphics (tables, charts, etc.). This should be an addendum to your submission packet. Examples include: <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2023/01/us-price-inflation-focus-on-farm-prices.html> and <https://southernagtoday.org>
5. A detailed evaluation plan. This should be an addendum to your submission packet. You may choose to develop your project using a logic model (which is not required). You can see more information on logic models below.*
6. A profile of the applicant's background and research (1 page maximum).
7. The mentor's name and description of the mentor's role in the project.

Finalists at AAEA

Finalists will be selected to make a 15-minute presentation at the AAEA meeting in Denver, CO on Sunday July 27, 2025, to a panel of judges, who will then ask 5 minutes of questions. The competition will begin at 8AM MDT. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed above. Finalists will be notified by June 6, 2025. The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track organized symposium if present in Denver, CO. Date and time during conference to be determined.

Awards

Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEA Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by sponsors. Awards are:

- First Place: \$1,000 and a plaque
- Second Place: \$300 and a certificate
- Third Place: \$200 and a certificate
- Other finalists receive finalist certificates.

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEA Awards ceremony. All finalists will be provided tickets to the Extension Luncheon during the AAEA annual meetings.

Submission Deadline: Midnight EDT on Friday, **May 9, 2025**. Email entries to Craig Carpenter, Competition Committee Chair at cwcarp@msu.edu. Finalists will be notified by June 6, 2025.

AAEA IBES Power Analysis Virtual Workshop

Date: May 5–May 7, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm EST each day

This virtual workshop is offering a hands-on workshop to bridge the power analysis knowledge gap for members of our profession. Participants will learn strategies for advanced power analysis for their economic experiments. Presentations and software code will be distributed in a shared drive following the workshop. Each session will feature 45–60 minutes of content followed by 30 minutes of Q&A with audience participants. For more information about registration click [here](#).

GSS & C-FARE 2025 Policy Communications Competition

In today's market, graduate students may seek careers where they are tasked with evaluating policy issues and effectively communicating their results to policymakers and other stakeholders. Therefore, the Graduate Student Section (GSS) and Council on Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics (C-FARE) partner for the 5th Annual Policy Communications Competition. This competition provides graduate students with an opportunity to gain experience in both written and verbal policy communication.

Entries can be based on the graduate student's ongoing research. They should address a pressing, relevant policy issue relating to the 2025 Policy Communications Competition theme at the local, state, or federal levels.

Participant Eligibility

Graduate students must be a member of the GSS with a graduation date of Fall 2025 or later. They should be conducting research in agricultural economics, resource economics, regional development, or a related field.

Registration Information & Deadline

Applications should be submitted via the Qualtrics link below. Questions may be addressed to Meri Hambaryan (m.hambaryan@ufl.edu) and must include:

- A cover page containing:
 - Participant's name and contact information
 - Mentor's name and contact information
- The student's policy brief (2-page maximum).

Applications must be submitted electronically **no later than midnight CT on June 20, 2025.**

Link to Submit: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efU00RPz5oFUH0W

Awards

The top three competitors will be recognized at the AAEA Awards Ceremony and will be invited to present their work at a future C-FARE webinar (more details to come). In addition, the winner of Policy Communication will receive a plaque and a cash prize. The second and third-place competitors will receive certificates and cash awards. Cash prizes are as follows:

First place: \$300

Second place: \$200

Third place: \$100

Additional Resources

- [2025 USDA Budget Summary](#)
- [House Agriculture Committee Website](#)
- [House Agriculture Farm Bill](#)

Call for Volunteers: Senior Discussant for Selected Presentations - Paper Sessions

Members wishing to get involved may volunteer for an essential role as a senior-level discussant for Selected Paper Sessions at our [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, CO, July 27–29, 2025. A discussant will be assigned to a Selected Presentation Paper Session whose topic area correlates with the discussant's expertise. The discussant would be tasked with reviewing the papers within their session, provide constructive feedback and stimulate discussion. The goal is to make these sessions more impactful and meaningful.

Some things to know about Selected Paper Sessions:

- Each AAEA Selected Paper Session is 90 minutes long and can feature up to four papers.
- Each presenter will have 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for discussion. The discussion should occur immediately following each presentation
- To help you prepare, links to the manuscripts from the authors/presenters will be provided in mid to late June.

Qualifications and Requirements to Serve as a Senior-level Discussant

- Tenured Associate or Full Professors.
- Retired
- Senior Researcher at a Government or Private Organization

Schedule of Selected Presentation Paper Sessions.

Monday, July 28

- 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, July 29

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm
- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Discussants will receive their session assignment and session details in mid to late June.

Please click [here](#) to volunteer! If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Choices Magazine: Article Highlight

[From Contamination to Climate Change: Emerging Risks at the Nexus of Food Safety and Nutrition, and their Implications for Public Health](#)

Kathryn A. Boys

Understanding the interconnections between food safety and nutrition will be key to navigating public health challenges caused by emerging food system risks. This discussion introduces several contemporary issues at this intersection including individual food safety risk and diet-related disease, food fraud, and linkages between climate change, food safety, and nutrition.

Interested in publishing in Choices? Submit your Individual, Theme, or Data Visualizations [here](#).

AAEA at 2026 ASSA Annual Meeting

Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2026 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Brian Roe is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2026 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, January 3–5, 2026.

The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. The AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees, including sessions jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations.

A subcommittee of the AAEA Board will review all proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that

1. Cover issues of national and international importance,
2. Expand capabilities and tools for economic research,
3. Promise a high-quality collection of papers suitable for publication.

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceedings issue of the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. Authors will be contacted by the *AEPP* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction.

Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting.

Please send proposals by **May 21, 2025**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org.

Government Relations & Washington Update

March 2025

Congress Passes Continuing Resolution for FY 2025

With a March 14th deadline looming, Congress was able to pass a [continuing resolution](#) to fund the government through the remainder of fiscal year 2025. The resolution included mainly “level” funding for programs at their fiscal year 2024 amounts. That was true for USDA’s agricultural research accounts within NIFA, ARS, ERS and NASS. The one exception was the removal of funding in the ARS Buildings and Facilities line for fiscal year 2025. The extension of funding through September 30th will allow Congress to address other

issues including budget reconciliation without the threat of a government shutdown. With fiscal year 2025 appropriations complete, work will begin on fiscal year 2026. The Trump Administration is expected to release its proposals for fiscal year 2026 in the coming weeks. AAEA is actively working with coalition partners to build support for critical USDA research, education and economics programs for the upcoming fiscal year.

Hutchins Nominated as REE Under Secretary

On February 12th, Dr. Scott Hutchins was [nominated](#) to serve as Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics. The USDA's Research, Education, and Economics mission area is comprised of the Agricultural Research Service, Economic Research Service, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Office of the Chief Scientist. During the first Trump administration, Hutchins served as REE deputy undersecretary and is familiar with the mission area and its agencies.

Dr. Hutchins is a Board Certified Entomologist, Adjunct Professor of entomology at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Past President of the Entomological Society of America (ESA), Fellow of the ESA, and Honorary Member of the ESA. Dr. Hutchins received a B.S. in entomology from Auburn University, a M.S. in entomology from Mississippi State University, and a Ph.D. in entomology from Iowa State University.

Hamby Appointed as NIFA Director

On March 20th, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [announced](#) the appointment of Dr. Jaye L. Hamby as the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). As Director, Dr. Hamby will lead USDA's efforts to advance agricultural innovation, community outreach, and fostering the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Dr. Hamby, a Tennessee native, grew up on his family's cow-calf operation and developed a deep connection to agriculture through 4-H and FFA, eventually serving as a national FFA officer. He then earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural education from the University of Tennessee before completing his master's and doctorate degrees in agricultural education at Oklahoma State University. Over the course of his career, he has directed hundreds of research efforts specializing in concept testing, product marketing, value driver analysis, and following market trends and strategies to support agricultural producers.

NASS Announces Reinstatement of Key Reports and Estimates

On March 19th, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) [announced](#) that it is reinstating the July Cattle report, as well as County Estimates for Crops and Livestock. The move reverses the cancellation of the report and estimates which occurred in April 2024. AAEA had expressed concerns to NASS leadership about the impacts of the cancellations in 2024. The county estimate reinstatement is effective for the 2024 crop season for the row crops (corn, cotton, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans) and for the 2025 crop season for the small grain crops (barley, oats, wheat).

According to NASS, the scheduled release dates for the estimates and reports are:

- County Estimates – corn, sorghum, soybeans: May 6
- County Estimates – cotton: May 12
- County Estimates – cattle: May 13
- County Estimates – rice, peanuts: May 23
- July Cattle: July 25

Other News

Call for Papers

Risk and Risk Management in the Agricultural Economy

November 21, 2025 — Cambridge, MA

To promote research on the risks that are borne by individuals and firms in the agricultural sector, and on the tools that are available to manage these risks, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), with the support of the Economic Research Service at the US Department of Agriculture, will convene a research conference in Cambridge, MA on Friday, November 21, 2025. The conference will be organized by Barry Goodwin (North Carolina State University) and Tatyana Deryugina (University of Illinois and NBER).

The organizers will consider submissions of complete, or nearly complete, papers that will be ready to present by November 2025. They welcome empirical and theoretical research, as well as papers by scholars who are early in their careers and who are not NBER affiliates. If any members of the research team have ties to the agricultural industry or other potential conflicts of interest, those ties should be disclosed on the first page of the submission. The program will prioritize research on the US food and farm economy.

To be considered for inclusion on the program, papers must be uploaded by midnight (EDT) on Tuesday, **August 12, 2025** via the following link:

<https://conference.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=AEf25>

Please feel free to share this call for papers widely with any researchers who might be working on projects that are suitable for presentation.

Please do not submit papers that have been accepted for publication and will be published by November 2025, and be aware that NBER papers may not make policy recommendations or offer normative judgements on policy. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified in early September. The NBER will cover hotel and economy-class conference travel for up to two authors per paper. Questions about this conference may be addressed to confer@nber.org.

International Workshop on “Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics”

We would like to bring the [International Workshop on “Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics”](#) to your attention.

The workshop will cover theoretical and practical knowledge regarding surveys and experimental methods. In addition, delegates will be familiarized with state-of-the-art software, and will design their own practice experiment through hands-on training.

Instructors include Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University), Carola Grebitus (Arizona State University), David Just (Cornell University), Jayson L. Lusk (Purdue University), Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M), and Matthew Rousu (Susquehanna University).

The workshop will take place from May 26 to May 30, 2025 at Michigan State University. It is open to academics (students, professors, individuals employed by colleges and universities, and other institutions of higher education) and non-academics (consultants and other practitioners from the private sector or national and international organizations). Seats are limited, and registration is based on a first come, first served basis.

We would appreciate it if you could share this information with your colleagues, students, and/or other people who may be interested in this initiative.

- For more information about registration click [here](#). (Closes May 5)
- For more information about scholarships click [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information (vcaputo@msu.edu & carola.grebitus@asu.edu)!

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info@aaea.org

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Open Jobs

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Virginia Tech (Posted: 03/31/2025)
- [Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics– Production Economics and Farm Management](#)
University of Tennessee (Posted: 03/25/2025)
- [Postdoctoral Scholar](#)
Auburn University (Posted: 03/25/2025)
- [Fryar Center Administrative Associate Marketing Director](#)
University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture (Posted: 03/11/2025)

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Working with the Media

What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story?

Contact Allison Ware at AWare@aaea.org

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Member in the News

Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news? Fill out [this online form](#) or send a link of the article to Austin Sparbel at asparbel@aaea.org or info@aaea.org.

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Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy

AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the [policy](#) here.