



AAEA News

Announcing the 2025 Fellows

Recognition as an AAEA Fellow is AAEA's most prestigious honor. The main consideration for selecting Fellows is continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, and/or other contributions to public or private sector decision-making.

The 2025 AAEA Fellows Class will receive their award at the 2025 AAEA Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. In alphabetical order the class is as follows:



Vic Adamowicz

University of Alberta



Amy Ando

The Ohio State University



Sergio Lence

Iowa State University



Ted Schroeder

Kansas State University



Gerald Shively

Purdue University

The AAEA Business Office would like to be the first to formally congratulate our upcoming Fellows.

Selected Presentation Papers and Posters

Call for Abstracts

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed together, and only after acceptance, will the submissions be assigned as a paper or poster presentation. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option for their submission to be considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page maximum, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please *do not include your name, contact information, and sources in the abstract file.*

Abstracts must be received by **January 15, 2025, at 11:59 pm CST**, and must be submitted using AAEA's online [Abstract Management System](#). Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere. When entering the title of your abstract, please be sure to submit the title as you would like it to appear in the program – with proper title capitalization and punctuation.

When submitting your abstract to the abstract system you will need to select three subject codes. The first subject code you select is the subject your abstract will be grouped in when being reviewed. This is an important step as it ensures your abstract will be reviewed by those with expertise in that particular subject. The second or third selected subject code may be used later during the scheduling process if your abstract is accepted.

To assist you with selecting a subject code, the Selected Presentations Committee has created [keywords for each of the subject codes](#). We recommend you refer to the keywords for subject codes to help you determine the appropriate subject code for your submission.

If accepted, sessions are comprised of abstracts with the same subject codes. All accepted abstracts will be presented in person only.

Review Process

All submissions will be subjected to a common, double-blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. All remaining accepted presentations will be assigned as posters. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email from the AAEA Business Office in late March. Emails may be received in spam folders. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Posters

Poster authors should be available during their assigned intervals during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission site by **May 14, 2025**. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

Up to 8 papers are included in a 90-minute Lightning Session, and up to 4 papers are included in a 90-minute Selected Paper Session. Therefore, each paper presentation in a Lightning Session is allotted 9 minutes, with 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion. Likewise, each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is allotted 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full PDF version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by **May 14, 2025**. You may submit an updated version later. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. AAEA will upload these papers to the AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-

spaced, 8.5 by 11–inch, single–sided format is requested. Please follow the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* style guidelines, apart from the single table/figure per page convention.

Additional Important Information

If accepted, presenters of papers and/or posters must be a current 2025 member of AAEA and registered for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting **by May 14, 2025**. Presenters who miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. If your institution will be registering you for the annual meeting, please be sure to notify them of this deadline to ensure that you are registered by the deadline.

[*The Abstract Management System is now open.*](#)

Organized Symposia

Call for Proposals:

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Proposals are due by **January 15, 2025**, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online submission system.

[*The Abstract Management System is now open.*](#)

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works–in–progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are discouraged, nonetheless if such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters. Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **May 14, 2025**.

All presenters must present in–person.

If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

Please visit the [AAEA Annual Meeting Website](#) for more information about the annual meeting.

2025 AAEA Awards

Calls for Nominations

- [AAEA Mentoring Award](#)
- [Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award](#)
- [Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards](#)
- [Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)
- [Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award](#)
- [Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards](#)
- [Publication of Enduring Quality Award](#)
- [Quality of Communication Award](#)
- [Quality of Research Discovery Award](#)

The deadline for all Award Nominations is **February 5, 2025**.

2025 AAEA Membership Renewal

We invite and encourage you to [renew your AAEA membership](#) for 2025! Renewing ensures that you'll stay connected with your association and peers. It also gives you the chance to be engaged with leading edge work being done by our members and support your AAEA through the activities of the association.

You can get involved in the AAEA through:

- **Serving on a Committee:** Each year, AAEA asks our members to help in various roles including being part of an association committee. AAEA has a number of committees that need volunteers each year, including membership, employment services, and the AAEA Trust. You now have the opportunity to express your interest in volunteering right on the [online membership form](#). AAEA President-elect makes appointments in the spring.
- **Joining a Section:** Being involved in AAEA Sections is one of the best ways to make new connections within the profession. Sections are specialized sub-groups of AAEA members organized around similar interests. AAEA currently has [29 Sections](#), each with its own area of focus. Once you've joined a Section, you have many more opportunities to get involved. These include serving on the Section leadership, being involved in the Section's Annual Meeting sessions and activities, and communicating with other Section members through a listserv.
- **Reviewing Annual Meeting Submissions:** Being part of an association means that you have a direct connection to a wide range of expertise in your field. Each year, AAEA takes advantage of the expertise of our members and enlists numerous volunteers to review submissions to the Annual Meeting and make recommendations as to which should be included in the program. When you renew this year, you'll have the chance to indicate your areas of expertise if you're interested in helping the association by serving as a reviewer.

An active and engaged membership is the lifeblood of our AAEA. We appreciate all that you do to support AAEA and hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities that are available to connect with and engage your peers, the profession, and AAEA. If you have any questions about AAEA or about opportunities for

becoming involved, please do not hesitate to contact us anytime at info@aaea.org or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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

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.

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.



Choices Magazine: Article Highlight

[Net Zero by 2050: U.S. Dairy's Climate Pledge and Lessons from Idaho](#)

Tyler Hand, Xiaoli Etienne, Hernan Tejeda, and Andres Trujillo-Barrera

We offer insights on Idaho dairy producers' perceptions of the Net Zero Initiative, identifying challenges and opportunities in achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Through focus groups, we explore adoption rates, barriers, and necessary supports, emphasizing economic viability and technological interventions as critical to the industry's transition toward sustainability.

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

Call for Applications

JAAEA Area Editor

The AAEA Board seeks applicants to serve four-year terms as Area Editors for the *Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (JAAEA)*. They will join a diverse group of scholars who helped launch the JAAEA. Applications from Scholars across all fields of interest to the broad membership of AAEA are welcome.

Area Editors at the *JAAEA* are responsible for handling manuscripts in consultation with the Founding/Managing Editor. Manuscripts are assigned by the Founding/Managing Editor to Area Editors who are responsible for soliciting reviews and based on the reviews and their reading of the paper, making a recommendation to the Founding/Managing Editor. The workload for Area Editors involves handling 15–20 papers a year. Area Editors will also help with shortlisting papers for the journal's best paper award.

Being an Area Editor at *JAAEA* offers the opportunity to serve in an important editorial role, without committing the high workload associated with the serving as the managing editor. A goal of the journal is to provide a platform for training AAEA's next generation of Editors.

Area Editors have gone on to serve as Editors of other leading journals, including Food Policy.

Applications

Applications should include:

- a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant's areas of expertise,
- curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work).

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Allison Ware, the Senior Communications & Membership Manager at aware@aaea.org by **January 15, 2025**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome. New Area Editors are expected to be in place by July 1, 2025.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Founding Editor, Tim Beatty, at tbeatty@ucdavis.edu if you have questions about the position.

Government Relations & Washington Update

January 2025

Congress Averts Government Shutdown, Extends Farm Bill

In a move to avoid a government shutdown, Congress approved a [funding package](#) on Friday that ensures the federal government remains open until March 14, 2025. The bipartisan agreement maintains funding at current levels while addressing several pressing issues. The package includes a one-year extension of the 2018 Farm Bill, preventing disruptions to agricultural programs that would have reverted to permanent law, with dairy programs among the first to face impacts. Additionally, it allocates \$100 billion in disaster relief and \$10 billion in assistance to farmers, reflecting the pressing needs of communities affected by natural disasters and market conditions.

The package was the subject of much controversy as the December 20th deadline approached. The original version of the bill was over 1500 pages long and included numerous unrelated programs. President-elect Donald Trump and close ally Elon Musk were among the initial package's detractors, leading to significant revisions that were ultimately approved by Congress and signed into law. One outstanding issue that Trump urged to be included was addressing the debt ceiling. The absence of a debt ceiling provision means the Republican controlled Congress will have to tackle increasing the debt limit early in 2025.

The extension of the Farm Bill gives Congress additional time to finalize a new bill. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson has reaffirmed his commitment to advancing a comprehensive five-year Farm Bill early in 2025. Thompson emphasized the importance of long-term reauthorization to provide stability for farmers and address emerging challenges such as food security, climate resilience, and agricultural innovation.

Agriculture Committee Rosters Take Shape for Next Congress

As Congress prepares for a new session in January 2025, the parties have selected who will be the chairs and ranking members for committees. With Republicans taking control of the Senate, John Boozman (R-AR) will become chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Other Senate Republicans on the committee can be

found [here](#). Debbie Stabenow (D–MI), who had been the leading Democrat on the committee has retired and Amy Klobuchar (D–MN) will become Ranking Member. The full Democrat roster can be found [here](#).

In the House, GT Thompson (R–PA) will continue to chair the House Agriculture Committee. The full list of Republican members on the House Agriculture Committee can be found [here](#). House Democrats have selected Angie Craig (D–MN) to serve as Ranking Member, replacing David Scott (D–GA) as the top Democrat on the committee. A full list of House Democrat members has yet to be released.

Biden Administration Makes Final Push on Regulations

As with all outgoing administrations, The Biden Administration is working to finalize a number of regulations before the end of his term. A few USDA rules of note that are expected to be completed before the Trump Administration takes over include:

Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Markets – The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has proposed a rule under its authorities given by the Packers and Stockyards Act to address unfair practices. USDA defines unfair practices as conduct that harms market participants and conduct that harms the market. The proposed rule, expected to be finalized in January, would:

- Define “unfair practice” with respect to *market participants* as a practice that—
 - causes or is likely to cause substantial injury to one or more market participants, which
 - the participant or participants cannot reasonably avoid, and which
 - the regulated entity that has engaged in the act cannot justify by establishing countervailing benefits to the market participant or participants or to competition in the market that outweighs the substantial injury or likelihood of substantial injury.
- Defines “unfair practice” with respect to markets as a practice that:
 - is a collusive, coercive, predatory, restrictive, deceitful or exclusionary method of competition that may negatively affect competitive conditions.

More information on the rule can be found [here](#).

Poultry Grower Payment Systems and Capital Improvement Systems – The proposed rule would (1) prohibit payment practices that reduce or discount payment rates in a contract under poultry grower ranking systems (commonly known as tournaments) used in contract poultry production for broiler chickens, (2) establish a duty of fair comparison to ensure that grower comparisons are conducted in a reasonable and equitable way that does not disadvantage specific growers and requires live poultry dealers (LPDs) to adopt policies and procedures in furtherance of operating a fair ranking system for broiler growers, and (3) requires LPDs to provide certain information to broiler growers when the LPD requests or requires the grower to make additional capital investments to guard against deception and to enable USDA to better enforce existing prohibitions on unfair additional capital investments adopted in 2011 (9 CFR 201.216). In addition, the proposed rule also highlights the importance USDA and the Department of Justice’s ongoing efforts to enforce the Packers & Stockyards Act prohibition on unfair practices through case-by-case enforcement. AMS intends for the proposed regulations to address unfairness and deception in broiler grower payments, tournament operations, and capital improvement systems.

More information can be found [here](#).

These and other rules finalized at the end of the Biden Administration will come under scrutiny by the incoming Trump Administration. New administrations historically have paused the enforcement of last-minute rulemakings of the previous administration to allow for a review. Trump and the Republican controlled Congress may also elect to use the Congressional Review Act to cancel controversial regulations finalized within the last 60 legislative days (dating back to August). Rolling back EPA regulations was a target of the first Trump Administration and will likely be a focus again in his second term.

USDA and FDA Release Dietary Guidelines Committee Report

On December 10th, USDA and FDA jointly announced the availability of the Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee on [DietaryGuidelines.gov](https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov). The report contains the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee's findings and advice to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The report has been met with criticism from animal agriculture as it discounts the nutritional contributions of meat and recommends decreased intake of red meat and increased plant-based protein consumption. The report, alongside public comments and federal agency input, will inform the two departments as they develop the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030*, which is expected to be published in late 2025.

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Open Jobs

- [Assistant Dean of Economic Development New Mexico State University](#) (Posted: 12/20/2024)
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Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI)
(Posted: 12/19/2024)
- [Postdoctoral Research Position in Insurance and Risk Management National Association of Insurance Commissioners \(NAIC\)](#) (Posted: 12/18/2024)

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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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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.