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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 irhodes@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 Annual Meeting 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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2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Workshops Preview

Additional details on workshops located on the annual meeting webpage:

https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2025-aaea-annual-meeting/events/ticketed-events/pre--and-post-conference-workshops

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

(PC12) Inside Look into Ardent Mills: Challenges and Opportunities in the U.S. Flour Milling Industry & Implications on Agribusiness Strategy

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Tour and presentations at Sheraton

(Note: Transportation will depart Sheraton at 8:15 am)

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 professionally 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:
 - o 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 cwcarp@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 plaqueSecond 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.

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 <u>here</u> to volunteer! If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications

Editorship of the Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy

The AAEA Executive Board invites applications for one Submitted Article Editor for Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP) to serve from 2026 through 2029. The editor will manage submitted manuscripts containing original research results addressing real-world problems with sound research approaches and/or have strong policy relevance within the subject matter of the journal. The degree to which the candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors will be considered in the selection process. AAEA is particularly interested in candidates who will bring ideas and innovations to help AEPP further its mission.

Submitted articles will meet the normal standards for scholarly publication but should also be accessible to the broader audience of agricultural and applied economists working outside academia. Submitted articles should emphasize one or more of the following: (a) practical implications for public policy; (b) clarification of research implications to maximize accessibility and cross–fertilization across specific areas of research; (c) empirical comparison of competing theories, explanations, and approaches that can refine future research; and (d) development of fruitful directions for future research. Additional information about AEPP, its policies, and mission is available at www.aaea.org/publications/aepp.

The editor will work with an editorial team comprised of two other Submitted Article Editors and the Managing Editor to administer the manuscript review process. The Submitted Article Editors are responsible for day-to-day tasks related to submitted articles, assist with the development of the special issues, and revise editorial policy. The AEPP editorial process employs an online submission systems for manuscripts and exchanges between editors and reviewers. The system tracks manuscripts through submission, review, and editorial decisions. Authors can also query this system for e-mail reports on the status in the editorial process of a submitted manuscript. The editors also oversee the work of Wiley in preparing accepted articles for publication.

The new editor should be prepared to begin on January 1, 2026. There may be some training and coordination work starting prior to the start date. Applications should include (1) a statement of editorial philosophy and ideas for furthering the journal's goals, (2) an indication of the candidate's principal areas of expertise to support the AEPP's mission, (3) a curriculum vitae, and (4) a statement of administrative and financial support to be provided by the host institution. AAEA provides financial assistance to defray some portion of the editor's time and most expenses. Applications should be sent electronically as one PDF-file to Allison Ware, the Senior Communications & Membership Manager, at aware@aaea.org by April 1, 2025. Decisions will be made by the AAEA Board by June 2025. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Choices Magazine: Article Highlight

Grand Challenge: To Ensure That All People Have Safe, Affordable, Accessible, and Acceptable Food for Leading a Healthy and Active Life

Norbert Wilson, Lauren Chenarides, Jane Kolodinsky, and Kathryn Boys

According to The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021, 2.37 billion people regularly face food security challenges. Additionally, the USDA Economic Research Service reported that 10.5% of U.S. households (13.8 million households) were food insecure (Rabbitt, et al. 2023). The COVID-19 pandemic challenged food access for some, especially the most vulnerable portions of society, including the low-income, elderly, and children. Additionally, COVID-19 shed light on the importance of the global food supply chain and the need to support its resiliency.

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@aaea.org.

Government Relations & Washington Update

March 2025

House Passes Budget Resolution

On February 25th, House Republicans were successful in passing a budget resolution by a vote of 217–215. It was a party-line vote, with only one Republican voting against the resolution. The House is taking the approach of one major bill to address border security, defense and energy priorities as well as provide \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts. The resolution directs committees to cut at least \$1.5 trillion in spending over the 10-year budget window including \$230 billion from USDA. It is likely that most of the USDA cuts would come from nutrition programs. The reduction in USDA spending could complicate the farm bill process by making fewer resources available for a new bill and drawing opposition from Democrats who strongly disagree with reducing nutrition spending. The Senate is also working to advance a budget resolution, but they are pursuing a two-bill strategy with one that would cover border and defense issues and another that addresses taxes. In order to utilize the budget reconciliation mechanism, the two chambers will ultimately have to reach agreement on the scope and approach and pass identical resolutions.

Congress Preparing for Continuing Resolution to Fund Government

The current continuing resolution keeping the government funded will expire on March 14th, setting up the potential for a government shutdown if Congress cannot pass another extension. Republican leaders in the House and Senate have indicated their intention to advance a long-term continuing resolution that would fund programs at 2024 levels for the remainder of the fiscal year. Appropriations Committee leaders prefer a short-term resolution, which would allow them additional time to pass new spending bills for fiscal year 2025. President Trump has recently signaled his support for the long-term option. While there are differences in the preferred approach, the broad recognition and support for some type of continuing resolution appears to indicate that there is not an appetite for a shutdown.

Trump Administration Continues Federal Workforce Reforms

The Trump Administration is continuing its efforts to transform and reduce the size of the federal workforce. The process began with a federal buyout option giving employees to option to resign and continue receiving pay through the end of the fiscal year. Approximately 3 percent of federal workers chose this option. Subsequently, agencies have undertaken reductions in force, particularly targeting probationary employees (usually within a year or two of employment in a given position). USDA agencies participated in the reductions impacting employees at agencies including the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), the Economic Research Service (ERS) and others. Some USDA employees were laid-off and later reinstated when it was determined that their positions were needed. Since that time, a federal judge has ruled that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) does not have the authority to order the termination of probationary employees, putting the status in question as the legal process moves forward. OPM has also sent emails requesting

employees to reply with recent job activities. While there are differences in how agencies are approaching the email, employees declining to respond could be in jeopardy of losing their job. The administration has indicated that further reductions are expected and has directed agencies across the federal government to submit plans by March 13th for "large scale reductions in force". Factors for termination or retention will include whether an employee is considered "essential" and if their function can be specifically tied to filling a statutory requirement.

Trump Administration Prepares for Reciprocal Tariffs

In addition to country specific tariffs being announced for Mexico, Canada and China related to the border and fentanyl (currently slated to go into effect on March 4th), President Trump is pursuing broader tariff policies. On February 13th, Trump signed an <u>executive order</u> establishing a framework for imposing <u>"reciprocal" tariffs</u> on U.S. trading partners with higher import duties than those faced by their exports to the United States. The order directs federal agencies to analyze the economic impact of these tariff imbalances and propose remedies to level the playing field for American industries.

The investigation will assess not only tariff disparities but also non-tariff trade barriers, subsidies, exchange rate policies, and value-added tax systems that could disadvantage U.S. producers. Agencies must submit their findings in a report, with proposed policy responses, following the completion of broader trade policy reports due by April 1. However, during a press conference, Commerce Secretary nominee Howard Lutnick indicated that the administration could be prepared to act as soon as the reports are submitted.

As the administration moves forward with its trade agenda, the impact of reciprocal tariffs will depend on how trading partners respond and whether the proposed measures align with U.S. international commitments. The findings from the upcoming trade reports will likely shape the next steps in the administration's strategy to enforce tariff parity.

USDA Announces Avian Influenza Plans

On February 26th, USDA <u>announced</u> that it will invest \$1 billion to combat the avian flu through a five-prong strategy. Major elements of the plan include:

- \$100 million will be invested in research and development related to a vaccine. However, USDA made clear that use of a vaccine has not yet been authorized and consultations with states, industry, health professionals and trading partners before any vaccine authorization.
- USDA will be instituting policies for reducing US egg exports and increasing egg imports to help address egg supply challenges.
- \$500 million will be invested in implementing "gold-standard" biosecurity measures at poultry facilities. In addition, USDA will provide free audits and wildlife biosecurity assessments, which will build on a pilot program that has been tested on 150 U.S. poultry farms.
- USDA will also pay up to 75% of the cost to address any identified biosecurity vulnerabilities at poultry farms.
 \$400 million will be dedicated to increasing indemnity rates to better reflect market values as well as streamlining the payment process.

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 <u>International Workshop on "Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics"</u> 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 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 <u>here</u>.
- For more information about scholarships click <u>here</u>.

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

Best Regards,

Vincenzina Caputo, Carola Grebitus, David Just, Jayson Lusk, Rudy Nayga and Matthew Rousu

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Open Jobs

- Senior Research Economist
 North Dakota State University (Posted: 02/27/2025)
- <u>Department Head</u>
 Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
 (Posted: 02/26/2025)
- <u>Lecturer/Sr. Lecturer Agribusiness and Applied</u>
 <u>Economics (9M)</u>
 The Ohio State University (Posted: 02/25/2025)
- Program Director of Agribusiness and Supply <u>Chain Management (Open Rank)</u>
 California State University, Monterey Bay (Posted: 02/12/2025)

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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

View all Press Releases HERE

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.

<u>View other Members in the News HERE</u>

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.