

**AAEA Extension Section 2009 Election  
Candidate Information**

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1. *Your education (degrees & institutions):*  
B.S. University of California-Davis  
M.S. Michigan State University
2. *Past employment/activities/awards/duties/accomplishments/points of interest/etc (please limit to 75 words or less):*

Past positions include: Agricultural Economist at the LMIC, Extension Specialist (Agricultural Economics serving the Panhandle District) at the University of Nebraska; USDA Farm Management Specialist and Loan officer (Farmers Home Admin.). The LMIC has continuously provided market information, analysis and outlook for 55 years. The Center is a partnership between several USDA agencies, 28 Land Grant University Extension Services, and Associate Organizations ([www.lmic.info](http://www.lmic.info)).

3. *Your 150 word (or less) response to the question: What are important issues the Extension Section should address in the next several years?*

The Extension Section must build on the strong foundation established in recent years. From a big picture perspective, the downsizing of Extension within Land Grant Universities will impact the Section and all the members, this situation should be a focus of the Section (AAEA forum topic, documenting the developments regarding Extension Economics positions, etc.). Within the AAEA, relatively new activities such as the outreach emphasis need to be done with the Extension Section fully involved. Efforts need to continue to retain and add Section members, including Specialists serving in non-campus positions.