

AAEA Sections

Agribusiness Economics and Management (AEM)

The AEM Section provides a place for all AAEA members working or interested in agribusiness economics and management to share work, to learn, and to advance the field. We urge those with interest in management and the agribusiness sector to become a section member and to contact the executive committee to express your interests and program ideas.

Agricultural Finance and Management (AFM)

The AFM Section was organized to bring together members interested in the topical areas of agricultural and applied finance, credit markets and financial institutions, farm and agribusiness management, financial performance and investment strategies, international and micro-finance, land economics, price analysis and forecasting, risk management, and rural economies and development. This section aims to communicate our work to domestic and international audiences providing analysis of the financial performance of agricultural firms and to inform policy and regulatory designs which impact the profitability and sustainability of farms and agribusinesses.

Applied Risk Analysis (ARA)

The Applied Risk Analysis section of the AAEA is intended to disseminate information and facilitate interaction among those in our profession interested in the following topics: production risk, market risk, financial risk, consumer risk, risk theory, risk analysis methods, and risk transfer. Agricultural and applied economists are regularly asked to assess or model risks, interpret consumer and producer behavior in the presence of risk, and examine the efficacy of risk management strategies. This section is focused on disseminating information and organizing sessions and Pre- and Post-conference Workshops which further the sharing of information among those interested in risk analysis and management issues.

China Section

The China Section is intended to facilitate collaboration among AAEA members and other professionals on agricultural and applied economic issues related to China; to disseminate information and to mentor junior AAEA members with an interest in this area; and to serve as a bridge between AAEA and other professional organizations with a China focus worldwide.

Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE)

COSBAE was established in 1980 for the purpose of promoting the welfare of Black agricultural economists by representing their interests and by engaging in activities that encourage their professional advancement.

Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE)

CWAE's purpose is to promote the welfare of women and other underrepresented groups in the profession of agricultural economics by representing their interests and by engaging in activities that encourage their professional advancement through networking and leadership opportunities.

Community and Regional Economics Network (CRENET)

The Community and Regional Economics Network (CRENET) section of the AAEA welcomes anyone with interests in community economics, regional economics, rural development, and domestic economic development. CRENET hosts an active list serve that provides a forum for members to share information and research ideas, discuss policy issues, and learn about professional development opportunities.

Econometrics Section

Well-executed applied econometrics is central to research in the field of agricultural and resource economics. It is often the case that the scope of existing econometric techniques can be extended by applying them in new and novel ways, and in many cases they are deficient and need improvement or supplementation.

Extension Section (EXT)

Since its inception, the Extension Section has provided opportunities for professional growth and program enhancement for applied economists with major outreach responsibilities in both the public and private sectors. Membership is open to AAEA members with an interest in Cooperative Extension and other outreach activities.

Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy Section (FAMPS)

FAMPS shares research ideas and networks among others with similar interests. The Section exists to foster informed economic debate, research, and communication about food and agricultural marketing policy of contemporary and emerging significance in national and international arenas. FAMPS hosts an annual policy conference with nationally known speakers presenting to a broad ranging audience from industry groups, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

Food Safety and Nutrition Section (FSN)

The FSN Section encourages the analysis of public and private food safety and nutrition strategies with regard to their impacts on food quality and consumer and producer behavior. In addition, the Section seeks to facilitate communication about food safety and nutrition research among Association members, other scientists, and public policy analysts. Finally, the Section aims to contribute to the ongoing development of methods to measure the welfare effects of changes in food quality and public and private food policies.

Graduate Student Section (GSS)

The Graduate Student Section is the forum for graduate students in AAEA to come together to foster the professional development of graduate students through various activities.

Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section (IBES)

IBES is composed of individuals representing a broad set of interests ranging from natural resources and community development to agribusiness and most of the traditional fields in agricultural economics.

International Section

The International Section of the AAEA develops activities and programs that educate and inform AAEA members about the expanding and intertwining nature of global economics as it relates to food, natural resources, agriculture trade and development, policies, and politics.

Land, Water and Environmental Economics Section (ENV)

The Land, Water and Environmental Economics Section was formed to provide a place for AAEA members who are interested in issues related to land, water, and the environment. Land issues include topics such as land valuation and rental rates, transferable development rights, and farm succession. Other topics include water issues that consider both the quality and quantity dimensions of this resource as well as a broad array of other environmental issues.

Latin American Section (LAS)

The objective of the Latin America Section is to bring together AAEA members with an interest in teaching, research, outreach and engagement activities related to agricultural and applied economics and policy issues in Latin America and its linkage to the U.S. and the world. The section will serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and identify opportunities for collaboration among members and other professionals in academia, industry and government.

National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA)

The mission of the NAAEA is to improve the leadership and management of agricultural economics programs; to support the acquisition of resources to carry out agricultural economics research, teaching, and extension programs; and to address common needs and concerns of agricultural economics administrators. Membership in the NAAEA includes individuals who administer departments or units in academia, public agencies and foundations offering and supporting agricultural economics, resource economics, agribusiness management and similar research, teaching, and/or Extension programs.

Senior Section

The Senior Section of AAEA offers experience and maturity to issues and concerns addressed by the Association. With membership composed of active professionals 55 years or older, the perspectives of the Section are of persons well advanced in their careers. Those perspectives are reflected in both the several program areas of AAEA and the particular career concerns of seniors.

Teaching, Learning, and Communications Section (TLC)

The TLC Section is an active group of AAEA members interested in the theory, scholarship, and practice of learning, teaching, and communication. Given that a large majority of AAEA members have responsibilities in these three areas, the TLC's activities are developed to enhance members' skills in the on-campus classroom, off-campus workshop, and in a presentation to a community group.

Undergraduate Student Section (SS-AAEA)

SS-AAEA is comprised of chapters of undergraduate students formed at their universities. Each chapter pays yearly dues to AAEA to be considered part of the Student Section. SS-AAEA hosts several competitions for undergraduate students at the Annual Meeting, including the Academic Bowl and Undergraduate Student Paper Competition.