

Applied Economics TEACHING RESOURCES

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR) is an online, open access, and peer-reviewed professional publication series. The aim is to provide an outlet for research, teaching, and Extension education scholarship encompassing but not limited to research articles, case studies, classroom games, commentaries, experiential learning, and pedagogy. The goal is advancing and supporting teaching and Extension education within applied and agricultural economics, and agribusiness.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. The scope of the journal extends to teaching and educational contributions and materials for undergraduate and graduate education, as well as Extension and adult education. *AETR* will seek contributions in:

1. Case Studies in all areas of applied and agricultural economics, and agribusiness
2. Teaching and Extension education scholarship and research
3. Classroom and field educational innovation (e.g. classroom games, online teaching tools, Extension applications, and experiential learning activities, and other interactive learning innovations)
4. Teaching and education commentaries (e.g. notes on pedagogy, evaluations of teaching effectiveness, evaluation and review of applied economics textbooks, and educational methodology).

The publication series has a managing editor and an editorial board consisting of six AAEA members from the AAEA sections in Agribusiness Economics and Management (AEM); Teaching, Learning, and Communications (TLC); and at large. The publication, as well as any supplementary material will be distributed through *AgEcon Search*.

1.0 Submissions to AETR

Thank-you for choosing to submit your manuscript to *AETR*. Following the instructions below will ensure that we have everything required for consideration, so your manuscript can move through the peer review in a timely process. Please take the time to read through the instructions before submitting your manuscript.

1.1 Review Process and Submission Types

You are required to indicate the type of manuscript submission. All submissions are a double-blind peer review assigned by the Editor. The Editor will review the submission, obtain external peer reviews, evaluate the external reviews, make a decision on the suitability of the manuscript, and work with the author(s) during the submission process. Each submission will be evaluated by at least two peer reviewers.

Reviewers will be asked to be specific about their evaluations and provide comments and suggestions. Author(s) are required to respond to reviewers' and the Editor's evaluations and their concerns or inquiries, noting where changes were made. If no change is made, a rationale for not changing the text needs to be provided to the reviewer and Editor.

Reviewers will address the following questions in addition to a thorough critique of the manuscript:

1. Is the problem, issue, or question clearly stated?
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3. Are the objectives clearly stated?
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5. Is the manuscript well structured?
6. Is the manuscript well written from a technical editing perspective?

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1. Accept with no revision
2. Conditionally accept with minor revision
3. Resubmit with minor revision
4. Resubmit with major revision
5. Unacceptable for *AETR* readers.

The following types of articles are accepted:

1.1.1 Research Article

AETR accepts submissions for research, teaching, and Extension education scholarship, which advances our knowledge of best practices and learning in an education or Extension setting. Manuscripts must be original theoretical, empirical, or case study efforts; dealing with education within applied and agricultural economics, and agribusiness. Submissions should be logically structured and have robust methodology containing references, figures, tables, and/or graphs. Any research involving human subjects will require appropriate documentation of IRB or similar approval as outlined below in section 2.0.

1.1.2 Teaching and Educational Methods

AETR accepts submissions for teaching and educational methods within applied and agricultural economics, and agribusiness. Methods should be related to classroom teaching and educational innovations and the field that enhances or improves the educational experience of participants.

Examples of methods include new classroom games, online teaching tools, new hardware, Extension applications, and experiential learning activities. Prior to submission of a teaching or educational method, it should be classroom and/or field trialed. The authors need to provide documentation and comment on trial experiences. The manuscript should have a discussion section on practical application of the method. For methods submissions the following are required: pertinent materials (e.g. worksheets, computer programs, and in-class directions) and teaching notes (please see section 1.2 on teaching notes), which pertain to implementation and assessment of the methods being examined. In addition, any other supplementary material the author(s) want to include with their submission is highly encouraged. All teaching notes and supplementary material will be available through *AgEcon Search*. Author(s) will have the option to make these materials password protected and accessible only by instructors and related professionals. In this case, materials will be made available directly through the AETR web page.

1.1.3 Case Studies

AETR accepts case study submissions in applied and agricultural economics and agribusiness. The case study should be written for educational purposes, which addresses a decision-making problem. Teaching notes (please see section 1.2 on teaching notes) are required at the time of submission. In addition, an accompanying teaching video (i.e. highlighting the importance of the case study by the authors) is encouraged. All teaching notes, videos, and supplementary material will be available through *AgEcon Search*. Author(s) will have the option to make these materials password protected and accessible only by instructors and related professionals. In this case, materials will be made available directly through the AETR web page. All case studies are reviewed by scholars experienced in either writing and/or using case studies. We highly encourage the testing of the case study in an educational setting prior to submission. Additional comments and documentation of the trial implementation may be incorporated into the teaching note.

1.1.4 Teaching and Education Commentaries

ATER accepts submissions for teaching and educational commentaries, which can include notes or short commentaries on pedagogy, practices in teaching, academics, evaluations of teaching effectiveness, educational methodology, and reviews of methods. Commentaries should examine issues of relevance to teaching and Extension education in applied and agricultural economics, and agribusiness. In addition, we will accept submissions of commentaries on reviews and evaluations of agricultural and applied economics textbooks for use in the classroom. We encourage the submission of commentaries on open-access textbook and similar materials. Commentaries are limited to 2000 words (excluding references). Commentaries will be primarily reviewed by Editorial Board Members, but external reviewers may be asked to review a submission when it is deemed appropriate by the Editor. Submissions that provide reviews and content overviews on substantive issues, new ideas, and meta-analyses will also be considered and not restricted to the 2000 word count.

1.1.5 Online Teaching Database

AETR welcomes submissions of teaching notes, instructional materials, active learning exercises, classroom games, case studies and other materials to be posted online for open access. Author(s) may feel that such materials are too interactive or may not be conducive to a traditional article type submission. The online teaching database provides a place for open access of these materials. Author(s) will have the option to make these materials password protected and accessible only by instructors and related professionals.

Materials submitted for the online teaching database will be peer reviewed. All submissions must include a statement discussing the teaching, educational material, or innovation database being submitted. The statement must describe the submitted material and its significance for advancing teaching and educational methods. The note must not be longer than 500 words in length. If a website is linked to the material being submitted, be sure to include this within the note.

Author(s) submitting materials for the online teaching database agree to ensure that material remains relevant and is updated. The Editor will notify author(s) if material is linked to other websites and/or has not been updated. In the case that the website is no longer accessible or the material is out-of-date, the Editor will remove the material from the online database.

1.2 Teaching Notes

When teaching notes are required or submitted with other submissions, the notes should include the following:

Statement of Purpose and Objectives: Identify the specific purpose and learning outcomes for the activity, tool, or case. What are the specific learning objectives and main topics to be considered?

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Research Statement: If appropriate, provide a description of the research process followed for collecting the presented material along with a clear indication of research results

Other of Supplementary Material: Provide any other pertinent information for users of the activity, tool, or case.

1.3 Submission Conditions

ATER will not consider submissions and online resources in the teaching database published previously or submitted elsewhere simultaneously. Author(s) are responsible for obtaining permissions from the copyright owner for any quotations, illustrations, or tables.

For ensuring academic and research integrity, all submissions will undergo an originality check for content. If a submitted manuscript is determined to involve plagiarism, will not be considered for publication or author(s) will be required to remove plagiarism. The Editor may document and report these allegations to the appropriate officials of the author(s)'s home institution.

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To ensure the absolute integrity of the *AETR* review process, the *AETR* implements the following two measures to handle submissions listing either the Editor or Editorial Board Member as author(s):

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2. Editorial Board Member(s) listed as author(s) on a submission will not participate in any deliberations concerning the submission.

2.0 Manuscript Submission

Submissions are managed through the online portal on the AAEA website: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>. Please follow the online instructions for your submission.

Submissions should include a (1) cover letter, (2) separate title page, and an (3) anonymized copy of the submission for peer review.

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2.1. Formatting Instructions

For first submissions, formatting is do-it-your-way, with the following formatting instructions serving as a suggestion. If accepted, the final version must follow the formatting instructions.

2.1.1 File Format

New and resubmissions are accepted as a PDF or a Microsoft WORD file.

2.1.2 Title Page

In the online submission process, a separate title page must be attached. The title page should include: (1) full title; (2) author(s) full names positions, and affiliations; (3) corresponding author's name, address, phone number, and email address; (4) any acknowledgements, conflicts of interests, and financial support for the research conducted. Financial support should explicitly indicate the funding agency, grant (or proposal) title, and award number.

2.1.3 Submission Preparation

First Page: On the first page include: (1) the full title, (2) an abstract not exceeding 200 words; (3) a keyword list, maximum of six; and (4) JEL codes. The keywords should be placed after the abstract, listed alphabetically, and be separated by commas.

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