

## 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting

### **Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability**

Attendee assumes all risks and accepts sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense, of any kind, that attendee may experience or incur in connection with attending the 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting.

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association and Western Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA & WAEA) have taken preventative measures to reduce the spread of communicable disease including, but not limited to COVID-19 ("Communicable Disease") at the 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting (the "Annual Meeting") However, I acknowledge that AAEA & WAEA cannot guarantee that I will not be exposed to or contract a Communicable Disease at the Annual Meeting. Further, due to the nature of the facilities, services and programs offered at this Annual Meeting, I understand that attending the Annual Meeting could increase my risk of contracting a Communicable Disease.

I agree to abide by all applicable COVID-19-related requirements, advisories, policies, procedures, and protocols of the hotel and AAEA & WAEA as well as the CDC, the State of Texas, any other governmental authority for the duration of my stay.

I understand the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by a Communicable Disease by attending the Annual Meeting and that such exposure or infection may result in quarantine requirements, serious illness, permanent disability and/or death. I further understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by a Communicable Disease at the Annual Meeting may result from the actions, omissions or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, AAEA, WAEA, its officers, employees, contractors, agents, representatives, sponsors, other participants, and any owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the Annual Meeting ("Releasees"). I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, and assume full responsibility for my participation in the Annual Meeting.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Annual Meeting, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns personal representatives and next of kin, acknowledge and agree as follows:

- A. I HEREBY RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees, with respect to any and all liabilities, claims, penalties, suits, demands, judgments, costs, interests and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs) arising from or relating to the illness, disability or death of myself (or any person who may contract a Communicable Disease, directly or indirectly, from me), as a direct or indirect result, in whole or in part, of a Communicable Disease, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- B. THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY INCLUDES ANY CLAIMS BASED ON THE ACTIONS, OMISSIONS OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, WHETHER AN INFECTION OCCURS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**