Dear AAEA Members and Friends of AAEA -

We are pleased to announce that effective August 1, 2008, that is directly after the 2008 Joint Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, our Association name will be changed to the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA).

The AAEA membership was notified on January 30, 2008, via e-mail and post mail, of the forthcoming name-change vote. Those letters stated that ballots would be sent electronically by February 15, 2008, and that paper ballots would be mailed immediately to members whose email address was invalid or not on file. Both communications asked members to notify the AAEA Business Office if they did not receive an electronic ballot by February 18, 2008.

The vote began on February 15 and ended March 15. Votes were tallied by the Teller’s Committee. Details of the results are as follows:

**Paper Ballots** - (88 ballots sent, 32 ballots returned)
- Change our name to: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association 15
- Keep our name as: American Agricultural Economics Association 10
- Abstain (“My preferences are not strong ….”) 2
- Disqualified for failure to follow instructions 5

**Electronic Ballots** - (2557 ballots sent, 1165 ballots returned)
- Change our name to: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association 689
- Keep our name as: American Agricultural Economics Association 370
- Abstain (“My preferences are not strong ….”) 100
- Blank 6

**Total Ballots** – (2645 ballots sent out, 1197 ballots returned)
- Change our name to: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association 704
- Keep our name as: American Agricultural Economics Association 380
- Abstain (“My preferences are not strong ….”) 102
- Blank 6
- Disqualified for failure to follow instructions 5

The Teller’s Committee sent the results to the AAEA Business office on March 27, 2008.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the name change, please contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190 or at info@aaea.org. Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting process.

Sincerely,

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AAEA President