

Call for Papers

2012 Conference: Emerging Issues in Global Animal Product Trade

Theme: Assessing the Effects of Free Trade Agreements on Global Meat, Poultry, and Dairy Trade

Sponsored by

The Economic Research Service, Farm Foundation, NFP, the Larry Combest Endowed Chair for Agricultural Competitiveness, and the S-1043 Regional Research Group

Location and Date

Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Trade agreements are important to expanding U.S. meat, poultry, and dairy exports. The passage of U.S. free trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia, and Panama represents substantial and immediate growth opportunities for U.S. animal products. The presently negotiated Trans-Pacific Partnership could also lead to an expansion of U.S. meat, poultry, and dairy exports. The primary objective of the conferences is to provide a forum where researchers, industry experts, market participants, and policy makers can meet to increase their knowledge of free trade agreements and their importance in eliminating barriers to global animal product trade.

The two-day conference will feature invited and selected presentations. Guest speakers will include researchers and analysts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other Government agencies, international organizations, academia, and representatives from producer and export groups such as the U.S. Meat Export Federation, USA Poultry & Egg Export Council, American Meat Institute, National Pork Producers Council, and the U.S. Dairy Export Council.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

We welcome presentations in the following areas as they relate to animal product trade:

- i. Bilateral and multilateral trade agreements
- ii. Animal disease and sanitary restrictions
- iii. Demand growth in emerging markets
- iv. Country-of-origin labeling
- v. Feed and livestock prices
- vi. Price volatility
- vii. Other issues affecting animal product trade.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

We invite all interested presenters to send in abstracts for consideration. In addition to a title page (title, author(s), affiliation(s), and contact information), the abstract should be no more than two-pages providing a clear explanation of what will be presented. The abstract should include an overview and relevance of the topic, research methods, and results or expected results. Please submit abstracts in pdf or Word format to Amy Hagerman at the following email address: ahagerman@ers.usda.gov.

The submission deadline is July 15th, 2012.

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE

We are happy to announce that a special issue of *Agribusiness: An International Journal* will be published with papers from the conference in 2013. All conference participants are invited to submit their papers to this special issue. Submitted papers will undergo a refereeing process.

Although the conference is free to all participants and attendees, everyone is required to register. The registration website will be given upon acceptance.