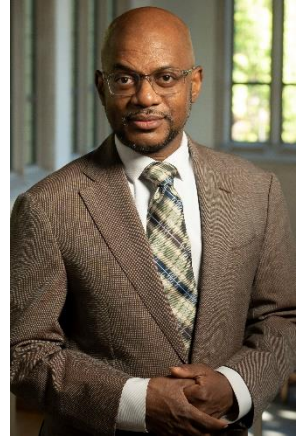


President's Column

August 2022

The AAEA 2022 Meeting was the first I attended in person in two years. The pandemic kept me home, as I know it did for some of you this year. However, being in person at the Meeting this year felt good. Reconnecting with colleagues and friends I missed was heartening. Meeting new colleagues and having generative conversations were vital. Also, I loved watching AAEA members engage in lively debates, challenging each other to achieve a new understanding of important questions, and exploring fine points of complexity were signs of the “return to normal” for our profession. Despite the pandemic, we are making life work, and the meetings were a great testament to our resilience. Thank you to all who joined us in person and online. You all created an intellectually stimulating atmosphere. View the photographs from the [2022 AAEA Annual Meeting here](#).



Supporting this rich environment, we had a great group of plenary speakers. For the Gordon Rausser Keynote Address, we discussed engaging government and stakeholders with our research led by Shefali Mehta, former Deputy Under Secretary of USDA, and panelists Keith Coble, Lowell Randel, Kent Schescke, and Laura Wood Peterson. Awudu Abdulai, University of Kiel, gave the Fellows Address. He discussed information distribution and new crop varieties in developing countries. Robert Pindyck of MIT gave the Galbraith Forum on sustainable growth, production, and population. Lastly, my Presidential Address focused on justice issues in our discipline. Thank you for the warm comments, as that presentation was a labor of love. In subsequent letters, I will discuss ways for members to share their justice work in applied economics.

Our meeting participation was strong. We had 1,352 registered participants, higher than our meetings in 2021. We offered a full hybrid version so that every session was available online. Of the registered participants, we had 228 registered virtual participants. Our share of registered hybrid participants was nearly 17%, substantially smaller than the [50%](#) share in 2021. Thus, the demand for in-person participation was strong. While we were pleased to offer the hybrid version, we took on higher costs to provide the hybrid option. We had over 150 concurrent sessions with nine virtual selected paper sessions and 222 posters with three virtual poster sessions.

Our membership numbers remain strong at 2,813 at the end of June 2022, slightly below 2021 but higher than in 2018 and 2019. Our 26 sections reflect the breadth of our membership's research, teaching, and extension programs and diversity. This year, we added the Southeast Asian Section. Congratulations and Welcome!

Our membership is our greatest asset, and we value you. As a Board, we discussed several topics important to the membership. A challenging topic that we discussed was the future locations of AAEA meetings. We have members who have expressed concerns about the locations of future meetings in light of the recent Supreme Court ruling. Unfortunately, no easy solution exists in this new environment, and discussions of these topics

are inherently political and fraught with complexity. We, nevertheless, are working to find solutions to support the membership.

Because we have settled on meeting locations for the next four years, location changes would be extremely costly. However, to ensure that members have access to the meetings, we will continue to offer some version of a hybrid conference; we are exploring what version will best serve the diverse needs of our membership. We are working to balance the high costs of hybrid meetings and members' concerns about attending in person. We continue to explore the best ways to support all of our members. Thus, we want to hear from you about your ideas on how best to manage costs, ease access, and support the environmental and health concerns of hosting our meetings in various locations. Please reach out to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org or me at Norbert.Wilson@duke.edu.

We continue to work on meeting the expectations of our strategic plan. To do so, we encourage greater connectivity by the Sections hosting [symposia](#), [workshops](#), or [endorsed events](#) outside the annual meetings. These mechanisms are useful to encourage exchanges that can spur innovation within the AAEA. Another important way to meet our expectations of the strategic plan is to develop metrics and track them for various goals of our plan. One goal that we are developing these metrics to support our efforts of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). We are supporting future DEI surveys of the membership. Through these and other efforts, we hope to continue to make the AAEA a vibrant intellectual community.

Lastly, thank you for your participation in the AAEA. We are healthy, our journals are doing well, and our finances are solid. I am honored and pleased to step into the role of AAEA President. Thank you to Past-President Madhu Khanna. With grace and wisdom, Madhu helped us navigate difficult discussions. She fostered innovative mentoring activities focusing on transdisciplinary collaborations. Madhu, you did a phenomenal job! Thanks to outgoing Board Members Tim Beatty, Elena Irwin, and Past-President Dawn Thilmany-McFadden. Additional thanks to continuing Board Members Amy Ando, Titus Awokuse, Andrew Muhammad, and Carola Grebitus. We are excited to welcome President-Elect Rudy Nayga and new Board Members Asilhan Spaulding and Glynn Tonsor. I could report none of these good things without mentioning the great work of Section Leaders and the membership. You make the AAEA great! Thank you!

AAEA News

2022 AAEA Annual Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Anaheim! The conversations continue with more virtual sessions now and into September. Find the session times below for all upcoming events that can be found in the AAEA App. *Please note that times on the app/platform are in Pacific.*



We look forward to continuing the engagement and discussions with the 2022 AAEA Annual Meeting Virtual Sessions. These are all taking place after the annual meeting and will take place on Zoom. Please plan on joining these sessions. All Zoom links and additional session information are available in the platform/mobile app.

Organized Symposia

Agricultural Productivity and Innovation
Thursday, August 25
10:00 am (central)

Achieving Agricultural Sustainability
Tuesday, September 13
8:00 am (central)

Food safety innovation in low income countries
Thursday, September 15
1:00 pm (central)

Data Set Procurement and Research Development in Emerging Markets: The Case of Hemp
Thursday, September 22
2:30 pm (central)

Food prices and nutrition: What least-cost diets reveal about access to a healthy diet in the U.S. and worldwide
Monday, September 26
9:00 am (central)

What COVID-19 has Taught Us about Regional Food Supply Chains
Monday, September 26
1:30 pm (central)

Please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 with any questions.

Call for Nominations

2023 Fellows Award Nominations

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2023 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and have been a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non-complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous contribution" means exceptional service over a period of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals; leadership in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; contributions to advance diversity, equity and inclusion objectives in the broader profession through for example, teaching, research collaboration, professional leadership, or outreach to, engagement with, and mentoring of individuals from underrepresented groups; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension, or teaching award. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee and AAEA Executive Committee (President-Elect, President, or Past President) may not nominate or provide support statements for nominees. Nomination packages that include support statements from a member of the Fellows Selection Committee and/or the AAEA Executive Committee will be sent back to the nominator for revisions.

Testimonial letters or vitae are not required. The total nomination package should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages using 12-point font and with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. All material must be double-spaced. Please include the name, institution, and contact information of all of the nominators within the eight page package. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF file to Kristen McGuire at kmcquire@aaea.org. Please contact Kristen if you have any questions.

The 2023 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the [AAEA Fellows page](#).

Call for Applications

Anthony Grano Fellowship Applications

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Scholarship Award. Two scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded to academically successful, highly motivated students in agricultural economics or a closely related discipline with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formation process. The scholarship will support recipients to travel to Washington, DC to meet with senior staff from USDA, Congressional offices, and agricultural trade associations and commodity organizations.

Eligible applicants will be graduate students in either agricultural economics or economics with an agricultural emphasis in any U.S. university.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 17, 2022**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter that expresses interest and includes applicant contact information
2. Essay on a current agricultural policy issue (2–5 pages)
3. Recent CV
4. A copy of university transcripts
5. Letter of recommendation from department head. Department Head must be willing to match the funds if their nominee is selected

Applications should be submitted in a single space, 12 Font Size, 1” margins, and PDF format to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org. Failure to provide any of the required components of the application package will result in its rejection.

Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program

Call for Applications

The AERA along with one representative from AAEA will play a facilitating role in the selection of Indian students/young professionals to participate in the mentorship program. The offer and themes for each year will be published in one of the issues of Agricultural Economics Research Review (AERR) and recommendation of the Association shall be sent to AAEA for Award of the grant. The following criteria were agreed for screening and recommendation of the candidate(s).

- a) The program shall be open to doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and the maximum age of the candidate should not be more than 35 years
- b) Masters/PhD degree in agricultural economics/economics with evident contribution to agricultural economics research
- c) The candidate should give an undertaking to publish at least one research article in a journal of national/international repute as an outcome of the mentorship work
- d) The candidate will attend the AAEA Annual Meeting
- e) The candidate will work with an AAEA Member mentor

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant’s department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant’s participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Monday, October 17, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918–3190.

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for early career women scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm.

At least one (1) Fellowship of up to \$2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2023 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for the awardee to work directly with the mentor on a specific project. Preference will be given to new mentoring relationships as opposed to continuing an existing one.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 17, 2022**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates of collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Current CV for nominee
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that you will work on with your mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire, at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications**McCorkle Scholarship Applications**

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2023 Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship. This scholarship will support applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. At least one (1) scholarship of up to \$2,000 will be awarded. Funds can be used for research related expenses, data collection, tuition and program related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment, provided the items are required of all students in the program.

Applications are due **Monday, October 17, 2022**.

Applicants should submit:

1. Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
2. Itemized budget
3. Letter of support from their major advisor; and
4. Graduate transcript.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

AAEA Trust Call for Proposals

The AAEA Trust supports the work of agricultural and applied economists by funding programs, initiatives, activities or other creative endeavors designed to advance the profession. Proposals are chosen to receive funding based on their ability to accomplish at least one of the following goals:

- support graduate student and early career professional development
- enhance the AAEA Annual Meeting,
- broaden participation in AAEA across the year (beyond Annual meetings),
- address our strategic goal to be more inclusive through outreach to new groups,
- broaden the horizons of the current membership

Funds donated to the unrestricted and student and early career professional development categories of the AAEA Trust will be used to fund proposals approved by the AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board. Proposals from AAEA Committees and Sections are encouraged. Please note that the Trust does not fund individual research projects, nor does it retroactively fund activities that have already taken place. Please contact Trust Committee Chair Madhu Khanna at Khanna1@illinois.edu if you would like to discuss your proposal ideas before submission.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with name of applicant; applicant's mailing address, e-mail, and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double-spaced pages, including the purpose (and how that aligns with the goals above), scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for management of the project, date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget, indicating costs to be borne by the Trust and funding provided by other sources, if any. The AAEA Business Office may be a resource for budget information. For this year, please share if COVID provided disruptions to previously planned activities and if this proposal addresses challenges presented to members, sections or the AAEA during COVID.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Monday, October 17, 2022**, to ensure consideration for funding for the next year. Proposals will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Board for action at the January 2023 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Kristen McGuire, via email at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or Madhu.

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women**Call For Applications**

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women supports a mentorship relationship between an early career woman agricultural, resource and environmental economist from low income and lower-middle income countries, and a mentor who is a member of the AAEA. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings "Low-income economies" and "Lower-middle-income economies" at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income.

The purpose of the award is to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature, by fostering research collaboration between the scholar and mentor. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea), but preference will be given to topics focusing on countries that are facing food and nutrition insecurity, and/or environmental pressures.

The total amount of the award is up to USD \$5,000. Of this, up to USD \$4,500 will be allocated to the scholar and up to USD 500 to the mentor. The award to the scholar is intended to cover travel, registration, and related costs of the scholar to attend a meeting organized by the AAEA or the ICAE where both the mentor and the scholar can meet. The award may also be used to cover travel costs to the mentor's work place. The amount allocated to the mentor can be used for travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. The AAEA will waive registration fee for both the scholar and the mentor for the duration of the fellowship. AAEA will also waive annual membership fee for the scholar for the duration of the fellowship.

Women scholars, who are either within one year of obtaining a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field, or within five years of having completed Ph.D. and are citizens of and reside in a low income and lower-middle income country are eligible to apply. Ph.D. students studying in countries that are not considered low-income economies and lower-middle-income economies may also apply, but they must be close to completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a low-income or a lower-middle-income country by the end of 2023. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but they must be AAEA members.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Recent CV
2. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages). Applicants are advised to discuss the proposal with a prospective mentor before applying.
3. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
4. Name and details of the mentor. If the scholar has not yet decided on a mentor, they may state this and seek input from the selection committee. The selection committee will make every attempt to help identify appropriate mentors but will do so only for the selected applicants.
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor if the applicant already has a mentor.
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Monday, October 17, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award Call For Applications

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor.

The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar's country. The maximum fellowship grant will be \$5,000. Up to \$4,500 can be allocated for travel expenses for the scholar to visit the mentor's workplace and/or to meet with the mentor at a professional meeting. Up to \$1,500 can be allocated for mentor travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea).

Scholars should be professional economists who are citizens of and reside in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings "Low-income economies" and "Lower-middle-income economies" at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Scholars should either have completed their terminal degree or will complete it within the year. Students studying in countries that are not considered "low-income economies" and "lower-middle-income economies" may apply, but they must be completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a "low-income" and "lower-middle-income" country by the end of 2023. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but each must be an AAEA member.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by Monday, **October 17, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications

Editorship of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Editorship appointments for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks a diverse group of applicants at the full professor level (or equivalent) by the start of the appointment for two co-editors to be appointed to replace current co-editors Amy Ando and Marc Bellemare for a four-year term beginning in January 2024. Each co-editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of continuing editors Jill McCluskey and Jesse Tack will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the AJAE. Each editor should plan to dedicate 25 to 40 percent of his/her time to AJAE editorial duties. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editors' time and most expenses.

Transition Timing

The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2023. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., July 23–25, 2023 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2024. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14678276>.

Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

Applications

Applications should include:

1. a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant's areas of expertise and editorial philosophy for the AJAE,
2. curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work),
3. statements of administrative support from the candidate's department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org by **November 30, 2022**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

AETR Call for Papers

Special Issue on Educational Materials About Industry and Market Developments

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts that fit into Extension Education, Case Studies, and Interdisciplinary Narratives relating to innovative and impactful ways of:

- Communicating industry and market developments,
- Evaluating government and private programmatic impacts and delivery, and
- Training and learning methodologies in industry and non-governmental organizations.

New industry developments, the rollout of new government programs, applied economists' roles in educational programs led by producer interest groups, new models to deliver and assess one-on-one training sessions, and similar educational or extension initiatives are often not documented in the agricultural and applied economics literature due to a lack of hypothesis testing, statistical rigour, or theoretical foundations. Nevertheless, there is educational value in sharing and communicating technical developments, insights into government programs and impacts, market and industry reports, and successes and failures of efforts to support programs and initiatives in government and industry. Such articles and information may serve as models for adoption and modification by future industry, government and NGO members and serve as tools in the classroom for educational purposes.

Potential topics for this special issue include, but are not limited to:

1. Methods used to communicate new technologies or services to target audiences and measurement of success/failure, including stakeholder targeting, reception, interaction with stakeholders, and barriers to information transfer. Specific examples or general approaches are welcome.

2. Case studies of technical training to improve agricultural production, including description of audience, trainers, delivery methods, objectives, and outcomes. Innovative approaches to interdisciplinary methods are particularly welcome.
3. Examples of information and knowledge transfer of government programs supporting agriculture and the agri-food industry, including short-term COVID programs that emerged over the last 2 years. Details of interest could include program objectives, training needs and methods, and measurement of interest/adoption and impact.
4. Industry case studies or reports describing the roadmap/ pathway/ process starting post-discovery of product (e.g., irrigation technology, hemp, vaccines) or service (e.g., drone monitoring, online marketing platforms) to commercialization and market launch, including regulatory barriers, enablers, and government support.
5. Industry and market case studies on market trends and innovations, particularly if there are classroom teaching or Extension notes/assessments.
6. Extension programs and narratives describing audience, objectives and delivery, tools, and measures of success. For example, this could be an outlet for recent graduate student Extension competition finalists to publish their work.

We expect this special issue will be of broad interest to agriculture and agri-food industry stakeholders, including producers, agribusiness managers, producer support groups, input providers, processors, local to federal government agencies, and extension personnel. Students and educators of agricultural and applied economics, agribusiness economics and management and related agri-food disciplines interested in knowledge and information transfer will also be interested in this special edition.

The special issue will have a guest co-editor Dr. David Hall (dchall@ucalgary.ca) at the University of Calgary in addition to the AETR Editor, Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu).

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. David Hall (dchall@ucalgary.ca) and Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu) by December 31, 2022 at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR online by March 31, 2023. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at:

<https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Choices Magazine Call for Articles Choices Themes, Single Articles, and Data Visualizations

The AAEA welcomes proposals for themes, and data visualizations and individual articles to be published in *Choices Magazine*.

Choices, a free, online-only publication, is the principal outreach vehicle of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA). *Choices* articles broadly communicate the results of quality economic analysis applied to issues and challenges faced by public and private sector decision makers in ways that enhance public understanding of and appreciation for the work of agricultural economists.

While *Choices* articles are based on economic concepts, the information should be presented in the context of a policy issue without using economic jargon. Articles must be written so they are easily understood by a general-interest audience.

Choices editors are looking for three types of submissions:

- Proposals for thematic groupings of papers,
- Individual articles on any food, farm, resource or rural community issue, and
- Data Visualizations.

All manuscripts are subject to peer review for publication consideration.

Theme groupings of papers allow for in-depth coverage of important topics and showcase the different perspectives of agricultural economics analyses. To submit a proposal for theme-based articles, please complete the [Theme Proposal submission form](#). Submitted articles must be prepared according to the [Manuscript Style Guidelines](#).

Single articles provide an opportunity to address timely and important relevant issues or to present new aspects of established issues. Please complete the [Individual Article submission form](#) and follow the guidelines for preparing articles for the review process. Submitted articles must be prepared according to the [Manuscript Style Guidelines](#).

Data Visualizations are appropriate when an author would like to share imagery of an issue that is a timely and important topic based on sound economics and logic. Infographics will be reviewed and published at the discretion of the editor. Please follow the [guidelines for preparing infographics](#) for the review process.

Submissions may occur any time. Reviewed and accepted *Choices* material is compiled into quarterly issues. Subscribers and AAEA members are notified of new material through email announcements and social media postings.

If you have any questions about submitting to *Choices* Magazine, please contact the editors: Alison Davis at Alison.Davis@uky.edu.

Government Relations & Washington Update

August 2022

Senate Releases FY 2023 Agriculture Appropriations

On July 28, the Senate Appropriations Committee released its proposed versions of all 12 annual appropriations bills for fiscal year 2023, including agriculture appropriations. The Senate bill provides discretionary funding of \$27.072 billion, an increase of \$2.3 billion or 9 percent over fiscal year 2022.

Total funding for agriculture research is \$3.9 billion, or a \$248 million increase over fiscal year 2022. NIFA is funded at \$1.7 billion, an increase of \$100 million over fiscal year 2022. It also includes a \$10 million increase for the popular Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) and a \$5 million increase for the Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education program. The bill doubles the funding available for women and minorities in STEM fields, and it increases funding for both the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension program and for Children, Youth, and Families at Risk.

For the Economic Research Service (ERS), the bill provides an appropriation of \$96 million, which represents an increase of more than \$8 million over fiscal year 2022. The Senate version includes an increase of \$500,000 directing USDA to establish a honeybee economist position at ERS to adequately inform USDA disaster, conservation, forage, research, and other programmatic efforts to support the specialty crop and honey industry supply chains. The Senate Report also directs ERS to provide reports or conduct studies on agricultural commodity trade, incentives for voluntary carbon sequestration, life cycle analysis for biobased products, organic data analysis and rural tract codes.

For the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the bill provides an appropriation of \$213.5 million, an increase of over \$23 million from FY 2022. \$66.4 million would be provided for the Census of Agriculture. Below is a summary of some key accounts and how they compare to the House version, President's budget and final FY 2022 levels:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FY 2022 FINAL</u>	<u>FY 2023 President</u>	<u>FY 2023 House</u>	<u>FY 2023 Senate</u>
ERS	\$87.8 million	\$99.5 million	\$90.6 million	\$96 million
NASS	\$190.1 million	\$217.4 million	\$211 million	\$213.5 million
OCE	\$27.2 million	\$32 million	\$30.2 million	\$30.2 million
ARS Salaries	\$1.633 billion	\$1.9 billion	\$1.736 billion	\$1.755 billion
ARS Buildings	\$127.8 million	\$45 million	\$71.3 million	\$166.4 million
Hatch	\$260 million	\$265 million	\$265 million	\$265 million
AFRI	\$445 million	\$564 million	\$500 million	\$455 million
Smith Lever	\$320 million	\$320 million	\$330 million	\$325 million
<u>HOUSE</u>		<u>SENATE</u>		
Bill Summary		Bill Summary		
Bill Text		Bill Text		
Report		Report		

AAEA Participates in Listening Session on White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

The White House has announced that it will hold a [Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#) in September 2022. During the summer, the White House held a series of listening sessions to gather input from stakeholders on five pillars that have been identified as key to the success of the initiative. The five pillars are:

1. Improve food access and affordability
2. Integrate nutrition and health
3. Empower all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices
4. Support physical activity for all
5. Enhance nutrition and food security research

Representatives from AAEA participated in the listening sessions to discuss the importance of agricultural and applied economics to advancing each of the pillars. AAEA also stressed the need for increased investments in

economic research to support sound hunger and nutrition policies. AAEA is continuing its engagement with the White House as the process moves forward.

Other News

IAAE Interconference Symposium Congreso Regional De Economía Agraria FIRST CALL for Abstracts

The Argentinean, Chilean, and Uruguayan Agricultural Economics Associations along with the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) are delighted to invite you to the 2nd Inter-Conference Symposium 6 to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and 1st Latin-American Workshop on Productivity and Efficiency. These joint Meetings will take place April 19–21, 2023, in Montevideo Uruguay.

The overall theme is: “THE ROLE OF THE AGRIBUSINESS SECTOR IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIES.” However, Abstracts focusing on broader agricultural economics, sustainability and productivity topics are welcome.

This collaborative effort seeks to provide an expanded regional network for agricultural economists from all over Latin America focusing on the sustainable development of our rural economies. Providing a platform for discussion, exchange, and networking, we are seeking to strengthen the profession throughout the region.

The regional associations of agricultural economics in collaboration with the IAAE, invite all their members to submit abstracts. We plan to publish a special issue of *Agribusiness: An International Journal* with a selection of the best papers presented focusing on agribusiness topics.

The recently formed International Society for Efficiency and Productivity Analysis (ISEAPA <https://iseapa.org>), affiliated with the *Journal of Productivity Analysis* (JPA), also encourages its Founding Members and regular membership to participate in these meetings. The authors of the best papers presented related to Latin American efficiency and productivity will be invited by ISEAPA to submit a paper for possible publication in a Special issue of the JPA.

The abstract submission site will open August 1, 2022, and the deadline for reception will be October 31, 2022. However, Young Professionals applying for partial support need to submit no later than October 15, 2022.

A link to our website with additional information will be sent out soon, along with the Second Call for contributed Abstracts.

Note: The original Abstracts, or an updated version if preferred, submitted for the 2020 Montevideo symposium can be resubmitted.

Food Distribution Research Society

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, and Outreach Writing for its 2022 Annual Conference. The Annual Conference will be held concurrently with the [National Agricultural Marketing Summit](#) in Pensacola, FL from October 22–25, 2022. For more information, please visit the FDRS website: <https://www.fdrsinc.org/>

Member Benefits

- [Membership Directory](#)
- [Members in the News Highlights](#)
- [Mentorship Resources](#)
- [AJAE Advance Access](#)
- [AEPP Advance Access](#)
- [Applied Economic Teaching Resources](#)
- [JAAEA Open Access Journal](#)

The Exchange

published biweekly by the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association.

Submissions to *The Exchange*:
email: aware@aaea.org

or

info@aaea.org

www.aaea.org



Volume 44, Issue 17–August 2022

Open Jobs

- [Assistant/Air Quality Specialist \(Economist\)](#)
South Coast AQMD (Posted: 08/11/2022)
- [Assistant/Associate Professor](#)
University of Florida (Posted: 08/11/2022)
- [Postdoctoral Research Scholar](#)
University of California, Riverside (Posted: 08/10/2022)
- [Associate Professor of Urban, Rural, and Regional Economics](#)
Colorado State University (Posted: 08/10/2022)

*View Job Openings on the
[AAEA Job Board](#)*

Working with the Media

What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story?

Contact Allison Ware at AWare@aaea.org

[View all Press Releases HERE](#)

Member in the News

Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news?

Send a link of the article to Jessica Weister at JWeister@aaea.org or info@aaea.org.

[View other Members in the News HERE](#)

Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy

AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the [policy](#) here.