

President's Message

June 2023

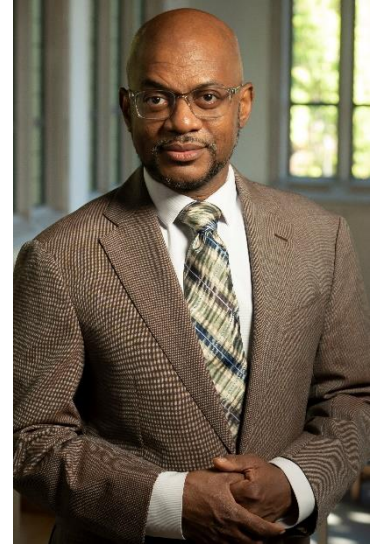
This newsletter is my last. AAEA members have asked me if the presidency has been bad or hard. My answer is no. We have a great board and collaborators like Kristen McGuire, our Executive Director, and the AAEA Staff – Mary, Allison, Jessica, Michael, and Austin. They have made serving as president a joy. Also, the broader leadership team of section leaders and committee members are the folks who make AAEA run. Thank you for your volunteer efforts. We are stronger because of you.

I am excited to see the newly elected board members. Tim, Vincenzina, and Ashok will provide great leadership to AAEA. I thank all who ran for the Board. Your contributions to AAEA are deeply appreciated, and we know that you will all continue to contribute to making AAEA great. Thank you!

The editors of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (AJAE) have made great strides in diversifying the topics in the journal by hosting a workshop and sponsoring a special virtual issue called the Economics of Inequality in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems. I was pleased to see several junior scholars presenting their papers and engaging each other and senior scholars on their work. These exchanges are vital mentoring opportunities that strengthen our research and membership. To the organizing team of *AJAE* Editors, especially Amy Ando, who led this effort, and the senior scholars in attendance, thank you for your engagement in this activity. In addition, we appreciate the financial support for the conference from the USDA National Institute on Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the AAEA Trust. Even if you did not participate in the workshop, you can still participate in the virtual special issue. Please [submit papers](#) for consideration between July 21 and December 15, 2023.

As I end my term as president, I will end it with the hope that began my presidency that is moving our efforts toward justice. Preaching at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC March 1968, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, assured the audience, “We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” King was speaking out against poverty in the United States, racism, and armed conflict. These challenges still face us today. Some have critiqued this ideal to suggest that justice is inevitable. If we wait long enough, justice will happen in time.

However, King disputed this notion and encouraged us to do the work of justice collectively. The certainty of King’s vision was an encouragement to do the work of justice. I am encouraged to do that work, whether small or obscure. I have struggled to do this work, to find my voice, and to use my skills to do the work of justice. I am not there fully, but I continue to explore ways to collaborate toward this end. Little by little, I am finding ways to raise my voice, my hand, and my gaze to the work of redressing inequality, but I am not alone. Our collective efforts move us toward justice.



Working on poverty, inequality, or development are obvious examples of working on justice issues. Documenting these injustices is an important initial step that we can engage in, yet, we must push beyond the documentation to identify interventions and policies to mitigate these inequalities. However, to do that work, we depend on those who identify empirical strategies that allow us to provide evidence to discuss effective policies and interventions. We depend on those out in the field engaging communities and policymakers to inform our work and identify the areas of analysis. Even if your work seems far from the work of justice, your efforts may matter for justice if it informs the analysis and praxis in meaningful ways. I believe that if we set our intentions to do the work of justice in whatever our area of work, we are contributing to the collective actions that will extend to the moral arc that bends toward justice. This work is the work of our Association.

Norbert Wilson
AAEA President

AAEA News

Register for 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting

Membership Type	Advanced <i>June 8 – July 7</i>		Onsite <i>July 8 or after</i>	
	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>
Professional	\$550	\$700	\$625	\$775
Senior	\$440	\$560	\$515	\$635
Graduate Student	\$140	\$325	\$180	\$370
Guests	\$60		\$60	

**Guests include any interested party not professionally in or a student of the fields of agricultural or applied economics, or a related discipline. Guest fees include the welcome reception, plenary sessions, and all concurrent sessions (Guests under the age of 16 are free, and don't need to register).*

**Cancellation: Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After the "Advanced" Registration deadline, no refunds will be given for meeting registrations or special event tickets. To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190 or info@aaea.org. Website: www.aaea.org. If AAEA cancels the meeting any paid meeting registration fees will be fully refunded.*



- As a participant of the AAEA Annual Meeting, I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in the AAEA Anti- Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy (must agree before registration is accepted). View full policy [here](#).
- As a participant of the AAEA Annual Meeting, I agree to release and hold harmless AAEA, its owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, managers, trustees, affiliates and/or other representatives from any and all liability loss, claim, damage or injury that might arise or result from, or relate to, now and in the future, my contraction or conveyance of any virus or disease. View full assumption of risk and waiver liability form [here](#).

- AAEA encourages all attendees to take proper safety measures and protocols when it comes to COVID19. This includes up to date vaccinations, wearing a mask, and testing prior to attending the meeting. Please refer to the most up to date guidance regarding COVID19, including [travel requirements](#) on the [CDC website](#).

AAEA Business Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2023, 8:00 am–8:30 am

AAEA's annual Business Meeting will be held during the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on Monday, July 24 in Marquis Salon 6. This meeting gives members the chance to hear about the state of the association. Updates will be given by the AAEA President, the Finance Committee, and the AAEA Trust Committee. Additionally, Board members and Editors who are completing their terms will be recognized for their service. Lastly, those in attendance will be given an opportunity to voice any questions or concerns that they may have. We hope you'll join us in Washington, D.C.

FREE Virtual 2023 Organized Symposiums

<i>Session #</i>	<i>Session Title</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Link</i>
3519	Climate-Smart Markets and Practices on U.S. Livestock Farms	October 5	11:00 am – 2:00 pm Central	Zoom Link
3526	Nutrition Assistance and the Commercial and Concessional Food Environment	July 18	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm EST	Zoom Link
3529	Resilience Building: Overview, methods, and insights	August 4	09:00am – 12:00pm Eastern	Zoom Link
3542	Contemporary Issues facing U.S. Agricultural Trade and Trade Policy	September 6	11:00 am – 2:00 pm Central	Zoom Link

Preview of AAEA 2023 Annual Meeting Ticketed Events

Registration is required for all workshops and luncheons. *Additional details for each workshop and luncheons is available on the [conference webpage](#).*

Pre and Post Conference Workshops		
SATURDAY, July 22		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>
PC11 BEER Section Industry Engagement Tour	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$100
PC12 Numerical Methods in Agricultural Economics	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	\$50
PC13 US Agricultural and environmental policy	9:30 am – 4:30 pm	\$55, GSS/ECP \$25 Lunch Provided
PC14 Workshop on NIFA's Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities Awarded Projects	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	SOLD OUT
PC15 Understanding and utilizing USDA's ERS	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	\$15
PC16 Conferencing Like a Pro: Strategies for a Successful Conference Experience	4:00 pm–7:00 pm	\$20 <i>\$200 Stipend</i>

<i>(See Workshop website for stipend details and application)</i>		<i>available to GSS and ECP</i>
WEDNESDAY, July 26		
PC51 Extension Section Agricultural Tour	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	SOLD OUT
PC52 Publishing Applied Economic Research on Health and Nutrition Lunch Provided <i>(See Workshop website for stipend details and application)</i>	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	\$55, GSS/ECP \$30 <i>\$300 Stipend available to GSS, ECP and WMHU</i>
PC53 Bayesian Econometrics and Machine Learning	7:30 am – 5:00 pm	\$40
<u>Speaker Series Luncheons</u>		
MONDAY, JULY 24		
SP31 – Extension Section Speaker & Luncheon Michael Marsh , President and CEO of National Council of Agricultural Employers	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	\$74
SP32 – COSBAE and CWAE Speaker Series & Luncheon Featured Speaker: Dr. Dewayne Goldman “Equity Efforts at USDA”	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	\$74
TUESDAY, July 25		
SP33 AERE and Land, Water and Environmental Economics (ENV) Section Luncheon Featured Speaker: Dr. Seth Meyer	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	\$70

Register for the 2023 AAEA Employment Center

AAEA invites and encourages you to register for the [2023 AAEA Annual Meeting Employment Center](#), taking place July 23–25 in Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity for employers to connect with potential candidates.

Employers who register may post open positions on the [AAEA Job Board](#), view resumes of applicants who are participating in the Employment Center, and they may also utilize a table in the Annual Meeting Employment Center to conduct in-person interviews with applicants.

Applicant registration is FREE. **Please note: Applicants must be registered for the Annual Meeting in order to participate in the Employment Center.**

For more information, please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Jessica Weister](#). We hope to see you in Washington, DC! **[Register Online](#)**.

2023 AEM-GSS Case Study Competition

The Agribusiness Economics and Management (AEM) – Graduate Student Section (GSS) Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness to practical situations.

Competition Rules and Timeline: Each team must complete the 2023 AEM–GSS Case Study Registration Form by June 16, 2023. Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same university or partner with students from other universities. If there is only one student from a university that wants to participate, the student can compete on their own; or they can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, and no later than the same day the case is announced.

The case will be sent to teams in mid–July, and teams will be given approximately two weeks to prepare a 15–minute oral summary of their solution to the case. The competition will take place on Sunday, July 23, 2023 coinciding with the AAEA Annual Meeting set to take place in Washington, D.C. Teams will present their case to a panel of judges with expertise in agribusiness management. Judges will then be allotted time to ask questions, and teams will be judged based on a grading rubric that will be provided to teams when the case is sent in July. There will be two rounds to the competition. In the first round, judges will hear from all teams and select the top three teams as finalists. After this announcement, the finalists will present their case to a new panel of judges.

A summary of the competition’s preliminary timeline is presented below.

Registration form due:	Friday, June 16 by 5:00 pm EDT
Case sent to team:	Friday, July 7 by 5:00 pm EDT
Case Study Competition:	Sunday, July 23, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm EDT*
<u>Case Study Finals:</u>	<u>Sunday, July 23, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm EDT*</u>

* Eastern time is used for the competition as the 2023 Annual Meeting will take place in Washington, D.C.

Competition Prizes: The top three teams will receive plaques, cash prizes, and will be recognized at the AAEA Award Ceremony. The cash prizes are as follows:

First Place:	\$700
Second place:	\$500
Third place:	\$300

This is an AEM and GSS co–sponsored competition. As early career professionals, students are highly encouraged to be AAEA members as well as GSS and/or the AEM members. Eligible teams must meet the following criteria:

1. At least one team member should have an active AAEA membership for 2023 and be a member of AEM or GSS.
2. Each team must complete the Case Study Registration Form identifying their teammates and the universities they represent. The completed registration form must be completed no later than 5pm EDT on June 16, 2023. Register: https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9SuZwUGIR9msKZE

Please direct any questions regarding the 2023 AEM–GSS Case Study Competition to Megan Hughes (hughe232@purdue.edu) or Dr. Desmond Ng (Desmond.ng@ag.tamu.edu).

Register for the 2023 Academic Bowl

Each year, SS-AAEA sponsors an academic bowl competition for undergraduate students at the [AAEA Annual Meeting](#). Students compete on teams of three, which are affiliated with their school. The finals of the competition are held immediately preceding the AAEA Awards Ceremony, with an audience of all meeting attendees. The winning team receives \$500.

The Academic Bowl Competition will be held on Monday, July 24 at 8:00 am – 4:00 pm followed by The Finals at 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm prior to the Awards Ceremony at the [2023 AAEA Annual Meeting](#).

Specific rules for competition:

1. A team will typically consist of three members from the same school. The same team members must compete in all rounds of the competition, i.e., substitutions and additions are not permitted. Students from different schools can be entered to compete on the alternate team(s) for the Academic Bowl if there are not enough students from one school attending the meeting to form a team. At least two team members must be from the same institution to determine how the prizes will be awarded. Any decisions about two member teams or related issues will be up to the discretion of the SS-AAEA advisors. Inquiries regarding such teams should be directed to the Junior Advisor.
2. All participants must be registered for the current AAEA Annual Meeting. Students who have graduated with an undergraduate degree within nine months prior to the competition, but have not yet begun graduate coursework in the classroom, are eligible to compete (graduate research hours are excluded).
3. A school may register a maximum of two teams of three and no more than two alternates in the competition.
4. The entry form and Annual Meeting registration for each team member are due on or before June 17 to the AAEA Business Office.

AAEA
Attn: Academic Bowl Registration
555 East Wells St. Suite 1100
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Fax: (414) 276-3349

5. Plaques will be awarded to the first through third place teams, along with \$500 for the first, \$300 for the second and \$100 for the third placed teams.
 - [Academic Bowl Competition Rules](#) (PDF)
 - [Academic Bowl Registration Form](#) (PDF)
 - [Chapter Membership Dues Form](#) (PDF)

Call for Papers: Virtual Special Issue of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics on the Economics of Inequity in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems

Government, industry, and non-profit leaders in agriculture and natural resources have growing interest in addressing problems of inequity in agricultural, food, and environmental systems. Large gaps exist in the economic research needed to inform those efforts, however. The Co-Editors of the AJAE are organizing a virtual special issue of research papers that fill important gaps in our knowledge about these issues.

We encourage scholars to submit original full-length research papers to the AJAE for publication that study novel questions about disparities related to marginalized people in agriculture, food, or natural resources and

healthy environments. These papers must be original scholarly research (not literature reviews) but they need not necessarily provide causal evidence. A wide range of research methods are welcome, including descriptive analyses, as long as conclusions are strictly warranted by the work presented in the paper. At least one virtual special issue will be published. If enough high-quality papers are submitted and accepted, multiple virtual special issues could be published on thematic subsets of this broader research agenda.

To qualify for expedited review, papers should be submitted to the AJAE by **July 21, 2023**. Papers submitted between then and December 15, 2023 will still be considered for virtual special issues but will not receive expedited review. Details regarding the submission and review process are:

- Submissions should go through the regular Editorial Express platform at <https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/e-editor/e-submit.cgi?dbase=ajae>.
- Your cover letter should have a heading at the top that states “For Expedited VSI on Equity”.
- Note that by definition, an expedited review process will only accept papers that can be made ready for publication with limited revisions in a short amount of time. Papers that need multiple rounds of significant revisions will not be accepted through expedited review.
- If a Co-Editor decides the paper is not a good topical fit for the call, you may be given the chance to convert the submission to a regular AJAE submission.

Note: A paper does **not** need to have been presented at the Conference on Inequity in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems to be considered for publication in the special issue(s).

Call for Special Issue - Fields of Discord: Understanding the Intersection of Geopolitics and Agriculture

The relationship between geopolitics and agriculture is increasingly important as the world faces numerous challenges related to food security, climate change, and economic development. In addition, the competition for resources and the global interconnectedness of markets and economies make the relationship between geopolitics and agriculture complex and multifaceted. The special issue in *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy* will bring together academic scholarship to explore the intersection of geopolitics and agriculture. Selected papers will discuss the challenges and opportunities this complex relationship presents, including the potential for conflict and tension arising from competing interests and priorities considering economic, social, and environmental aspects. The special issue will examine how agricultural practices intersect with global politics, from land use and resource management to trade policies and food security. The guest editors encourage paper submissions addressing the following topics:

- Geopolitical factors influencing food and agricultural policies;
- The role of geopolitics in agricultural trade and economic development;
- The impact of climate change on agriculture and its geopolitical implications; and
- The effects of migration on agriculture and food systems.

The special issue will comprise six papers and an editorial paper. A two-stage selection approach will be implemented, where, in the first stage, potential contributors are identified through the 2023 IATRC summer symposium. More information can be obtained at www.tinyurl.com/3s7w4rdh. Then, extended abstract submissions (750 words) for the special issue are requested with a due date on August 1, 2023. Please submit your paper's abstract following the link: www.tinyurl.com/2ymayts4.

Based on the submitted extended abstracts, the guest editors will identify papers that best fit the call and invite those for full consideration. Selected papers will be sent out for rigorous double-blind peer review per the AEPP submission guidelines, with a submission deadline of **September 30, 2023**. Two rounds of peer reviews are planned, with the themed special issue to be published in May 2024.

The guest editors are Sílvia Helena Galvão de Miranda (Escola Superior de Agricultura Luiz de Queiroz, Universidade de São Paulo) and Sandro Steinbach (Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University). They can be reached at shgdmira@usp.br and sandro.steinbach@ndsu.edu.

Government Relations & Washington Update

June 2023

House Subcommittee Schedules Farm Bill Hearing on the Research Title

The House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology has announced a hearing entitled: "[A Review of Title VII: University Perspectives on Research and Extension Programs](#)." The hearing will take place on June 14th at 10am eastern. A [livestream](#) of the hearing will be available. It is the latest in a series of hearings as the committee prepares to reauthorize the Farm Bill.

Congress Passes Debt Ceiling Bill

On May 31st, the House in a Bipartisan vote passed the McCarthy-Biden Debt deal. [The bill passed 317 to 117](#), with 71 Republicans and 46 Democrats voting "No". The Senate followed by approving the bill on June 1st by a vote of 63-36, clearing the way for signature by the President. The bill, deemed the [Fiscal Responsibility Act](#), will suspend the US's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling until January 1st, 2025. Overall, spending over the next two years will [slightly increase](#), adjusted for inflation according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill caps nondefense spending in fiscal 2024 at \$703.7 billion and \$710.7 billion in fiscal 2025. If a continuing resolution is in effect on or after Jan. 1, 2024, as has been common in recent years, the discretionary spending limits for fiscal 2024 would be reduced to 1 percent less than fiscal 2023 levels. These provisions create an incentive to enact all 12 appropriations bills by the end of the calendar year. The package also rescinds approximately \$27 billion in unspent funds provided under various laws enacted in 2020 for Covid-19 relief, as well as the 2021 budget reconciliation package.

One of the most hotly debated provisions is an increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirement age. The age was raised from 49 to 54, meaning that able-bodied adults 54 and younger will only be able to receive longer term SNAP benefits if they can demonstrate 20 or more work hours per week. In exchange for raising the age requirements, Democrats were successful in including exemptions to SNAP work requirements for veterans, homeless, and young adults transitioning out of the foster care system. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the exemptions will account for more program participation than the reductions expected by the stricter work requirements. Republican leaders have taken exception to CBO's estimate that the new policy will actually result in over \$2 billion in additional program spending. By resolving the SNAP work requirements debate through the debt ceiling legislation, there is optimism on both sides of the aisle that proceeding with a bipartisan Farm Bill will be easier.

House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Considers FY 2024 Spending Bill

On May 18th, the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee met to consider its version of the FY 2024 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The legislation would provide \$17.163 billion, which is \$8.682 billion below FY23 and \$11.732 billion below the president's budget request. The bill also provides \$8.150 billion in

funding repurposed from unobligated balances from pandemic-era programs. The plan to repurpose unspent pandemic funding was strongly criticized by Democratic members of the subcommittee, who argued that the proposed bill underfunds key priorities, particularly in nutrition and rural development.

For agricultural research, the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), would receive \$1.746 billion, an increase of \$1.2 million over FY 2023. The bill provides \$1.692 billion for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), which represents a decrease of \$9.5 million. The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) would receive an increase of \$5 million. Specific details within the NIFA accounts will be made available before the full committee markup. The Economic Research Service (ERS) would receive \$90.6 million, a \$2 million reduction from FY 2023. The bill includes \$187.5 million for the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), down 23.5 million from FY 2023.

The bill was approved by the subcommittee on a voice vote, with support from Republican members and opposition from Democratic members. The full House Appropriations Committee had originally scheduled a markup for May 24th but had to postpone consideration due to debt ceiling deliberations. The committee also had to consider necessary adjustments to the subcommittee approved version as a result of the debt ceiling bill provisions. The Appropriations Committee is now expected to consider the bill on June 14th.

Other News

Call for contributions for one-day virtual conference:

U.S. Farm Households' social and economic needs and the future of agriculture

September 13, 2023 – Online

Conveners: Florence Becot, National Farm Medicine Center – Shoshanah Inwood, The Ohio State University – Jeff Hopkins, USDA ERS – Becca B.R. Jablonski, Colorado State University – Allie Bauman, Colorado State University – Jessica Crowe, USDA ERS – Katherine Lim, USDA ERS – Ashley Spalding, USDA ERS

Supported by: Farm Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Efforts to recruit and retain the next generation of farmers have traditionally focused on supporting the farm business through a focus on access to land, capital, and business management skills. While addressing these barriers are important, these efforts are likely insufficient as they fail to consider the full suite of social and economic challenges faced by farm households. From a theoretical standpoint, farm families are embedded in a complex agri-family system. Within the micro-level of this system, the farm household and the farm operation are interconnected through the constant exchange of resources (i.e. time and money). Challenges faced by the farm business can therefore have negative consequences on the farm household, and likewise, challenges faced by the farm household can negatively impact the farm business. Despite these theoretical insights and some empirical evidence that farm families experience household-level challenges connected to health insurance and health care, childcare, and insufficient household income, we know little about how household challenges impact the farm business. Directly connected to this knowledge gap is a limited understanding of the ways in which existing social programs and policies (which are specifically designed to meet these needs) may support farm sector profitability, survivability, resilience, and transition.

We invite theoretical, empirical, and discussion papers at the intersection of farm households' social and economic needs, social programs and policies, and farm business viability. Farm households' social and

economic needs include, but are not limited to: access to health insurance and health care, childcare, affordable housing, nutrition and food security, poverty, and retirement. The papers can be based on new research or can revisit data previously analyzed with a new eye towards the focus of this conference.

Through a mix of paper presentations and panel discussions, the goal of this one-day conference is four-fold: 1) to broaden the long-standing body of work seeking to understand why, how, and which farm families are able to cultivate successful farm businesses in the face of on-going changes and the inherent instability of the agricultural sector, 2) to initiate the scientific debate on the linkages between farm households' social and economic needs, social policies, and farm business development, 3) to develop new networks of family farm scholars working on these topics, and 4) to better understand data available to understand these relationships, as well as identify data gaps. Conference contributors will also have the opportunity to submit a paper for inclusion in a special issue of the journal *Agriculture and Human Values*. The deadline for the submission of papers for consideration in the special issue is November 2023.

Potential research questions connected to the theme include:

- What are farm households' lived realities meeting their social and economic needs?
- In what ways do the social and economic needs of the household shape decisions connected to the farm operation's production and marketing decisions?
- How do gender, race, ethnicity, and geography intersect with and influence farm household's social and economic needs and the farm enterprise experiences, decision-making and trajectory?
- To what extent can federal and state social safety net programs and policies bolster and increase the profitability, viability, survivability, or resilience of the farm operation?
- What theoretical, data and/or methodological limitations are limiting the exploration of farm families' lived realities meeting their social and economic needs and the intersection with farm business development and viability?

Submission guidelines

Please submit abstracts of up to 350-words **by July 14**. Decisions for inclusion in the conference will be made by **August 7**.

Submit abstracts at <https://farmfoundation.swoogo.com/farmhouseholds/cfs>.

For questions about the conference theme and the special journal issue, contact Florence Becot at becot.florence@marshfieldresearch.org.

For questions about the conference logistics and registration, contact Martha King at martha@farmfoundation.org.

About the Conference

The conference will take place on September 13, 2023 online. Registration details for the meeting will be published at a later date.

Distributional Impacts of Climate Change in the Agricultural Sector

Climate change affects all aspects of the agricultural sector, from technology and input choices, to the wages and welfare of workers, to the prices consumers pay for food and agricultural products. To promote research on the distributional impacts of climate change, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), with the generous support of the Economic Research Service at the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), will convene a research conference in Chicago on November 17, 2023. The conference will be organized by Ellen Bruno and Meredith Fowlie of the University of California, Berkeley, and Danae Hernandez-Cortes of Arizona State University.

Research submissions that explore the distributional implications of climate change in an agricultural context are encouraged. Potential topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Assessments of how climate change and extreme weather events have affected agricultural production, food prices, and the distribution of consumer welfare for households in different income, racial, ethnic, and other groups.
- Spatial analysis of the impacts of climate change on farm incomes, environmental outcomes, crop choice, and agricultural investments.
- Development of metrics to assess the distributional impacts of climate change on incomes and livelihoods in the agricultural sector over time.
- Analysis of how shifting climate conditions, and potential policy responses to these conditions, could affect agricultural workers.
- Evaluation of how the farm-to-table supply chain could be affected by climate change, with particular attention to impacts on consumer prices, the availability of products, and food security for marginalized communities.
- The potential effects of climate-related agricultural policy alternatives, such as crop insurance programs, and incentives targeting adaptation strategies.
- The efficacy of social insurance programs, such as SNAP, in reducing the impact of climate change on low-income households.

The organizers welcome submissions of both empirical and theoretical research, including papers by scholars who are early in their careers, who are not NBER affiliates, and who are from groups that are under-represented in the economics profession. The program will prioritize research on the U.S. agricultural sector and economy. To be considered for inclusion on the program, papers must be uploaded by midnight (EDT) on **Thursday, June 15, 2023** via the following link:

<http://conference.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=AEf23>

Complete papers are preferred, but extended abstracts may also be submitted. Please do not submit papers that have been accepted for publication and that will be published by November, 2023. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified in early July. The NBER will cover the cost of up to two authors for each paper to attend the meeting in person. Additional authors will be invited to participate at their own expense. A virtual pre-conference meeting will be convened in August, 2023. The organizers will consider publishing the papers presented at this meeting in an edited NBER proceedings volume, or in a special issue of a refereed journal, subject to the interest of the paper

Questions about this conference may be addressed to confer@nber.org.

68th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society

Date: February 6–9, 2024

Venue: Australian National University Campus, Canberra, Australia

Description: Theme: Grand Challenges at the Frontier of Applied Economics

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is the pre-eminent organisation promoting applied economics research and policy engagement in agricultural and resources industries including, agribusiness, food systems, and the environment. Our journal, the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AJARE) publishes original, high-quality, and interdisciplinary research and policy analysis pertaining to agriculture, the environment and natural resources.

The theme of the AARES 2024 conference, “Grand challenges at the frontier of applied economics”, will focus discussions on the cutting edge of applied economics. We endeavour to explore the grand challenges that are facing the Australasian region and beyond, such as biosecurity, climate change, environmental degradation, energy systems, and food security.

This conference will provide a forum for our Society to explore new opportunities for research and development, and policy practice that can address these grand challenges in securing efficient, effective, and equitable outcomes. Distinguished researchers and professionals will present keynote presentations to inspire and stimulate discussions at the AARES 2024 conference.

The 2024 Annual Conference of AARES is going to be held on the Australian National University Campus in Canberra. A dedicated conference website will be established closer to the event.

In mid-2023 the local organizing committee will call for proposals for:

- Pre-conference Workshops; these will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024
- Mini-symposia and themed sessions, and contributed papers; these will be scheduled during the conference proper, February 7–9, 2024

Water Economics and Policy Journal: Call for Papers for a Special Issue**Special Issue on Economic Impact of Climate Change on the Water Sector in MENA and Northern Mediterranean Countries**

Guest Editor:

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Climate change in MENA countries as well as Northern Mediterranean countries (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, and Southern France) has already made an evident impact affecting rain-fed agriculture as well as surface water reservoirs, aquifers' natural recharge and cities. Crop varieties and tree species currently under cultivation in the Southern Mediterranean would progressively be appropriate in the North Mediterranean farming systems for adaptation. Rain is becoming more sporadic and more intensive with fewer number of rainy days, higher temperatures, and longer summer months, leading to crop area shrinkage and increased need for water desalination. Hence, the increased water scarcity is affecting all the economic sectors (agriculture, water utilities, industry, tourism, and the environment) and driving a higher demand for water,

including for adaptation purposes. Domestic urban and rural water are under increased stress/variability and water service failures/interruptions are becoming more frequent causing social discontent. Although quantitative technical–physical climate impacts are quite abundant, the lack of economic value tags attached to such studies makes them less valuable for policy consideration and undertaking the necessary shifts and adaptations. Previous economic impact studies based their adaptation measures on deficit irrigation for instance, however data is showing that aquifers are under high stress and cannot be used for such a purpose. Similarly, surface water reservoirs' storage capacity is negatively affected by siltation caused by the more torrential sporadic intensive rains reducing the supply of water and increasing the supply uncertainty. This special issue of Water Economics and Policy aims to bridge this gap.

Potential topics/issues include, but are not limited to:

- Assessing the economic losses caused by extreme events (droughts; floods; extreme temperatures) on water for cities and agriculture;
- Economic impact of climate change on rain-fed and irrigated agriculture and adaptation measures;
- Economic impact of climate change on dams' storage capacity based on observations (during the period 1990–2022). Dams' siltation and water value taking into account rain intensity and periodicity;
- Adaptation measures and investments in the water sector as a response to climate change;
- Impacts of climate change on water policies and institutions;
- MENA and Northern Mediterranean countries' policy adaptation measures and investments undertaken in the past 20 years in the water/agricultural sectors;
- Case studies of successful adaptation strategies in the water sector;
- International programs and international aid and their effect on water sector adaptation to climate change on the MENA region;
- Assessment of the European programs oriented toward water sector climate adaptation for Northern and Southern Mediterranean countries; and
- Investments in R&D for water climate adaptation.

Timeline and submissions

Manuscript submission deadline (via Editorial Manager): **July 31, 2023**.

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