



AAEA News

2020 AAEA Virtual Meeting – SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the 2020 Virtual Meeting taking place on **August 10–11**. Join us as leaders in the profession give Plenary talks, oral and poster Selected Presentation authors present their research, Invited Papers discuss hot topics and we celebrate our colleagues during the Awards and Fellows Recognition Ceremony.

The 2020 Virtual Meeting is **FREE** for all AAEA Members and only \$100 for non-members. Additional registration details will be available in the coming weeks.

Please view the latest updates on the [Virtual Meeting website](#).

2020 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

Rescheduled dates: October 7-9, 2020

Chicago, IL with a Registration Fee: \$40

All previously submitted applications will be held for the October date. We will also accept additional applications.

The objective of this workshop is mentor junior faculty (less than 5 years) to transition to agricultural and applied economic departments by providing an orientation to expectations for research, teaching and outreach, and to develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250-word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen.

All events will take place
at:
[University Club of
Chicago](#)
76 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at:
The Palmer House a Hilton Hotel
17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

Reserve rooms online for Hilton Palmer House at:
<https://book.passkey.com/go/aaea20>

Or call reservations at (877) 865-5321 and refer to group code: AAEA

Obituary

J. Roy Black **1941-2020**

J. Roy Black, a model professor of agricultural economics, passed away in Okemos, Michigan, on June 27, 2020. Raised on a ranch in Hinsdale, Montana, Black completed his B.S. at Montana State University and his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. He joined Michigan State University's Department of Agricultural Economics in January 1970 as an assistant professor of farm management and production economics. He devoted the next 50 years to research, extension, and teaching to enhance farmers' ability to make a profit and manage risk.



Black believed in the ability of farm managers to make good decisions if given the right tools; he devoted much of his career to building those tools. In research and policy circles, he is best known for his work on crop insurance contract design, especially the area yield contract that markedly reduced the transaction cost of indemnity payments. In recent years, he applied his passion for risk analysis to how climate change affects optimal orchard replacement.

Farmers, agribusiness managers, and Extension personnel are more likely to know his agricultural decision support programs. These included cost-minimizing rations for dairy and beef cattle, weed control in corn and soybeans, and break-even budgeting for risk management. Many of them reached farmers through the MSU TelFarm and Extension farm management team that incorporated the latest financial and risk management methods into decision tools for farmers.

In a profession that strives—often with difficulty—to balance relevance with rigor, Black was equally insightful in a dairy barn talking rations as in a seminar room talking copulas. He was a lifelong member of the American Statistical Association as well as the AAEA. He mentored generations of MSU students, who went on to become successful farmers, business managers, consultants, and professors. He also mentored his fellow MSU faculty members, three of whom became AAEA Fellows.

-- Scott Swinton

Other News

Free Commentary: Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on Food and Agricultural Markets

This paper examines the many economic factors and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on the agriculture sector. In efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19, many states and countries shut down several economic areas such as tourism and entertainment venues, restaurants, personal services, and some manufacturing facilities. This has led many areas into a recession. The authors of this paper examine the effects this recession has on these topics: macroeconomics; trade; supply chain; consumer behavior; food service/grocery; meat processing; forestry and wood products; local food systems; food waste; food insecurity; major commodity crops; agricultural finance; agricultural labor; rural health care; and research and outreach priorities.

Co-chairs: Jayson Lusk, Purdue University and John D. Anderson, University of Arkansas

QTA2020-3, 44 pp., June 2020, Available free online.

<https://www.cast-science.org/publication/economic-impacts-of-covid-19-on-food-and-agricultural-markets/>

Introducing *Q Open*

Developed in collaboration between Oxford University Press, the European Agricultural and Applied Economics Publications Foundation, and the European Association for Agricultural Economics, *Q Open* is an innovative new open-access journal, publishing applied research across agricultural, climate, environmental, food, resource, and rural development economics. The title is inspired by the Q category of the Journal of Economic Literature's subject classification system.

Q Open's editors are Iain Fraser, Erwin Bulte, Vincenzina Caputo, Phoebe Koundouri, and David Lewis, and they are dedicated to rigorous and fast peer-review, aiming to provide a first decision within 4-6 weeks. To help achieve this, authors have the option to share reports from a previous submission.

Q Open's peer-review model is based on a sound-science approach, with scientific rigor the primary consideration, and the editors' subjective evaluation of relevance, importance, and novelty minimized.

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Martin Green, Oxford University Press

Krijn Poppe, European Agricultural and Applied Economics Publications Foundation

6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and IAAE-Inter-Conference Symposium

We regret to inform you that in response to the uncertainty imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the organizing committee has decided to postpone the *6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and IAAE-Inter-Conference Symposium* to the week of November 8th, 2021 still in beautiful Montevideo, Uruguay. The organizers wish all of you the best during this troubled times and we look forward to seeing everyone in Montevideo on November 2021.

Announcing the Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar

The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 am Central U.S. time. If you would like to register, join the OARES listserv [here](#), and make sure to sign up with your institutional address. The OARES website includes a schedule of forthcoming talks as well.

The Climate Solutions Community

Paths to Texas Zero GHG Emissions: Electricity, Transportation and Industry

The Engineering, Science and Technology Council of Houston (ECH), and Climate Solutions for Texas, a local initiative of The Climate Solutions Community of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, invite you to a Climate Solutions Symposium. **This event has been postponed to August 22, 2020.**

9:00–9:10 am	Tom Rehm, Chair Climate Solutions for Texas Humble TX	Opening comments
9:10–9:30 am	Sylvia Dee, Climate Science Professor Rice University	Greenhouse gases warm us Human fingerprint of global warming Evidence of climate change Projections: What is coming
9:30–10:00 am	Jeremy Friesen, NET Power	A gas-fired power plant with zero emissions
10:00–10:30 am	Gene Preston, PhD Electrical Engineer Austin TX	Electrification of transportation Max renewables using gas to fill in the gaps Max renewables using nuclear and storage
10:30–11:00 am	Pavel Tsvetkov, Nuclear Engineering Professor, Texas A&M University	Nuclear energy: Zero emissions and safe
11:00–11:15 am	Larry Kremer, PhD Physical Chemist, Citizens Climate Lobby	The paramount importance of a price on carbon
11:15–11:25 am	Symposium Gold Sponsors	Our sponsors keep the cost of the symposium down and allow students free registration. Two minutes at podium per Gold Sponsor.
11:25 am–noon		Panel Q/A from Audience

Registration: <https://stsaiحه.regfox.com/ech-climate-solution-community-symposium>

The cost is \$10 unless you are a student. Students may attend free by entering the student code of ECH202044.

2020 The 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th ICAFS2020)**ICAFS2020, October 28-30, 2020, Istanbul Turkey**<https://icafs.apaset.org/>

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to participate in The 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th ICAFS 2020) to be held in Istanbul, Turkey during October 28–30, 2020. For more details, please visit <https://icafs.apaset.org/>

Organizers: The conference is organized by Asia–Pacific Association of Science Engineering and Technology; Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Institute, in cooperation with multiple academic affiliations.

Topics & Themes: It has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of agricultural and food science. A focus will be given on: 1. Agriculture & Plant Biotechnology, Medicinal Plants; 2. Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary and Livestock Science; 3. Aquiculture, Fishery and Marine Biotechnology; 4. Soil & Environmental Science and Microbiology; 5. Food Science and Nutrition; 6. Agriculture Sustainable, Resources & Environment; 7. Related Agricultural Engineering, Economic & Management, etc.

Program & Event: The full conference days will last for two days. After the conference, there will be an academic visit to local institutions.

Previous: Previous ICAFS were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2019), Istanbul, Turkey (2018) and Lahore, Pakistan (2017).

Venue: Istanbul, historically known as Constantinople and Byzantium, is the most populous city in Turkey and the country's economic, cultural, and historic center.

We look forward to an exciting meeting that promises great scientific debate and enjoyable interaction in Istanbul, Turkey. Please kindly help to bring this notice to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the conference ([Download Flyer](#), [Registration Form](#)).

Abstract Submission Deadline: August 25, 2020

With best regards,

ICAFS2020 Secretariat, on behalf of the
Organizing Committee of ICAFS

Istanbul, Turkey

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Mid-Florida Research and Education Center, University of Florida (Posted: 06/29/2020)
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University of Wyoming, Economics Department (Posted: 06/22/2020)
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AScheetz@aaea.org [View all Press Releases HERE](#)

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

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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.