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# **AAEA News**

# **Mobile App**

First, download Whova from your app store then search for "AAEA 2025."

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# App highlights:

- View full schedule of sessions
- · Personalize your agenda
- Receive #AAEA2025 notifications on events
- · Connect with other attendees and speakers

Don't have a smart phone? No problem! You can print a PDF of the program and view the entire schedule on our

website: <a href="https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2025-aaea-annual-meeting/schedule">https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2025-aaea-annual-meeting/schedule</a>



# Advance Registration Deadline - July 18

Advanced registration ends July 18, 2025. Beginning on July 19, registration prices will increase

and online registration will close. Registration will then be available in person at the AAEA registration desk in Denver.

You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while registering for the annual meeting or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Register online or Print a PDF



#### **Advanced** On-site (June 1 - July 18) (July 19 or after) Member Non-member Member Non-member \$140 **Graduate Student** \$335 \$180 \$380 Professional/Regular \$720 \$795 \$560 \$635 Senior (65+) \$450 \$580 \$525 \$655 Guest\* \$75 \$75

\*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).

#### **CANCELLATIONS:**

Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After July 3, 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: <a href="www.aaea.org">www.aaea.org</a>. If AAEA cancels the meeting, any paid meeting registration fees will be fully refunded.

#### Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct

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 <a href="here">here</a>.

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. Read the complete Meeting Agreement and Release <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **2025 AAEA Business Meeting**

Date; Monday, July 28th Time: 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Location: Sheraton Denver Downtown

Room: Plaza Court ABC



AAEA's Annual Business Meeting will be held during the annual meeting in Denver, CO on Monday, July 28 in the Plaza Court ABC at the Sheraton Denver Downtown.

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 Denver.

# **2025 Plenary Sessions**

# Sheraton Denver Downtown Plaza Court ABC

July 27	
Gordon Rausser Keynote Address	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
July 28	
AAEA Business Meeting	8:00 am – 8:30 am
Presidential Address	8:30 am – 9:30 am
Academic Bowl Finals	5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
AAEA Awards, Fellows, Appreciation Club Recognition Ceremony	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
July 29	
Fellows Address	8:30 am – 9:30 am
Galbraith Forum	11:45 am - 12:45 pm

# **Registration Desk Hours**



# On-site Registration & Badge Pick-up

Location: Concourse Level (by escalators)

Saturday, July 26: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sunday, July 27: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm Monday, July 28: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday, July 29: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

# **Transportation from Denver International Airport**

At a cost of \$10 each way, travelers can use the A Line to get from the airport to downtown Denver and vice versa, courtesy of the Regional Transportation District (RTD), metro Denver's public transit provider.



The A Line, which opened on April 22, 2016, whisks travelers to the heart of downtown, specifically <u>Denver Union Station</u>. From Union Station, travelers can access additional local and regional transportation services, such as light rail, regional and local buses, Amtrak rail service, taxis and the free 16th Street Mall shuttle (MallRide) and free downtown MetroRide buses that provide access to most downtown hotels. Learn more here: https://www.denver.org/about-denver/transportation/denver-airport-rail/

# 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Workshops

Registering ahead of time for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops is required before the annual meeting. You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while registering for the annual meeting or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.



Pre-Conference Workshops Saturday, July 26, 2025

(PC11) BEER Section Craft Industry Tour

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

(Note: will depart Sheraton at 11:45 am) light lunch included in tour

Limited space available

(PC13) AAEA Teaching Academy

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

(PC14) Leadership Development for Agricultural and Applied Economics

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

(PC15) The New Economics of Food Security and Nutrition

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

Post-Conference Workshops Wednesday, July 30, 2025

(PC52) Honoring the Career and Contributions of Richard E. Just

8:00 am - 5:30 pm Limited space available

(PC53) Reducing the Labor of Beginning Agricultural Labor Economics Research: An Introduction to the AAEA Labor Economics Section

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

# **Working with the Media**



AAEA members are invited to attend an interactive session on engaging with the media. Journalists will share how and when they incorporate expert perspectives into their stories, helping researchers better understand the media process. Participants will also hear from AAEA members who have experience serving as expert sources and can offer practical advice on preparing for interviews.

If you are interested in communicating your research to broader audiences or learning more about how media engagement works, this session will provide useful guidance and examples.

# **Session Information**

Monday, July 28, 2025 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Room: Governors Square 12

#### **MODERATOR:**



Lauren Chenarides, Colorado State University

# **AAEA MEMBER PANELISTS:**

# **COLORADO REPORTER PANELISTS:**



Joe Balagtas, Purdue University



Rae Solomon, NPR Radio



Brittney Goodrich, University of Illinois



Tracy Ross, Colorado Sun

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Ware, Senior Communications & Membership Manager for AAEA at aware@aaea.org.

# Mentorship and Health & Wellbeing Meet-up

Please join us at the Mentorship and Health & Wellbeing Meet-up during the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver.

Sunday, July 27 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel - Governors Square 12

To view any of the sessions at the 2025 AAEA Annual Meeting, be sure to download the AAEA mobile app by first, downloading Whova from your app store then search for "AAEA 2025."

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The official program can also be downloaded from our <u>annual meeting website</u> by visiting the Schedule page on our website and clicking the printer icon at the top.

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#### 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Ticketed Luncheons

Monday, July 28, 2025 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Additional details on speaker coming soon



- COSBAE, CWAE and Africa Sections Speaker Series and Luncheon
- Extension Section Speaker Series and Luncheon



# 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Employment Services

The AAEA Employment Services (formerly known as Employment Center) connects employers and applicants both electronically and in person. Details below show the ways that both can participate and make the most of their time at the Employment Services.

Employment Services Hours: Monday, July 28, 2025 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Register Here

# **Employers**

Employers may register for the Employment Services, which takes place on Monday, July 28, 2025.

# **Employment Services registration (FREE) includes:**

- One table at the on-site Employment Services
- Unlimited job postings on the AAEA job board through the end of the 2025 Annual Meeting

Employers who are at the meeting only to participate in the Employment Services do not have to be registered for the Annual Meeting. If you plan to participate in other meeting activities, then you must also be registered for the Annual Meeting.

#### Registered Employers:

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Utah State University

- · University of Queensland, Australia
- University of Tennessee
- University of Minnesota
- University of Kentucky
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

# **Applicants**

Applicant registration is **FREE**. Interested candidates should sign up for the Employment Services through the <u>AAEA Job Board</u>. Job seekers will be able to register for the Employment Services while on-site at the annual meeting; however, we recommend registering in advance and scheduling interviews prior to arriving in Denver, Colorado. **Applicants must be registered for the Annual Meeting** in order to participate in the Employment Services.

# **Scheduling Interviews**

Applicants and employers are responsible for scheduling their own interviews. To make the most of your time in Denver, Colorado we strongly recommend that interviews be scheduled in advance of arriving at the meeting; however, scheduling interviews on-site is certainly allowed.

If you have any questions regarding the Employment Services please contact Jessica Weister (jweister@aaea.org).

# **Outstanding Poster Aware sponsored by the International Section**

The AAEA International Section seeks to recognize an outstanding poster presented at the 2025 AAEA Annual Meeting focused on international research, i.e., studies addressing international issues in economics, development and environmental aspects, whose results and lessons can be transmitted or disseminated to an audience beyond one country.

The nomination package should include:

- A cover letter, with a short-narrative of 150 words—not including salutations or signature.
- A copy of the research poster
- The acceptance email that corroborates the research poster is accepted at the 2025 AAEA annual meeting.

#### Eligibility and rules:

- Main author must be a member of the INTL section.
- The applicant can only be the main author in one poster. Nominations for the awards are open to both singleand multi-coauthored selected papers and posters.
- The deadline to submit nominations is Monday July 14, 2025, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time.
- Nominations must be submitted to the INTL Past Chair (Dr. Luis Peña-Lévano, with email <a href="mailto:lpenalevano@ucdavis.edu">lpenalevano@ucdavis.edu</a>) in only one-document as a PDF format.

Winners will be recognized during the INTL Section Business Meeting at the 2025 AAEA Annual Conference.

#### **Virtual Track Sessions**

AAEA will be hosting a few Track Sessions virtually either before or after the annual meeting. Please visit the <u>Virtual Track Sessions</u> page on the AAEA website for more details.

- Applying AI in the Classroom (8/1)
- <u>Economic and Sustainability Dimensions of Global Agri-Food Value Chains: Insights and Innovations</u>
   (6/27 Passed) Available on the AAEA YouTube Channel:
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5Exbzp3tow
- Exploring the Future of Florida Citrus: Assessing the Viability of OTC as a Solution
- Implications of climate change in smallholder agricultural systems: Adaptation, mitigation, and impacts on rural livelihoods (8/22)
- Improving Sustainable Agriculture and Ecosystem Management in Developing Countries (7/11)
- Increasing Improved Seed Adoption in the Global South (7/11)
- Innovations and Economics of Specialty Crop Production: From Farm to Market (7/24)
- Perspectives of Agricultural Development in Latin America (8/19)
- Writing and using Teaching Case Studies 8/20

# **Choices Magazine: Article(s) Highlight**

Is Climate Change a Driver of Food Price Inflation?

Matthew Gammans and K. Aleks Schaefer

We consider the role that recent climate change plays in rising food prices. We survey the academic literature to assess how climate change may affect costs throughout the food supply chain. Our back-of-the-envelope calculations imply that climate change has played little role in recent food price inflation.

Interested in publishing in Choices? Submit your Individual, Theme, or Data Visualizations here.

# Government Relations & Washington Update

# **July 2025**

# Congress Passes Budget Reconciliation Package, Includes Some Farm Bill Programs

On July 1st, the Senate passed its version of the "One Big Beautiful Bill" budget reconciliation package. Vice President JD Vance was needed to break a 50–50 tie to ultimately secure passage. The House approved the Senate-passed version on July 3rd by a vote of 218–214 paving the way for President Trump's signature on July 4th. Due to Senate parliamentary rules, several changes were required in the Senate to allow the bill to pass by a simple majority. The final package includes mandatory funding for a wide array of agriculture programs traditionally found in Farm Bill legislation ranging from commodity programs to conservation and nutrition. The legislation also includes funding for several agricultural research programs. Most notably it provides \$125 million per year to fund the Research Facilities Act to help address research infrastructure needs. This program

will be administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and it is expected that there will be a competitive process announced in the coming months for the program.

Below is a summary of research provisions included in the agricultural portion of the budget reconciliation

nackage:

PROGRAM	FUNDING
Research Facilities	\$125 million/year
1890s Scholarships	\$60 million (one-time)
Specialty Crops Research Initiative	\$80 million in 2025 \$175 million in subsequent years
Assistive Technology Program	\$8 million (one-time)
Urban/Indoor Ag Research	\$2 million/year 2025-2031

Below are links to additional information about the agriculture provisions in the bill:

<u>Legislative text</u> <u>Section-by-section</u>

One-pager

# House Agriculture Appropriations Committee Approves FY 2026 Appropriations

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the House Appropriations Committee approved its version of FY 2026 agriculture appropriations by at vote of 35–27. The House bill provides a total discretionary allocation of \$25.523 billion, which is \$1.163 billion (4.2%) below the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted level. The House bill does not follow the Administration's request for major cuts to USDA research, education and economics programs. While there are some reductions to USDA REE agencies/programs, they are not to the magnitude proposed in the President's Budget.

Below is a table comparing the FY 25, FY 26 President's Budget and FY 26 House appropriations levels:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	FY 25 FINAL	FY26 President	FY26 House
Hatch	\$265 million	\$0	\$265 million
Smith Lever	\$325 million	\$175 million	\$325 million
AFRI	\$445 million	\$405 million	\$445 million
Research Facilities Act	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million
ARS Salaries	\$1.788 billion	\$1.756 million	\$1.793 billion
ARS Buildings	\$57.1 million	\$0	\$21 million
ERS	\$90.6 million	\$98 million	\$85.6 million
NASS	\$187.5 million	\$196 million	\$187.5 million
Office of Chief Economist	\$31 million	\$20 million	\$28 million

The next step in the process will be consideration by the full House. The Senate Appropriations Committee has scheduled its mark-up for the FY 2026 agricultural appropriations bill on July 10th.

# ERS Releases United States and Global Macroeconomic Projections from 2024 to 2034

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Economic Research Service (ERS) released its latest global macroeconomic projects covering 2024–2034. The International Macroeconomic Data Set provides historical and 10-year projected macroeconomic variables for 181 countries, as well as regional and income groupings, measured in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The report can be accessed <u>HERE</u>.

# Other News

# **Call for Papers**

# Risk and Risk Management in the Agricultural Economy

November 21, 2025 — Cambridge, MA

To promote research on the risks that are borne by individuals and firms in the agricultural sector, and on the tools that are available to manage these risks, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), with the support of the Economic Research Service at the US Department of Agriculture, will convene a research conference in Cambridge, MA on Friday, November 21, 2025. The conference will be organized by Barry Goodwin (North Carolina State University) and Tatyana Deryugina (University of Illinois and NBER).

The organizers will consider submissions of complete, or nearly complete, papers that will be ready to present by November 2025. They welcome empirical and theoretical research, as well as papers by scholars who are early in their careers and who are not NBER affiliates. If any members of the research team have ties to the

agricultural industry or other potential conflicts of interest, those ties should be disclosed on the first page of the submission. The program will prioritize research on the US food and farm economy.

To be considered for inclusion on the program, papers must be uploaded by midnight (EDT) on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 via the following link:

https://conference.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=AEf25

Please feel free to share this call for papers widely with any researchers who might be working on projects that are suitable for presentation.

Please do not submit papers that have been accepted for publication and will be published by November 2025, and be aware that NBER papers may not make policy recommendations or offer normative judgements on policy. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified in early September. The NBER will cover hotel and economy-class conference travel for up to two authors per paper. Questions about this conference may be addressed to confer@nber.org.

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# **Open Jobs**

- Assistant Professor of Agricultural <u>Economics (Livestock Economist)</u>
   **University of Kentucky** (Posted: 07/03/2025)
- Assistant Extension Professor of Agricultural Economics (Food and Agribusiness Entrepreneurship)
   University of Kentucky (Posted: 07/03/2025)
- NTT Assistant Teaching Professor
   Rutgers University (Posted: 07/03/2025)
- Agricultural Business Management
   University of Minnesota (Posted: 07/02/2025)

View Job Openings on the

# **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 <a href="Mailto:AWare@aaea.org">AWare@aaea.org</a>
<a href="mailto:View all Press Releases HERE">View all Press Releases HERE</a>

#### **Member in the News**

Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news? Fill out this online form or send a link of the article to Austin Sparbel at asparbel@aaea.org or info@aaea.org.

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#### **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.