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President's Column

July 2025

Denver bound.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver in just a few days. The Annual meetings are an opportunity to gather as a community, see old friends, make connections, and get excited about new ideas. We have a great lineup of plenary speakers. Johan Swinnen will be giving the Gordon Rausser Keynote Address "Transforming Food Systems in Times of Global Disorder." President–Elect Brian Roe will be presenting the Presidential Address "De Gustibus Est Disputandum: The Role of Agricultural and Applied Economists in an Era of Behavior Change Initiatives and Endogenous Preferences." This year the Fellows Address is being given by Madhu Khanna who will be presenting on the "Economics of Land-Based



Carbon Mitigation." Finally, Gordon Rausser is this year's Galbraith Forum speaker and will be reflecting on "The Curation of Smart Governments: A Personal Journey."

While for many of you this will be your n-th AAEA conference, for others this will be your first. As a committed introvert, I understand that being dropped into a crowd of 1500 people you don't know, but who all seem to know each other, can be intimidating. The AAEA has a number of initiatives to help make a set of big meetings feel smaller. There is a Mentorship and Health & Wellbeing Meet-Up on Sunday evening and the Health & Wellbeing task force has organized a "Walk & Talk" on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. I would encourage you to ask questions in sessions. Talk to the speakers after – this could be your next co-author! I'd also encourage newer members to attend their Section's business meetings. This is an opportunity to meet folks working in your area and hear about plans for next year.

As of this writing, we are on track for attendance at the meeting to be the highest for a non D.C. conference in a while. This is partially due to the fact the AAEA really rallied to provide an unprecedented level of support for members affected by recent cuts to be able to attend the meetings. This was a whole of AAEA effort. We more than doubled the amount of financial assistance provided to members in need. I want to call out the efforts of Sections to provide assistance to their members. But, it's not all good news. The number of attendees from the federal government is significantly lower than it has been in previous years. In response to events, we offered a nominal registration fee to our members affected by cuts and have been working hard to accommodate our members who have been unable to travel to the meetings. Going forward, the Board is working on initiatives to help members who have left federal service or other jobs continue to remain engaged with AAEA.

I want to remind folks that if you are attending the meeting you have agreed to the AAEA code of conduct (https://www.aaea.org/UserFiles/file/AAEAAntiHarrassmentCodeofConductPolicy-FINAL.pdf). I want to remind

everyone about the AAEA Lockbox (https://www.aaea.org/lockbox/). The AAEA Code of Conduct Reporting Lockbox is a secure portal for reporting any violations of the code of conduct at the meetings. Incidents reported via the AAEA Lockbox are reviewed by AAEA's outside legal counsel and submitted to AAEA's Executive Director for processing.

Finally, as this is my last column as AAEA President, I want to thank the membership for all the support over the last year. The AAEA has always been my professional home and being trusted by my peers to serve in a leadership role has been an honor. It was a tumultuous year, but I think the AAEA has come through it with a clear sense of purpose and mission. We have taken difficult steps to make sure the AAEA remains in good financial shape for the foreseeable future. I want to wish Brian and Titus success as they step up as President and President-Elect respectively.

Tim Beatty

AAEA President

AAFA News

Mobile App

Attendees of the AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting will want to access all of the meeting details and information included in the meeting app. Download Whova from your app store then search for "AAEA 2025." Please note that there is no "invitation code" for the app. The email address that you registered for the Annual Meeting will be your access into the app.

*This is the same app as last year with a new event. If you already have Whova downloaded please be sure to change the event by clicking on "Switch Event" on the top right on the Home tab.

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: https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2025-aaea-annual-meeting/schedule





All Registrations can only be taken in-person on site

Registration will be available in person at the AAEA registration desk in Denver.

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

	On-site Registration	
	Member	Non-member
Graduate Student	\$180	\$380
Professional/Regular	\$635	\$795
Senior (65+)	\$525	\$655
Guest*	\$75	`

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.

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: www.aaea.org. 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 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. Read the complete Meeting Agreement and Release here.

2025 AAEA Business Meeting

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

Location: Sheraton Denver Downtown

Room: Plaza Court ABC

JOINT ANNUAL MEETING DENVER, CO • JULY 27-29, 2025

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'l	ll join us	in Denver.	
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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		

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 by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.



Pre-Conference Workshops Saturday, July 26, 2025

(PC11) BEER Section Craft Industry Tour - SOLD OUT

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 - SOLD OUT

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 from 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or 414-918-3190.

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Ticketed Luncheons

Monday, July 28, 2025

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

- 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, 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).

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)
- Economic and Sustainability Dimensions of Global Agri-Food Value Chains: Insights and Innovations (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 (Date Coming Soon)
- Improving Sustainable Agriculture and Ecosystem Management in Developing Countries (7/11 Passed)

 Available on the AAEA YouTube Channel: https://youtu.be/WcPvpHodOQoIncreasing Improved Seed

 Adoption in the Global South (7/11 Passed) Available on the AAEA YouTube Channel:

 https://youtu.be/zhyjVeGpL54
- 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
- Implications of climate change in smallholder agricultural systems: Adaptation, mitigation, and impacts on rural livelihoods (8/22)
- <u>Building Analytical and Global Competencies through a Multicultural Experiential Learning Program in Puerto Rico</u> (Date Coming Soon)

Call for Applications: AAEA/AARES Heading South Award

AARES-AAEA Young Professionals Exchange Programme

We are pleased to announce that applications are open for the joint AARES and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust travel award. This award will support one AAEA or AARES member, normally residing in North America, in attending the AARES Annual Conference in February 2026.

AARES will provide a grant of US\$1,500 to substantially cover the costs of conference registration, attendance at the Conference Dinner and other social events, and accommodation for the duration of the conference. Additionally, AAEA will provide a further grant of US\$1,500 to substantially meet the costs of a return economy class airfare to the conference.

The purpose of this award is to offer early-career agricultural and resource economists with an opportunity for professional and personal development, and international professional and cultural exchange. We encourage members to apply for this opportunity to participate in this enriching professional event.

Applicants should submit:

- a paper for presentation at the AARES conference, for which applicants are sole or first author and which represent their original and unpublished work;
- a one-page biographical statement; and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

Due by: Entries are to be submitted electronically to office@aares.org.au and must be received by August 30, 2025. For more information, please visit: https://www.aares.org.au/awards/heading-south-award/

Choices Magazine: Article(s) Highlight

Impact of New Overtime Labor Rules on Farms and Farmworkers

Timothy A. Delbridge and Jeffrey J. Reimer

More states are requiring overtime pay in agriculture. Recent evidence for Oregon shows that overtime requirements will increase labor costs by 3%–14%, and that farm net income will fall by a relatively greater amount. Workers will work fewer hours at slightly higher average wage rates, possibly reducing total wages.

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

Other News

2025 Call for Research Reports, Updates, and Outreach Writing

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, and Outreach Writing for the 2025 Annual Conference to be held in San Diego from October 12–14, 2025. Work related to any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail to the consumer is welcome at FDRS.

Organized Symposium offers the opportunity for presentations and discussion on a single theme or problem related to the food distribution field. Interdisciplinary proposals are welcomed and encouraged. *Organized*

symposia proposals are allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes and they are expected to allocate at least 30 minutes to discussion.

Research Reports are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts. Reports will be evaluated and accepted based on one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. *Presentations of research reports are limited to 15 minutes each, with 5 minutes for Q&A.*

Research Updates are synopses of research or educational work either (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. To give an update, submit a maximum one-page description of the update. *Presentations of updates are limited to 10 minutes each, with 3 minutes for Q&A.*

Outreach Writing comprises technical communication of food industry issues that are key to Extension/Industry Outreach. These may include 'industry outlook', food supply chain, and marketing articles or content similar to AAEA's Choices Magazine, for example, geared toward non-academic audiences. Entries in this category must include a PDF copy of the actual article or printout from an online source and the submission form. Authors will have 15 minutes to present a summary of the article's key points and how it was used in outreach/extension efforts, with 5 minutes for Q&A.

Teaching Case Studies are scholarly papers that feature a firm or industry addressing an issue relevant to classroom discussion. Case studies can be developed using either primary or secondary research data. Submissions will be evaluated based on a one-page, single-spaced, extended abstract describing the firm/industry, the main issue(s) of the case or decision to be made, why the case is important for teaching purposes, and the learning objectives. **Presentations of teaching case studies are limited to 15 minutes each, with 5 minutes for Q&A.**

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST USE THIS SUBMISSION FORM

Email submissions, questions, and/or general inquiries about this call to Dr. Maria Bampasidou, Research VP, at <u>FDRSVPResearch@gmail.com</u> by July 20, 2025. Authors will be notified of acceptance by early August. All presenters must be registered for the conference.

Venue: Paradise Point Resort & Spa Venue Phone: (858) 240-4913

Venue Website: https://paradisepoint.com

Address:

1404 Vacation Rd, San Diego, California, 92109, United States

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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- AJAE Advance Access
- AEPP Advance Access
- Applied Economic Teaching Resources
- JAAEA Open Access Journal

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or

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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 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? Fill out this online form or send a link of the article to Austin Sparbel at asparbel@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.