

AAEA News

2024 AAEA Elections Are Now Open

The AAEA elections will end on **May 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm CDT**. Please log into the My Account section to access the ballot: <https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/2024Elections> If you have any questions or trouble accessing the online ballot, please contact the AAEA Office at (414) 918-3190 or at Info@aaea.org.

2024 AAEA Executive Board Election Candidates

President-Elect

[*Carola Grebitus, Arizona State University*](#)

[*Brian Roe, The Ohio State University*](#)

Director

[*Jane Kolodinsky, University of Vermont*](#)

[*Sarah Low, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*](#)

[*Tim Richards, Arizona State University*](#)

[*Junjie Wu, North Carolina State University*](#)

Section Elections

The AAEA Section elections are also taking place concurrently with the Executive Board election. You will be able to complete the Executive Board and Section elections all in one place. Section members will be directed to the Section ballots for which they are eligible to vote upon submitting the Executive Board ballot.

President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees – Deadline is TOMORROW

Members interested in shaping the future of the AAEA can play an essential role by serving on an association committee. Committee service also offers an excellent opportunity for developing contacts and increasing professional networking.

Beatty will make appointments to the following 2024-2025 committees in June 2024:

- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Communications
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- Membership
- Mentoring
- Nominating
- Selected Presentations
- T.W. Schultz Lecture



For information about these committees and a list of their current members, please visit <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/aaea-committees>.

Any AAEA member interested and willing to serve on a committee should contact Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 by **May 3, 2024**.

2024 AAEA Accept/Reject Notifications

Notifications for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting were sent on March 26. Please check your email (and spam/junk folders) or log into the [abstract management system](#) to view your standing.

Presenter Requirements by May 15, 2024

In order to participate in the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting, presenters **MUST** meet three requirements:

1. Be a [2024 AAEA member](#)
2. [Register for the 2024 annual meeting](#)
3. Upload PDF of finished paper (or poster if presenting a poster) to AAEA submission site using these [instructions](#).

****If your institution will be registering you for the Annual Meeting or renewing your membership it is your responsibility to ensure that they have done so prior to the May 15 deadline.**

Presentations are subject to withdrawal from the program if requirements are not completed by **May 15 at 11:59 pm CST**. If you would like to withdraw your paper, you must notify the AAEA business office of your intentions at (414) 918-3190 or info@aaea.org.

2024 AAEA Selected Presentation & Track Session Schedules

Schedules for Selected Presentations and Track sessions were sent out on April 24 & 25. Please check your email (and spam/junk folders). If you have not received an email please reach out to info@aaea.org to obtain your schedule information. Please note, emails were *only* sent to those listed as the presenter on your presentation.

New in 2024 all posters will be displayed Sunday through Tuesday. Posters must be removed by 4:30 pm on Tuesday. Poster presentations will take place on Monday during the poster reception from 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm.

2024 AAEA Annual Meeting Information

- NOLA Tourism: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/registration-travel/nola-tourism>
- Undergraduate Recruitment Fair: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/about/undergraduate-recruitment-fair>
- Employment Center: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/about/employment-center>
- Committee & Journal Meeting: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/events/meetings/committee--journal-meetings>
- Section Business Meetings & Events: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/events/meetings/section-business-meetings--events>

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 28

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Meetings • Committee & Journal Meetings • Employment Center • Gordon Rausser Keynote Address (Aaron Clauset) • Welcome Reception • Reunions & Receptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Times • Various Times • 9:30 am – 5:00 pm • 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm • Immediately following Gordon Rausser Keynote Address • 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm |
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Monday, July 29

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAEA Business Meeting • Undergraduate Recruitment Fair • Presidential Address (Timothy Beatty) • Employment Center • Concurrent Sessions #1 • Luncheons (Pre-ticketed Event) • Concurrent Sessions #2 • Concurrent Sessions #3 • Poster Reception • FAMPS Poster Competition • Academic Bowl Finals • AAEA Awards & Fellows Recognition Ceremony & Appreciation Club Ceremony • Reunions & Receptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am – 8:30 am • 8:00 am – 4:00 pm • 8:30 am – 9:30 am • 9:30 am – 5:00 pm • 10:00 am – 11:30 am • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm • 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm • 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm • 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm • 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm • 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm • 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm • 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm |
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Tuesday, July 30

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellows Address (Bruce McCarl) • Concurrent Sessions #4 • Galbraith Forum (Catherine Wolfram) • Concurrent Session #5 • Concurrent Session #6 • Concurrent Session #7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 am – 9:30 am • 10:00 am – 11:30 am • 11:45 am – 12:45 pm (**NEW TIME**) • 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm • 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm • 4:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
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The 2024 AAEA Room Block is OPEN

[New Orleans Marriott](#)

555 Canal Street
 New Orleans, LA 70130
 (504) 581-1000

Guest Rooms for Single/Double \$179 per room per night

Taxes are a total of 16.2% (9.45% State Tax, 5% Federal Tax, and 1.75% Tourism Tax) plus a \$3 per night occupancy fee.

Please reserve your room using the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50476455>

Cut-off Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 or when sold out.

Please note that all annual meeting sessions and the majority of activities will take place at the Marriott.

Register Now for the 2024 AAEA 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.



	Early Bird (on or before May 31)		Advanced (June 1-July 18)		On-site (July 19 and after)	
	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member
Graduate Student	\$105	\$300	\$140	\$335	\$180	\$380
Professional	\$475	\$650	\$560	\$720	\$635	\$795
Senior	\$365	\$505	\$450	\$580	\$525	\$655
Guest	\$75		\$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).*

**Cancellation: Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After July 5, 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.*

Accepted Presenters must register for the Annual Meeting by May 15, 2024

2024 AAEA Travel Grants

These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, July 28 – 30, 2024. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel.

The AAEA Trust is accepting applications for Travel Grants to the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

[International Travel Grant Applications](#)

[Domestic Travel Grant Applications](#)

Preview of AAEA 2024 Annual Meeting Workshops & Luncheons

Pre-registration for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops and Luncheons are 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 27, 2024

[BEER Section Craft Industry Tour \(PC11\)](#)

\$100

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

(Note: will depart Marriott at 12:00 pm)

Light lunch included in tour

Limited space available

[COSBAE Section Historical Plantation Tour \(PC12\)](#)

\$115

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Bus will depart Marriott at 8:00 am; meet at 7:45 am in lobby

Light lunch included

Limited space available

[Demystifying Institutional Employment Opportunities for Economists \(PC13\)](#)

\$30

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

New Orleans Marriott

AAEA Student Member Waivers available **Accepting applications, apply today**

deadline to apply April 29th Application is available [here](#).

[Engaging Industry and Academia on Agribusiness Research Topics and a Tour of a Grain Export Terminal \(PC14\)](#)

\$25

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tour and pre-conference workshop

New Orleans Marriott

[AAEA Teaching Academy \(PC15\)](#)

Students & ECP \$25; General \$55

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

Lunch included

Read more at the AETR Teaching Resource [webpage](#)

~~Transformative Trends in U.S. Agriculture: Unraveling the Dynamic Competitive Landscape (PC16)~~

This workshop has been cancelled.

Post-Conference Workshops

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

[Extension Section Agricultural Tour \(PC51\)](#)

\$100

Additional details coming soon

[Post-Conference Workshop on Food Prices and Forecasting Sponsored by ERS \(PC52\)](#)

Note: 2-day workshop

Wednesday, July 31 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm;

Thursday, August 1 from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

New Orleans Marriott

Students & ECP \$25; General \$55

AAEA Student Member Travel Grant Available up to \$1,000 Deadline to apply is May 19th

Complete this [application form](#) by May 19th (20 travel grants available – Restricted to AAEA Graduate Student Members and Early Career Professional Members)

[Workshop on NIFA's Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities Awarded Projects \(PC53\)](#)

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

\$35

[Speaker Luncheons Preview](#)

Luncheons are a ticketed event and will occur on Monday, July 29th. Additional details available [here](#)

Extension Section Lecture & Luncheon (SP31)

Monday, July 29th

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

\$74

COSBAE and Africa Section Speaker Series & Luncheon (SP32)

Monday, July 29th

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

\$74

[Announcing 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting – Invited Paper Sessions](#)

- Innovations in Characterizing Rural Economic Activity
Session #3757
- New Developments in Assessing Global Food Security
Session #3758
- Leveraging multiple-data sources and methods to better inform food policies and market strategies
Session #3759

- When Efficiency Matters: Incentivizing Right Agent, Right Behavior, and Right Compensation to Improve Conservation Outcomes
Session #3790
 - Burning Issues in Agricultural Trade Policy
Session #3798
 - Case Studies – Paper Session
Session #3897
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Announcing 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting – Organized Symposia Sessions

- Challenges and Solutions in Measuring Household Food Loss and Waste for Use in Policy Analysis
Session #3765
 - Reflecting on Key Dimensions of the Interdisciplinary Research Process
Session #3767
 - Teaching new and existing courses for students from other fields
Session #3777
 - Learning about various transitioning opportunities from the academic to the professional environment
Session #3780
 - Tales from the Dark Side: Insights for Ag and Applied Economists from Administrators
Session #3781
 - Applying for USDA–NIFA Funding for the Area of Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities
Session #3782
 - Best Practices for Furthering Innovation and Capturing the Benefits of the Bioeconomy
Session #3783
 - Overcoming Challenges and Constraints to Growth in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, and Related Programs at 1890 Land–grant Institutions
Session #3784
 - Examination of Agricultural Labor Policy Options
Session #3785
 - The State of Academic Profession of Agricultural & Applied Economics
Session #3789
 - Strategies for Health & Wellbeing in Agricultural Economics
Session #3795
 - Empowering EU Consumers for the Green Transition
Session #3983
 - Nutrition, Inequality, Gender, and Food Security
Session #3800
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Announcing the 2024 Extension Competition for Graduate Students at the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides an opportunity to develop and/or get feedback on programs that communicate research and practical information to Extension (usually non–economist) audiences. Entries can be based upon graduate student research for a thesis, dissertation, or other academic work. The competition is sponsored by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

[Read more >>](#)

Undergraduate Student Section 2024 Competitions

- The Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- Student Paper Competition
- Outstanding Paper Competition
- Creative Club Competition

Read more about each competition here: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>

Register for the 2024 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 29 at 8:00 am – 2:00 pm followed by The Finals at 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm prior to the Awards Ceremony at the [2024 AAEA Annual Meeting](#).

[Read more >>>](#)

New for 2024 FAMPS Section Poster Competition

Read more here: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/famps/aaea-annual-meeting>

Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Tim Beatty is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, January 3–5, 2025.

The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. The AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees, including sessions jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations.

A subcommittee of the AAEA Board will review all proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that

- 1) Cover issues of national and international importance,
- 2) Expand capabilities and tools for economic research,
- 3) Promise a high-quality collection of papers suitable for publication.

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceedings issue of the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. Authors will be contacted by the *AEPP* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction.

Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting.

Please send proposals by **May 22, 2024**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org.

NARSC at ASSA/AEA Meetings

January 3–5, 2025,
San Francisco, CA

Drs. Sandy Dall'erba (University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign) and Dawn Thilmany (Colorado State University) are inviting submissions for the 2025 NARSC session at the AEA meeting (American Economic Association). The AEA meeting is one of the world's largest meetings for Economists and in 2025 it will take place in San Francisco, CA: <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/future-annual-meetings>

The theme of the 2025 NARSC–AEA session will be “Preparing today's agrifood supply chain to the challenges of tomorrow”. All sectors, issues, techniques and applications related to this theme are welcome.

If interested, please submit your paper or long abstract (1–2 pages) including authors' name, affiliation and contact information to Sandy Dall'erba at dallerba@illinois.edu by May 10, 2025.

There is no fee for submission. A fee is to be paid to AEA once your paper is selected.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 NARSC –AEA session!

With best regards,

Sandy Dall'erba and Dawn Thilmany

Call for Papers:

Special Issue: Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics Use in the Classroom and Academy

Deadline: June 30, 2024

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education in the classroom and across the academy. Submissions of case studies, teaching and extension scholarship and research, educational innovations and methods, extension education innovations and methods, and commentaries about use of artificial intelligence, including use of large language models (LLMs) and platforms, such as ChatGPT, Bing AI, Bard, amongst other, and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education, extension education, and other learning venues in institutions of higher learning. This special issue is open to a wide array of topics related to artificial intelligence and data analytics across the agricultural and applied economics and agribusiness and management economics disciplines. Topics may include but are not limited to innovative use of AI and data analytics in the classroom; innovative data analytic teaching modules and teaching case studies; teaching case studies about the impact of AI on agriculture, the agricultural industry and society; ethical and academic concerning the use of AI in the academy; assessments of AI for different learning outcomes and tasks; and use of AI and data analytics in extension education programming.

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu) by **June 30, 2024**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR at www.aetrjournal.org. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/contribute/submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Call for Papers

Special Issue: Designing Agribusiness Education for Changing Student Demographics and Employer Needs

Deadline: June 30, 2024

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts related to agribusiness education and curriculum. Agribusiness programs are simultaneously grappling with changing student demographics and evolving employer needs. Continued consolidation across all agricultural sectors means that fewer students are growing up on farms and ranches than in previous generations. Additionally, automation and technological change are rapidly transforming agricultural supply chains. This change has contributed to a growing gap between the skills and knowledge sets that agribusiness programs prioritize and what employers within the food supply chain value (Johnson, Downey, and Holcomb, 2023). Agribusiness programs must both broaden their appeal to students without an agricultural background and adapt curriculum to ensure students are given the tools they need to thrive after graduation. Programs that achieve these objectives will help empower the next generation of problem solvers to grapple with increasingly intricate challenges within the food value chain. Departments that cannot meet these objectives may experience decreased enrollment and struggle to place graduates.

We are seeking submissions that address the following concerns:

- **General Decline in College Students Nationally and Changing Backgrounds:** Agribusiness programs face enrollment challenges from two fronts. First, declines in the population that is college age, along with growing skepticism of higher education from the public, will shrink the pool of students attending a university at the national level. Second, fewer students are growing up on farms and ranches each year, which shrinks the pool of students that traditionally formed the cornerstone of agribusiness programs. To avoid declining enrollment, agribusiness programs will need to appeal to a wider demographic of students. This is likely to create challenges in instruction and require content to focus on skills, as well as agriculture specific content. Research contributions could include curriculum aimed at addressing this change or analysis aimed at measuring this change and predicting its impacts on recruitment.
- **Disparity in Defining Agribusiness Bounds:** There has been a growing discussion over the identity of agribusiness as a discipline. There are increasing employment opportunities in parts of the supply chain far from the farm gate, but agribusiness programs risk losing their core competencies if they become too general. Individual departments may have responded to this question in unique ways. Thus, having a discussion on what programs offer in their curriculum in terms of courses, electives, concentrations, experiential learning, or opportunities for learning outside of the classroom would be illuminating.

- **Generational Gaps:** Each generation grows up exposed to different social and cultural landscapes than previous generations. These changing experiences can impact the average skill and deficiency levels students within an age group have for various topics (e.g. stronger technological savvy than the previous generations but weaker communication skills on average). Discussions of necessary adjustments to the curriculum in order to leverage generational strengths and help refine generational skill gaps would benefit the future positioning of agribusiness programs. A few examples of topics within this vein include work that measures these generational changes or work that presents pedagogical contributions for addressing them in the classroom.
- **Evolving Employer Needs and Trends:** Personal characteristics and essential (or soft) skills draw top billing by the agribusiness profession when evaluating graduates for potential employment. However, the business and economic knowledge held by graduates still remains a high priority for agribusinesses. Agribusinesses have also started putting more emphasis on the lower ranked areas of technical knowledge, computer skills, and work experiences. This presents a challenge for programs on how to balance developing graduates skills and knowledge while maintaining limited credit hours. Perspectives and practices that speak to how programs can shift classes, curriculum, or teaching methods to help students to be competitive in the job market and valued by agribusiness hiring personnel would push the academy forward to meet the future challenges. Particular interest will be given to work that highlight insights from industry shareholders or provides survey results.

We expect this special issue to facilitate a discussion of innovative ideas aimed at supporting recruitment, curriculum and course development, teaching methods, and outreach to industry. By addressing these issues, agribusiness programs can ensure that graduates are well-equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st-century agricultural sector and food supply chain. This special issue would serve as a valuable resource for educators striving to shape the future of agribusiness education. Authors are encouraged to submit any type of work that fits within the four categories discussed. The special issue will have three guest co-editors Dr. Tanner McCarty (tanner.mccarty@usu.edu), Dr. Anastasia Thayer (awthaye@clemson.edu) and Dr. Aaron Johnson (ajjohnson@ksu.edu) in addition to the AETR Editor, Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu).

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Anastasia Thayer (awthaye@clemson.edu) by **June 30, 2024**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue. Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR online by December 31, 2024. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/contribute/submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Government Relations & Washington Update

May 2024

AAEA Meets with NASS Leadership to Discuss Program Changes

On April 25th, AAEA representatives met with leadership of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to discuss recently announced program changes. Among the changes are the discontinuation of the July Cattle report and the Cotton Objective Yield Survey, as well as all County Estimates for Crops and Livestock

beginning with the 2024 production year. NASS stressed that the decision to discontinue these surveys and reports was not made lightly, but was necessary, given appropriated budget levels for fiscal year 2024. In addition, NASS has [announced](#) changes for the following programs: [Citrus](#), [Field Crops](#), [Livestock](#), [Mushrooms](#), [Noncitrus Fruit and Tree Nut](#) and [Vegetables](#). In many cases, the program changes include a reduction in the number of individual states that will be reported. The non-published states will be accounted for as “Other States”. AAEA reiterated its support for NASS and the critical importance of NASS data, while sharing concerns with NASS leadership about the impacts of the survey discontinuations and program changes.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Eyes Farm Bill Action in May

House Agriculture Committee Chairman GT Thompson (R-PA) has indicated his plans to move the Farm Bill through committee by Memorial Day. Thompson has been working to identify ways to strengthen the farm safety net without redirecting funds from nutrition programs or conservation spending from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). In recent statements, Thompson has reaffirmed that the bill would not cut, decrease, or impact SNAP benefits or eligibility. He has also stated that IRA funds would stay in the Conservation Title of the Farm Bill. It is hoped that these assurances will enable bipartisan support in the committee. However, it is uncertain if Democrats will go along with changes being considered to the Commodity Credit Corporation that would enable provisions to strengthen the farm safety net. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman has already expressed some skepticism with the approach. The Senate is not expected to move on the Farm Bill until the House has acted.

ERS Publishes US and Global Macroeconomic Projections

In April, the Economic Research Service (ERS) published its [International Macroeconomic Data Set](#) that provides historical and 10-year projected macroeconomic variables for 181 countries, as well as regional and income groupings, that account for more than 99 percent of the world economy. The main macroeconomic variables include the real gross domestic product (real GDP), consumer price index (CPI), real exchange rates, and population. These indicators serve as the benchmark for the annual USDA Baseline agricultural supply and demand projections, which provide a 10-year outlook on U.S. and global agricultural variables. Additionally, these projections relay information on the overall health of international economies and provide economic analysis of the present state of the global economy.

NASS Administrator Hamer Retires

After more than 44 years with NASS, Hubert Hamer retired on March 31st. Appointed as NASS Administrator in 2016, Hamer brought experience in all aspects of the agency’s work. Before becoming Administrator, he served as Director of the Statistics Division, which produces and releases more than 400 national statistical reports each year covering the agency’s crops, livestock, economic, demographic, environmental and census programs. He also served as Executive Director of the NASS Agricultural Statistics Board and Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, as well as the Chair of the Agricultural Statistics Board from 2010–2016.

NASS’s Associate Administrator, Joseph L. Parsons, has assumed the role of Acting Administrator, and beginning May 1, Joseph J. Prusacki, NASS’s National Operations Division Director, will assume the role of Acting Associate Administrator. Parsons was named Associate Administrator in 2023, where he was responsible for oversight and coordination of agency operations and the agricultural statistics program carried out within the various organizational units in NASS. He formerly served as Chair of USDA’s Agricultural Statistics Board and director of the NASS Methodology Division.

Other News

NBER Conference on Competition in the US Agricultural Sector

To promote research on competition in the agricultural sector and the consequences of the industrial organization of this sector for consumers as well as input suppliers, the National Bureau of Economic Research, with support from the Economic Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture, will convene a research conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 12, 2024. The conference will be organized by James MacDonald (University of Maryland) and Fiona Scott Morton (Yale University and NBER).

More details on the conference may be found at this link: <https://www.nber.org/calls-papers-and-proposals/competition-us-agricultural-sector>. The deadline for submissions is September 3, 2024, and submissions should be of complete, or nearly complete, papers.

VIII Beeronomics Conference

The 2024 Beeronomics Conference will take place at University of Milan Bicocca, Italy, 19–22 June. Main panels and sessions will be held at the University of Bicocca main campus located in the heart of the city. The Conference Organising Committee, led by Christian Garavaglia, welcomes all high-quality research on the economics of beer and brewing. With a strong interest in interdisciplinary research, we are looking for submissions covering topics including:

- Trends and driving forces in local and global beer production, consumption, distribution
- Management, marketing, market structure and industrial dynamics
- Individual beer choice and health
- Policy and regulation
- Impact of beer on society and culture
- Environmental issues affecting beer and brewing
- Others: food industry and alternatives to beer

Please find the official Conference Flyer/Call for Paper attached. Additional information about abstract submission and event details can be found on the conference's webpage:

<https://beeronomics2024.unimib.it/>

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact: beeronomics2024@unimib.it. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending the conference, please pass this message on and as ever, apologies for cross-posting.

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Colorado State University (Posted: 04/25/2024)
- [Assistant Professor, Agricultural Business and Policy Extension Program](#)
University of Missouri–Columbia (Posted: 04/15/2024)
- [Research Agricultural Economist](#)
National Crop Insurance Services (Posted: 04/12/2024)
- [Research Fellow II / Senior Research Fellow I](#)
International Food Policy Research Institute (Posted: 04/12/2024)

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