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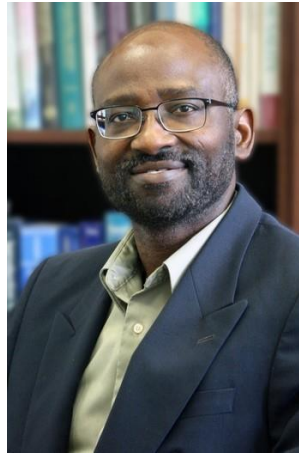
AAEA News

Announcing the 2025 Elected AAEA Board Members

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Thank you to all candidates for running!

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2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Room Block open



[Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel](#)

1550 Court Place
Denver, Colorado, USA, 80202
(303) 893-3333

AAEA Group Rate: \$229.00

Reservations must be received on
or before **Tuesday, June 24, 2025.**

Please book using the AAEA Group rate here:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50926533>

Join us at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. The fully renovated family hotel in Denver, CO offers access to some of the best attractions in downtown Denver. Experience the best shopping, dining and entertainment including RiNo, LoDo and Uptown neighborhoods. Explore effortlessly thanks to the nearby light rail station, which takes you to Coors Field, Denver Zoo or Denver Art Museum. Recharge after a full day in Denver at their luxury Denver hotel with a year-round heated rooftop pool, 5,000-square-foot Sheraton Fitness center, Topgolf Swing Suite or on-site dining at Yard House and BEZEL. The four-star hotel maximizes your time from a lobby with town-square energy to a full-service Club Lounge to more than 140,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. Work smart from a pet-friendly hotel room with free Wi-Fi and a height-adjustable desk with an ergonomic chair. Take in the spectacular views from one of the 138 suites options. Work, meet and relax at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.



2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Funding Opportunities

- The AAEA Annual Meeting is a perennial cornerstone component of the organization. We look forward to another successful meeting July 27–29, 2025 in Denver, CO at the AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. The typical slate of pre- and post-conference workshops, keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, reunions and much more are scheduled, and will again offer attendees numerous learning and networking opportunities.

Core to ongoing successful Annual Meetings is robust attendance and participation of our Members. Meanwhile, some AAEA Members have experienced significant challenges associated with lost employment in calendar year 2025. The AAEA wants to acknowledge this and invites and encourages Members who have lost employment in 2025 to log-in to the [AAEA Member Account](#) and see what support is available to partially assist in their attending this year's Annual Meeting.

- AAEA is not providing onsite childcare in Denver; however, you may apply for childcare/accessibility funds by filling out [this form](#).

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Workshops Preview

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

[Travel Grant Available](#) deadline extended to June 15th

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 FAMPS Poster Competition

FAMPS proposes to host a poster session at the 2025 Annual Meeting, similar to the one hosted at the 2024 meeting. The objective of the poster session is to provide a forum for researchers with more limited professional networks, like graduate students and beginning faculty, to be recognized for innovative and high-quality research in poster sessions. These researchers might be less likely to participate in track sessions, and thus attend the annual meeting, than researchers with stronger professionally networks. This recognition could also be helpful to some researchers at the beginning stages of their career.

The details for the poster session are the following:

- FAMPS will provide three awards:
 - Two (2) \$250 prizes for the best posters in which the lead author is a graduate student
 - One (1) \$250 prize for the best poster in which the lead author has a doctorate degree
- Requirements: The lead author for each submission must be a FAMPS member and must attend the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in-person.
- Submissions: AAEA will send notifications of accepted posters in March. Once this occurs, FAMPS will communicate in late March/early April to those with accepted posters they can participate in the FAMPS poster contest.
- Judging: FAMPS leadership will identify three researchers to judge the competition.
- Logistics: The poster competition judging will occur on Monday during the lunch break from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the poster hall. Posters accepted in the FAMPS competition will have a symbol/tag on their poster board.

The deadline to apply is **May 30, 2025**. [Apply Now](#) Visit [FAMPS webpage](#) for additional details

Undergraduate Student Section 2025 Competitions

1. The Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition

The Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences competition is a team-based competition where students show off their Excel skills in a time-limited analytical contest! Each team of up to three students entering the Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition is required to work together to develop a spreadsheet from a provided dataset and qualitative information, answer questions related to the dataset, and present findings from the case study.

2. Student Paper Competition

Undergraduate students have the opportunity to submit their paper to be part of the Student Paper Competition held each year at the AAEA Annual Meeting. Those papers submitted are judged based on the written version and an oral presentation given at the meeting.

3. Outstanding Paper Competition

This competition gives chapters of SS-AAEA the chance to be recognized for their hard work over the past year. Each chapter is judged based on the goals/objectives of the chapter, membership recruitment, and the activities of the chapter.

4. Creative Club Competition

Those chapters of SS-AAEA that have done something special over the past year can enter into this competition. The chapters will be judged based on their account of a specific idea or project that was implemented.

Registration for the SS-AAEA Competitions is now open. To explore more about each competition, click [here](#).

2025 Academic Bowl Competition

Each year, SS-AAEA sponsors an academic bowl competition for undergraduate students at the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint 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 Academic Bowl Competition will be held on Sunday, July 27 and Monday, July 28 followed by The Finals prior to the Awards Ceremony at the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#).

[Read more >>>](#)

GSS & C-FARE 2025 Policy Communications Competition

In today's market, graduate students may seek careers where they are tasked with evaluating policy issues and effectively communicating their results to policymakers and other stakeholders. Therefore, the Graduate Student Section (GSS) and Council on Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics (C-FARE) partner for the 5th Annual Policy Communications Competition. This competition provides graduate students with an opportunity to gain experience in both written and verbal policy communication.

Entries can be based on the graduate student's ongoing research. They should address a pressing, relevant policy issue relating to the 2025 Policy Communications Competition theme at the local, state, or federal levels.

Participant Eligibility

Graduate students must be a member of the GSS with a graduation date of Fall 2025 or later. They should be conducting research in agricultural economics, resource economics, regional development, or a related field.

Registration Information & Deadline

Applications should be submitted via the Qualtrics link below. Questions may be addressed to Meri Hambaryan (m.hambaryan@ufl.edu) and must include:

- A cover page containing:
 - Participant's name and contact information
 - Mentor's name and contact information
- The student's policy brief (2-page maximum).

Applications must be submitted electronically **no later than midnight CT on May 30, 2025**.

Link to Submit: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efU00RPz5oFUH0W

Awards

The top three competitors will be recognized at the AAEA Awards Ceremony and will be invited to present their work at a future C-FARE webinar (more details to come). In addition, the winner of Policy Communication will receive a plaque and a cash prize. The second and third-place competitors will receive certificates and cash awards. Cash prizes are as follows:

First place: \$300

Second place: \$200

Third place: \$100

Additional Resources

- [2025 USDA Budget Summary](#)
- [House Agriculture Committee Website](#)
- [House Agriculture Farm Bill](#)

2025 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 2025 AEM–GSS Case Study Registration Form by June 13, 2025. 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 27, 2025 coinciding with the AAEA Annual Meeting set to take place in Denver, CO. 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 13 by 5:00 pm EDT
- Case sent to team: Friday, July 13 by 5:00 pm EDT
- Case Study Competition: Sunday, July 27, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm EDT*
- Case Study Finals: Sunday, July 27, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm EDT*

** Eastern time is used for the competition as the 2025 Annual Meeting will take place in Denver, CO.*

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: \$500
- Second place: \$400
- 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 2025 and be a member of AEM or GSS.
2. Each team must complete the Case Study Registration Form (by continuing this survey: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_db65Hkl8jaTjV54) identifying their teammates and the universities they represent. The survey registration form must be completed no later than June 13, 2025 (5:00pm EDT).

Please direct any questions regarding the 2025 AEM–GSS Case Study Competition to Meri Hambaryan (m.hambaryan@ufl.edu) or Dr. Iuliia Tetteh (iproto1@ilstu.edu).

Call for Volunteers: Senior Discussant for Selected Presentations - Paper Sessions

Members wishing to get involved may volunteer for an essential role as a senior-level discussant for Selected Paper Sessions at our [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, CO, July 27–29, 2025. A discussant will be assigned to a Selected Presentation Paper Session whose topic area correlates with the discussant's expertise. The discussant would be tasked with reviewing the papers within their session, provide constructive feedback and stimulate discussion. The goal is to make these sessions more impactful and meaningful.

Some things to know about Selected Paper Sessions:

- Each AAEA Selected Paper Session is 90 minutes long and can feature up to four papers.
- Each presenter will have 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for discussion. The discussion should occur immediately following each presentation
- To help you prepare, links to the manuscripts from the authors/presenters will be provided in mid to late June.

Qualifications and Requirements to Serve as a Senior-level Discussant

- Tenured Associate or Full Professors
- Retired
- Senior Researcher at a Government or Private Organization

Schedule of Selected Presentation Paper Sessions:

Monday, July 28

- 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, July 29

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm
- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Discussants will receive their session assignment and session details in mid to late June.

Please click [here](#) to volunteer! If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

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Employment Center

The AAEA 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 Center.

Employment Center Hours:

Monday, July 28, 2025

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

Employers

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

Employment Center registration (FREE) includes:

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

Employers who are at the meeting only to participate in the Employment Center 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.

Applicants

Applicant registration is **FREE**. Interested candidates should sign up for the Employment Center through the [AAEA Job Board](#). Job seekers will be able to register for the Employment Center 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 Center.

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 Center please contact Jessica Weister (jweister@aaea.org).

Choices Magazine: Article(s) Highlight

[Pathways to Prosperity: Moving Beyond Growth to Evaluate Change in Community Well-Being](#)

Danielle Schmidt, Tessa Conroy, and Steven Deller

In this study, we go beyond economic growth to measure quality of life. We find that prosperity is a process that happens over time, varies regionally across the United States, and exists across the urban-rural continuum. Indeed, many of the most prosperous communities are the most rural.

Interested in publishing in Choices? Submit your Individual, Theme, or Data Visualizations [here](#).

Other News

EUI Florence School of Regulation:

Executive Course on the Vision for Agriculture and Food

Ensuring a Sustainable and Competitive Future for EU Agriculture

3-day Online Course

June 25–June 27

The **Vision for Agriculture and Food (EC, 2025)** sets out an ambitious roadmap for the future of farming and food in Europe, focusing on attractiveness, competitiveness, future-proofing, and connection. These priorities aim to create a resilient, innovative, and fair agri-food system capable of thriving in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

This intensive 3-day online course will explore the key strategies behind the Vision, including international trade partnerships, risk management, and regulatory simplification. Participants will engage in discussions on the economic and regulatory challenges, the role of technology in sustainability, and the impact of climate, trade, and bioeconomy policies on the agri-food sector.

Through expert insights and interactive sessions, this course will help professionals navigate the shifting regulatory landscape, assess growth opportunities, and develop strategies to enhance resilience and competitiveness in the EU's evolving agricultural framework.

Register Now: <https://apps.eui.eu/EventRegistration/Home/Login?eventId=578054>

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/confs submit/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/Associate Professor: Climate Smart Circular Bioeconomy](#)
University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign
(Posted: 05/21/2025)
- [Associate Professor of Professional Practice: Agricultural Resource Management](#)
Texas Christian University (Posted: 05/16/2025)
- [Assistant/Associate Professor in Natural Resource/Forest Economics](#)
University of Alberta (Posted: 05/15/2025)
- [Dean, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences \(CAES\)](#)
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (Posted: 05/15/2025)

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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

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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.