

## AAEA News

### **Call for Nominations AAEA President-Elect and Directors**

The AAEA Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from AAEA membership for AAEA President-Elect and two AAEA Directors, all for three-year terms beginning July 2025.

Please submit the names and affiliations of nominees to [kmcquire@aea.org](mailto:kmcquire@aea.org). Nominations must be received by **October 2, 2024**.

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### **Call for Nominations 2025 Fellows Award Nominations**

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2025 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is **Wednesday, October 2, 2024**. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and have been a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non-complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous contribution" means exceptional service over a period of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals; leadership in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; contributions to advance diversity, equity and inclusion objectives in the broader profession through for example, teaching, research collaboration, professional leadership, or outreach to, engagement with, and mentoring of individuals from underrepresented groups; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension, or teaching award. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee and AAEA Executive Committee (President-Elect, President, or Past President) may not nominate or provide support statements for nominees. Nomination packages that include support statements from a member of the Fellows Selection Committee and/or the AAEA Executive Committee will be sent back to the nominator for revisions.

Testimonial letters or vitae are not required. The total nomination package should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages using 12–point font and with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. All material must be double–spaced. Please include the name, institution, and contact information of all of the nominators within the eight–page package. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF file to Kristen McGuire at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). Please contact Kristen if you have any questions.

The 2025 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the [AAEA Fellows page](#).

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### **AAEA Trust Call for Proposals**

The AAEA Trust supports the work of agricultural and applied economists by funding programs, initiatives, activities, or other creative endeavors designed to advance the profession. Proposals are chosen to receive funding based on their ability to accomplish at least one of the following goals:

- support graduate student and early career professional development
- enhance the AAEA Annual Meeting
- broaden participation in AAEA across the year (beyond Annual meetings)
- address our strategic goal to be more inclusive through outreach to new groups
- broaden the horizons of the current membership

Funds donated to the unrestricted and student and early career professional development categories of the AAEA Trust will be used to fund proposals approved by the AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board. Proposals from AAEA Committees and Sections are encouraged. Please note that the Trust does not fund individual research projects, nor does it retroactively fund activities that have already taken place. Please contact Trust Committee Chair Rudy Nayga at [rnayga@tamu.edu](mailto:rnayga@tamu.edu) if you would like to discuss your proposal ideas before submission.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with the name of the applicant; applicant’s mailing address, e–mail, and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double–spaced pages, including the purpose (and how that aligns with the goals above), scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for the management of the project, the date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget indicating costs to be borne by the Trust and funding provided by other sources, if any. The AAEA Business Office may be a resource for budget information. Proposals are strongly encouraged to secure matching outside funds. Fund requests should remain under \$20,000.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Monday, October 14, 2024**, to ensure consideration for funding for the next year. Proposals will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Board for action at the January 2025 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Kristen McGuire via e-mail at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or Rudy.

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### **Informational Session On Trust Proposal Submissions**

AAEA will be hosting an open discussion to the AAEA membership in preparation of the October 14, 2024 deadline for Trust Proposal submissions. The purpose of this discussion is to explain the process of submitting trust proposals, overview of guidelines and eligibility, and to answer any questions that potential applicants may have. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for the AAEA Trust, we highly encourage you to join us.

**When:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Central Time)

**Zoom link:** [us06web.zoom.us/j/89868855670](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89868855670)

We look forward to seeing you there!

*The AAEA Trust Committee*

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### **Anthony Grano Fellowship Award Call for Applications**

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Fellowship Award for 2025. Two recipients will be chosen to travel for one week to Washington, DC to meet with senior staff from USDA, Congressional offices, agricultural trade associations, farm and commodity organizations, and NGO's. Meeting schedules will be personalized to reflect recipient's policy interests. Scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded.

Eligible applicants will be graduate students in either agricultural economics or economics with an agricultural emphasis in any U.S. university. Ideal candidates are academically competent, highly motivated with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formulation process.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 14, 2024**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter that expresses interest and includes applicant contact information
2. Short statement on a current agricultural policy issue of applicant's choice (maximum length--2 pages)
3. Current CV
4. A copy of university transcripts
5. Letter of support from department. Department Heads are encouraged to match the funds if their nominee is selected.

Applications should be submitted as a PDF document to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director ([kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org))

The Anthony Grano Scholarship is supported by the Anthony Grano Special Purpose Fund of the AAEA Trust. The Fund has been established to provide an opportunity for outstanding agricultural economics students to observe and learn the role of economics in developing agricultural policy. Dr. Grano had a long and productive career with USDA Economic Research Service and was passionate about resource policy analysis. He believed strongly in the policy process and, more importantly, the role of economics in guiding the process. One of his major contributions was the nurturing of young professionals as they began their careers in policy analysis. He emphasized, and demonstrated by his actions, the role of objectivity and the need for integrity in the policy process.

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### **Call for Applications**

#### **BOEHLJE AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP**

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2025 Boehlje Agribusiness Management Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to provide financial support for graduate students pursuing a PhD with an interest in agribusiness management to continue their education through the PhD in preparation for an academic career in these areas. The goal of the Fellowship is to support the education of graduate students for faculty positions in Departments of Agricultural Economics in the critical area of agribusiness management. The fellowship funding amount is \$2,500.

Applicants should submit the following by Monday, October 14, 2024:

- Description of plan of study
- Description of research interests and/or project
- Letter of support from advisor and/or Dept. Head
- Copy of University transcripts
- Current CV

Applicant Requirements:

- Be a current AAEA member
- Be a member of the AEM Section
- Participate in an AAEA Annual Meeting session or activity (example: case study competition, track session, poster presentation)

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Kristen McGuire at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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#### **Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program**

##### **Call for Applications**

The AERA along with one representative from AAEA will play a facilitating role in the selection of Indian students/young professionals to participate in the mentorship program. The offer and themes for each year will be published in one of the issues of Agricultural Economics Research Review (AERR) and recommendation of the Association shall be sent to AAEA for Award of the grant. The following criteria were agreed for screening and recommendation of the candidate(s).

- a.) The program shall be open to doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and the maximum age of the candidate should not be more than 35 years

- b.) Masters/PhD degree in agricultural economics/economics with evident contribution to agricultural economics research
- c.) The candidate should give an undertaking to publish at least one research article in a journal of national/international repute as an outcome of the mentorship work
- d.) The candidate will attend the AAEA Annual Meeting
- e.) The candidate will work with an AAEA Member mentor

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org) by **Monday, October 14, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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### **Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications**

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for early career women scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm.

At least one (1) Fellowship of up to \$2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2025 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for the awardee to work directly with the mentor on a specific project. Preference will be given to new mentoring relationships as opposed to continuing an existing one.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 14, 2024**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates of collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Current CV for nominee
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that you will work on with your mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor

## 6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire, at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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### **Call for Applications**

#### **McCorkle Scholarship Applications**

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2025 Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship. This scholarship will support applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. At least one (1) scholarship of up to \$2,000 will be awarded. Funds can be used for research related expenses, data collection, tuition and program related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment, provided the items are required of all students in the program.

Applications are due **Monday, October 14, 2024**.

Applicants should submit:

1. Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
2. Itemized budget
3. Letter of support from their major advisor; and
4. Graduate transcript.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Kristen McGuire at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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#### **Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women**

##### **Call For Applications**

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women supports a mentorship relationship between an early career woman agricultural, resource and environmental economist from low income and lower-middle income countries, and a mentor who is a member of the AAEA. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies” at: [http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low\\_income](http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income).

The purpose of the award is to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature, by fostering research collaboration between the scholar and mentor. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA ([www.aaea.org/about-aaea](http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea)), but preference will be given to topics focusing on countries that are facing food and nutrition insecurity, and/or environmental pressures.

The total amount of the award is up to USD \$5,000. Of this, up to USD \$4,500 will be allocated to the scholar and up to USD 500 to the mentor. The award to the scholar is intended to cover travel, registration, and related costs of the scholar to attend a meeting organized by the AAEA or the ICAE where both the mentor and the scholar can meet. The award may also be used to cover travel costs to the mentor’s work place. The

amount allocated to the mentor can be used for travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. The AAEA will waive registration fee for both the scholar and the mentor for the duration of the fellowship. AAEA will also waive annual membership fee for the scholar for the duration of the fellowship.

Women scholars, who are either within one year of obtaining a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field, or within five years of having completed Ph.D. and are citizens of and reside in a low income and lower-middle income country are eligible to apply. Ph.D. students studying in countries that are not considered low-income economies and lower-middle-income economies may also apply, but they must be close to completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a low-income or a lower-middle-income country by the end of 2025. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but they must be AAEA members.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Recent CV
2. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages). Applicants are advised to discuss the proposal with a prospective mentor before applying.
3. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
4. Name and details of the mentor. If the scholar has not yet decided on a mentor, they may state this and seek input from the selection committee. The selection committee will make every attempt to help identify appropriate mentors but will do so only for the selected applicants.
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor if the applicant already has a mentor.
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org) by **Monday, October 14, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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### **Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award Call For Applications**

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor.

The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar's country. The maximum fellowship grant will be \$5,000. Up to \$4,500 can be allocated for travel expenses for the scholar to visit the mentor's workplace and/or to meet with the mentor at a professional meeting. Up to \$1,500 can be allocated for mentor travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA ([www.aaea.org/about-aaea](http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea)).

Scholars should be professional economists who are citizens of and reside in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies” at: [http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low\\_income](http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income). Scholars should either have completed their terminal degree or will complete it within the year. Students studying in countries that are not considered “low-income economies” and “lower-middle-income economies” may apply, but they must be completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a “low-income” and “lower-middle-income” country by the end of 2025. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but each must be an AAEA member.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
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### **Pre- and Post-conference Workshops**

#### **Call for Proposals:**

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, CO. The deadline for proposals is **December 2**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.

Proposals should be submitted using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal Form](#) available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings>, Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include Saturday, July 26, and Wednesday, July 30).

1. Objectives of the workshop, as well as the timeliness of the subject and why the content of the workshop is relevant to AAEA members/meeting attendees
2. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.
3. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop



4. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses)
5. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speaker travel expenses, stipends, and honoraria, catering needs, administrative fees, and other income and costs. Detailed information will be needed, including any catering requests (e.g. boxed lunches, buffet, coffee breaks, etc.), so that a registration fee for the workshop can be determined
6. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop
7. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop
8. **If you are requesting funding from the AAEA Trust for the workshop, please visit [this](#) website for proposal submission details. Proposals are due Monday, October 14, 2024.**

Incomplete proposals cannot be considered. Please include as much information as needed when submitting; there is no minimum or maximum length for the proposal.

Submit proposals using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal Form](#) available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings> by December 2, 2024.

If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at [mannen@aea.org](mailto:mannen@aea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

### **Choices Magazine: Article Highlight**

#### [Challenges Facing Agritourism: How Are Producers Coping?](#)

**Cristina Connolly, Carolanne Cusack, Anita T. Morzillo, and Charles Towe**

We surveyed agritourism farmers to understand their operations, the composition of their customers, and observed impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and labor shortages. We found that farmers are working more hours due to labor shortages, but there appear to have been more positive than negative effects from COVID-19, though this differed among respondents.

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

### **Save the date for the 2024 AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop**

**What:** AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop: Supporting Scholars to Thrive in Applied Economics

**Where:** Davis, CA

**When:** December 13, 2024 (6:30 PM Pacific) to December 15, 2024 (2:00 PM Pacific)

**Who:** Open to pre-tenure or equivalent career stage applied economists with a PhD currently working in US or Canadian universities or organizations who have seven or fewer year of work experience post-PhD (not including time for parental leave, or similar)

Topics to include: Career goals and motivations; being an ethical applied economist; teaching, advising, and mentorship; Extension, outreach, and policy communication; building the field you want to see through service; generating ideas and scholarly projects; funding and carrying out scholarship; publishing and disseminating scholarship; building a mentorship network; and more!

Confirmed speakers include:

- Tim Beatty (University of California, Davis)
- Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University)
- Kristin Kiesel (University of California, Davis)
- Saweda Liverpool-Tasie (Michigan State University)
- Valerie Mueller (Arizona State University)
- Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M University)
- Zoë Plakias (Western Washington University)
- Rich Sexton (University of California, Davis)
- Norbert Wilson (Duke University)
- Wendong Zhang (Cornell University)
- David Zilberman (University of California, Berkeley)

Fees: If accepted, applicants will pay a \$100 registration fee. Most meals will be provided as part of the workshop. Transportation expenses up to \$700 and lodging expenses in the room block at the Hyatt Place UC Davis will be reimbursed after the workshop thanks to generous support from a USDA NIFA Conference Grant (Award No. 2024-67023-42164) and the AAEA Trust.

More information: Applications will be open soon! Please watch for an announcement.

This workshop is organized by the AAEA Mentorship Committee. Questions can be directed to outgoing Mentorship Committee chair and lead workshop organizer Dr. Zoë Plakias ([plakiaz@wwu.edu](mailto:plakiaz@wwu.edu)).

## **AJAE Editorship Applications**

### ***Call for Applications***

Editorship appointments for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks a diverse group of applicants at the full professor level (or equivalent) by the start of the appointment for two co-editors to be appointed to replace current co-editors Jesse Tack and Rudy Nayga for a four-year term beginning in January 2026. Each co-editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of continuing editors Nicholas Magnan and Christian Langpap will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the AJAE. Each editor should plan to dedicate up to 25 percent of his/her time to AJAE editorial duties. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editors' time and most expenses.

### Transition Timing

The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2025. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, July 27–29, 2025 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2026. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14678276>.

Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

### Applications

Applications should include:

- a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant's areas of expertise and editorial philosophy for the AJAE,
- curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work),
- statements of administrative support from the candidate's department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org) by **November 29, 2024**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

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### AERE Fall Workshop

Online via Zoom • October 24 and 24, 2024 • 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Join AERE and the [Agricultural and Applied Economics Association \(AAEA\)](#) for an engaging and insightful virtual workshop dedicated to bridging the gap between economic research and policy implementation. This two-day event is designed to provide environmental and resource economists with actionable insights and strategies for influencing policy decisions.

### Why Attend?

- **Gain Insight From Federal Experts:** Learn directly from experienced panelists representing key federal agencies about the latest research trends and policy needs.
- **Practical Tools and Strategies:** Gain practical knowledge on engaging effectively in policy conversations, securing research funding, and developing cutting-edge methodologies.
- **Collaborative Opportunities:** Identify potential collaborations and partnerships with federal agencies to enhance the relevance and impact of your research.
- **Focused Sessions on Critical Issues:** Benefit from focused discussions on emerging areas, resource allocation, methodological advancements, and inter-agency collaborations, particularly on pressing issues like water quality.

This workshop is free to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your research's policy impact and connect with key policymakers.

[Register now to secure your spot!](https://aere.memberclicks.net/2024virtualfallworkshop#!/): <https://aere.memberclicks.net/2024virtualfallworkshop#!/>

If you have a question about an upcoming AERE workshop, please contact [info@aere.org](mailto:info@aere.org). Learn more about our past Fall Workshops [here](#).

## Government Relations & Washington Update

### September 2024

#### DHS Announces Addition to STEM Designated Degree List

The Department of Homeland Security has recently released its [2024 update to the STEM Designated Degree Program List](#). According to DHS, they received 133 nominations to add new degree programs to the list, including AAEA's request to add Agricultural Business and Management (CIP 01.01) and Environmental/Natural Resource Economics (CIP code 03.0204). DHS only chose to add one program in 2024, Environmental/Natural Resource Economics (CIP code 03.0204). This addition is a direct result of AAEA's submission in the summer of 2024. AAEA is seeking feedback on DHS's decision not to include Agricultural Business and Management (CIP 01.01) in 2024 to strengthen future submissions. AAEA will continue to work through the DHS process to advocate for additions important to AAEA and its members.

#### Congress Returns to Full Agenda

Congress is slated to return to Washington from August recess on September 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be facing a full agenda and limited legislative days before key deadlines facing appropriations and the Farm Bill which both expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>. House and Senate leaders are already debating how to handle a continuing resolution to keep the government funded and avoid a shutdown. Many Democrats favor a short-term continuing resolution that runs just past the election, setting up final action on appropriations during the lame duck. Some House Republicans are pushing for a longer-term continuing resolution to provide funding into early 2025 that would avoid the crafting of an omnibus during the lame duck session. Regarding the Farm Bill, House and Senate leaders recognize that it is not realistic to complete legislation prior to expiration of current authority. While there is a possibility of action in a lame duck session after the election, it is appearing more likely that the Farm Bill will slide into 2025, necessitating another extension of the 2018 Farm Bill to avoid the impacts of a lapse in authority.

#### USDA Releases Updated Agricultural Trade Outlook

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) released its latest [Agricultural Trade Outlook](#). The report shows that the current trade imbalance in 2024 is expected to continue in 2025. Agricultural exports in 2025 are forecast to reach \$169.5 Billion, while imports are forecast at \$212.0 Billion. This represents a growing agricultural trade deficit reaching over \$40 billion next year. The decline in exports is primarily driven by lower unit values of soybeans, corn, and cotton, as well as lower volumes of beef. Highlighted projections from the report include:

- Beef exports are forecast at \$8.4 billion, down \$1.0 billion from FY 2024, as lower U.S. production reduces exportable supplies.
- Overall livestock, poultry, and dairy exports are projected at \$38.6 billion, down \$100 million from FY 2024, as the decline in beef exports is mostly offset by higher exports of pork, poultry, variety meats, and dairy products.

- Horticultural exports are projected to rise by \$1.2 billion to a record \$41.5 billion due to higher exports across all categories.
- Agricultural exports to Mexico are forecast at \$29.2 billion, down \$100 million from FY 2024.
- Mexico and Canada are projected to remain the first and second largest U.S. agricultural markets, respectively.
- Agricultural exports to China are forecast at \$24.0 billion, \$3.0 billion lower than the revised FY 2024 estimate, driven by reduced import demand, strong competition, and lower unit values of key U.S. exports.

## Other News

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### **The 69th Annual Conference of AARES**

Brisbane, Australia from 11 to 14 February 2025

The conference theme is “Grand challenges at the frontier of applied economics”.

Agricultural sectors, natural resources, urban and environmental management and society more broadly are facing a range of challenges that are linked to transitioning to a sustainable future. These challenges include identifying pathways towards decarbonisation and preserving biodiversity, ensuring food security and affordability through resilient supply chains and governing emerging technologies. The 2025 AARES conference will explore these and other challenges in the transition process including the implications for policy and research.

**Website & submission link:** <https://aares2025.net>

**Submissions close:** 20 September 2024

**For questions please contact:** [abstracts@aares2025.net](mailto:abstracts@aares2025.net)

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