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- **Session Participants** – browse session participants including presenters, moderators, panelists, and more.
- **Twitter feed** – to join the conversation, follow [@AAEA\\_Economics](#) and share your annual meeting experience using #aaea2014.
- **Friends** – meet and connect with other Annual Meeting attendees.
- **All this and much more!**

### Mobile App Demo

Our short demo will show some of the features the mobile app has to offer. View the demo video on our [annual meeting website](#).



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## AAEA News

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### Annual Meeting Registration - Advanced Rate Deadline Approaching

The last day to receive advanced registration rates for the [2014 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Minneapolis is **July 10**. All registrations after this date will be done on-site for an increased rate.

Annual Meeting registrants will receive a name badge, program, and additional registration materials when they arrive in Minneapolis. Attendees will also have access to all of the concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, the Poster Reception and Welcome Reception on Sunday night, and the Closing Reception on Tuesday night.

Tickets for luncheons and banquets are not included with the registration cost, but can be purchased separately during registration. If tickets for these events will be sold at the on-site Registration desk until the day before the event. [Register online here!](#)

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### Register for the 2014 Employment Center

Registration is now open for the 2014 Employment Center taking place July 27-29, during the [2014 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Minneapolis. The Employment Center offers a great opportunity for highly qualified candidates to connect with a number of employers during the Annual Meeting. This year's Employment Center features a simplified registration and posting process that is now integrated into the newly updated [AAEA Job Board](#). Applicant registration is **FREE**.

For more information please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Sarah Kenner](#). We hope to see you in Minneapolis!

#### ***AAEA Annual Business Meeting*** **Monday, July 28, 8:00 am-8:30 am**

AAEA's Annual Business Meeting will be held in Minneapolis on Monday, July 28 at the Hyatt Regency, Nicollet Ballroom ABC. This meeting gives members the chance to discuss issues facing the association and share your comments or concerns. Please consider attending and contributing to the conversation.

## AAEA News

**AgEcon Search Authors – Sign Up for the RePEc Author Service**

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2. Reply to the confirmation e-mail that will be sent to you shortly afterwards

Thanks to Christian Zimmerman and his colleagues at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis for maintaining this service. Please stop by our booth at the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting to ask questions or sign up.

**AgEcon Search reaches 75,000 papers**

In early June 2014 the 75,000<sup>th</sup> paper was added to AgEcon Search:

*Sharing R&D Investments in Cleaner Technologies to Mitigate Climate Change*

Abeer El-Sayed and Santiago J. Rubio, University of Valencia

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM)

<http://purl.umn.edu/172435>

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## C-FARE

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### CFARE DC Update

#### FY 2015 Senate Appropriations Bills – Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Agriculture

Senate Appropriators have not yet given up on moving the minibuss (HR 4660), which incorporates the fiscal 2015 Commerce–Justice–Science (S 2437), Transportation–HUD (S 2438) and Agriculture (S 2389) measures. The spending bills are ready for Senate floor consideration, but are under a tight timetable due to a limited number of legislative days in July. Last week, leaders struggled with gridlock related to attempts to get unanimous consent to combine the multiple measures into one legislative vehicle (minibuss). Legislators are trying to avoid a continuing resolution come Oct. 1.

#### CFTC Authorization Bill

On June 24, Chairman Frank Lucas of Oklahoma celebrated the passage of the [Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act of 2014 H.R. 4413](#) by the U.S. House of Representatives (265–144). The Senate Agriculture Committee will not vote on legislation to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for at least several more weeks, Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow said according to CQ Roll Call.

#### Congressional Quarterly's Phil Brasher Hosting Webinar on Ag. Appropriations

The Webinar will occur on July 8th @ 1PM. CQ Agriculture Blog Editor Phillip Brasher and reporter Georgina Gustin will be discussing the 2015 appropriations process and how it's playing out for agriculture and food policy. They will discuss the latest on the implementation of the farm bill and the forecast for other hot regulatory issues, including: school nutrition, the Clean Water Act, immigration policy, GMO labeling and regulation, implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act, poultry

inspection, food aid policy, and trade negotiations. Register [here](#).

#### In Other DC News

Sen. Thad Cochran defeated tea party challenger this past Tuesday. Cochran is now the ranking member on the Senate Agriculture Committee, where he has been a passionate defender of nutrition programs and southern agricultural interests. Senator Cochran would take over as chairman of Appropriations should he win re-election and Republicans take control of the Senate in November.

Chairman and CEO of Cargill Inc., Greg Page and others released a new report called '[Risky Business](#)' that highlights the economic impacts of climate change on industry. The report says that 'productivity gains in Northern-tier states from shifting agricultural patterns and crop yields will likely be offset by losses in the Midwest and South.'

The [Farm Foundation](#) and the [Noble Foundation](#) have just completed the '[Soil Renaissance Strategic Plan](#)' with input from thought leaders working in production agriculture, agribusiness, the academic community, NGOs and government agencies. The Soil Renaissance Strategic Plan outlines goals and work plans in four key areas: Measurement, Economics Research and Education.

## C-FARE

### Early Career Leaders Awardees Visited Washington, DC to Learn about Agency Programs and Speak with Congressional Offices

[The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics \(C-FARE\)](#), with support from the [Agricultural & Applied Economics Association \(AAEA\) Trust](#) was pleased to host Early Career Professionals Leadership Award recipients late last week in Washington, DC. The award recipients participated in a two-day program in Washington, DC, June 19–20, 2014. The program exposed the young leaders to federal agencies and funding opportunities. Awardees also had the opportunity to perform visits with congressional members and staff after participating in a science policy communications training. Congratulations to Drs. [David Ortega of Michigan State University](#); [Juan Sesmero from Purdue University](#); [Kelly Grogan from University of Florida](#); [Nathan Hendricks of Kansas State University](#); [Lisa Elliott, South Dakota State University](#); and [Tyler Mark of the University of Kentucky](#).

“C-FARE provides the award to outstanding professionals who have an interest in communicating the science of agricultural and applied economics. Receiving the award early in their career will allow them to enhance their ability to network and more effectively tailor their research, teaching, and outreach programs to address policy-relevant issues”, said C-FARE Vice-Chairwoman, Dr. Mary Ahearn.

All of the recipients met with congressional staff, and a few with members of Congress. Dr. Tyler Mark had the opportunity to meet Congressman Andy Barr (R KY-6) to describe his work with the agricultural sector related to the renewable fuel standard, as well as his research evaluating telematics and big data.

“It was a pleasure meeting Dr. Mark”, said Congressman Andy Barr (R KY-6). “The research that the University of Kentucky performs in agricultural economics is a key factor in understanding what risks exist for the adoption of new cropping systems and technologies. I look forward to continue working with Dr. Mark, the University of Kentucky and my Agriculture Coalition to promote Kentucky’s signature agriculture industry.”



*Dr. Tyler Mark of the University of Kentucky's Department of Agricultural Economics meets with Congressman Andy Barr (R KY-6).*

Dr. Lisa Elliott visited with Senator John Thune (R SD).



*Early Career Professional Leadership Award recipients in front of U.S. Capitol with Vice-Chairwoman, Mary Ahearn.*

## C-FARE

### *Jon Brandt Public Policy Forum on 'Big Data' Web Archive Available*

The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) hosted the 1st Annual Jon Brandt Policy Forum – “Increasing U.S. Agriculture’s Competitive Edge: How Do Public Data and Big Data Fit?” – in Washington, DC on April 29. The event was covered by agricultural press and non-profit organizations, as well as attended by congressional staff and DC stakeholders.

*C-FARE thanks the co-sponsors for their support of the inaugural event:*

*[AAEA Trust](#); [American Farm Bureau Federation](#); [United Soybean Board](#); [USDA Economic Research Service](#); [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service](#); [USDA Office of the Chief Economist](#); [North Carolina State University](#) In-kind was provided by: [Deere & Company](#); [Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.](#); [Monsanto Company](#)*

### Public Comment Opportunities

#### [C-FARE Public Comment Development for the 2017 Agricultural Census](#)

—The National Agricultural Statistics Service is now planning the content for the 2017 Agriculture Census and is accepting input. Any individual or organization may submit suggestions on questionnaire items to add or delete, as well as any other ideas concerning the Census. Comments can be submitted online at [www.agcensus.usda.gov/Contact\\_Us/Census\\_Program\\_Input\\_Form/](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Contact_Us/Census_Program_Input_Form/). Written suggestions may be mailed to: Census Content Team, Room 6451, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250. C-FARE will prepare public comments on behalf of the profession to respond to the solicitation. **Please contact C-FARE at [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org) by [Wednesday, July 9th](#) if you wish to be part of or nominate an expert to partake in the public comment drafting process.**  
NASS Deadline: Aug. 4, 2014.

### Research Funding Opportunities

#### **USDA’s Economic Research Service Invites Applications for Two Research Centers** [Competitive Grant to Establish a USDA Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Policy Research](#)

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#### [National Science Foundation Economics Program Solicitation](#)

The Economics program supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. The Economics program welcomes proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, doctoral dissertation improvement awards, conferences, workshops, symposia, experimental research, data collection and dissemination, computer equipment and other instrumentation, and research experience for undergraduates. The program places a high priority on interdisciplinary research. Investigators are encouraged to submit proposals of joint interest to the Economics Program and other NSF programs and NSF initiative areas. Find the full announcement [here](#). **Full proposal deadline: August 18, 2014**

### Research Funding Opportunities

#### Environmental Protection Agency-National Priorities Program Solicitation

#### [Systems-Based Strategies to Improve The Nation's Ability to Plan And Respond to Water Scarcity and Drought Due to Climate Change](#) The U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking applications that use a systems approach to investigate how drought, climate change, and land use practices impact the quality and availability of surface and groundwater sources nationally. EPA is also interested in research that will help communities anticipate, plan and adapt to these new climate scenarios in the future. Significant threats to our resources include increased demand, changing land uses, aging water infrastructure and climate change/variability. In facing these threats, the SSWR Program focuses on two main areas: ensuring water quality and availability, and promoting a sustainable water infrastructure. **Deadline: August 5, 2014.** For more information on NCER programs, please sign up for the updates [here](#).

**Please send opportunities to highlight to [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org). Thank you.**

## Other News & Calls

### Call for IAAE Secretary-Treasurer

Walt Armbruster plans to continue to serve as [IAAE](#) Secretary-Treasurer until the August, 2014 IAAE Board Meeting, at which he will officially resign. At that time, the Board will appoint someone to fulfill Walt's unexpired term, which ends at the conclusion of the 2015 International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE).

Any IAAE member interested in serving as Secretary-Treasurer should submit an application, including a 300-500 word statement of their perspective on future opportunities and directions for the IAAE, by **June 30, 2014** to [IAAE@execinc.com](mailto:IAAE@execinc.com). A curriculum vita should be attached. A decision to appoint a replacement for Walt will be made by the Board at its August, 2014 meeting. Subsequently, the IAAE Nominating Committee will include the appointed Secretary-Treasurer in its report to the Board on candidates for election to the Board for a three year term for vote by the members in early 2015. The Secretary-Treasurer may subsequently be nominated for successive 3-year terms.

From September 2014, Walt will continue as a consultant to IAAE through December 31, 2015 to work with the new Secretary-Treasurer to assure a smooth transition and complete follow up payments to grantees, reports to funders about grants made, and to wrap up other details associated with the 2015 ICAE.

The roles and duties of the Secretary-Treasurer are defined in the International Association of Agricultural Economists, Inc. Bylaws of 9-30-2013, Section 7.2.3:

"Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer or their designee shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the

Executive Committee in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by the law; be custodian of the corporate records; and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also have supervision through the Office of the Executive Director of all monies, securities and other valuable properties of the Corporation and shall oversee accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Corporation in books belonging to it. The Secretary/Treasurer shall ensure that all monies and other valuable effects are deposited in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such accounts and in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall check monthly the disbursements of funds of the Corporation in accordance with authority of the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall render to the President and the Board of Directors whenever requested or otherwise required, a written detailed account of the transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation, including a statement of all its assets, liabilities, and financial transactions. The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors, through the President, direct, and such other duties as usually pertain to

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the office of Secretary/Treasurer.”

In practice, the Secretary–Treasurer provides continuity as the other Board members rotate every three years; manages daily IAAE operations in collaboration with Executive Director, Inc., which maintains the membership database and the IAAE website, and provides financial services; oversees IAAE’s fiduciary responsibilities; manages official communications, contracts and memoranda of understanding with local hosts of the triennial ICAE and inter-conference symposia; coordinates funding solicitation and subsequent reporting to funders through the Fund for the ICAE to support developing country participation in the ICAE; organizes the annual IAAE Board meetings in conjunction with the President;

initiates communications to members; and manages other items requiring IAAE attention.

For further information, contact President Jo Swinnen ([Jo.Swinnen@kuleuven.be](mailto:Jo.Swinnen@kuleuven.be)) or Walt Armbruster ([walt@farmfoundation.org](mailto:walt@farmfoundation.org)).



### Call for Co-Editor for *Agricultural Economics*

In 2015, after 9 years of service, Gerald Shively will step down as co-editor of [IAAE](#)’s journal *Agricultural Economics*. Awudu Abdulai will continue to serve in that capacity through 2018. Under their leadership, the journal has risen steadily in status and number of submissions.

The IAAE Board is now seeking formal expressions from individuals who would like to join Awudu as a co-editor, to serve a 6-year term beginning in 2015. Members are invited to contact President Jo Swinnen, Co-Editors Jerry Shively and Awudu Abdulai, or Secretary–Treasurer Walt Armbruster for more information. The application should be brief. It should set out experience which illustrates qualifications for the job, highlight main areas of expertise, and provide a statement indicating editorial philosophy for *Agricultural Economics*. A

curriculum vita should be attached. Potential editors should also indicate what, if any, support they might be able to obtain from colleagues and the institution in which they work. IAAE offers a support package to the Editor, which will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Send expressions of interest to IAAE (<http://www.iaaeagecon.org/about/contact.html>) by **June 30, 2014**. Selection will be made by the IAAE Board at its August 2014 meeting, and the appointment will be effective July 1, 2015.

## Other News & Calls

### NC-1177 Annual Meeting and Call for Papers

Meeting dates for the 2014 annual meeting of the [NC-1177](#) have been set. The meeting of the NC-1177 Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition will be held **October 16–17, 2014** at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Part of the meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Agricultural Credit Committee and involve discussions of current issues in agricultural finance.

#### *Call for Papers*

#### **NC-1177 Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition**

The NC-1177 executive committee is currently seeking contributed papers for the selected paper sessions in the area of agricultural and rural finance markets. Papers that fit the committee's four research objectives are highly encouraged. The objectives are:

- Investigate capital structure, financial performance, and investment strategies of firms producing renewable energy in context of long term climate change. Implications of these findings for agriculture and rural communities will be delineated.
- Identify financial institutions and services that benefit farmers and rural communities and expand agricultural markets, promote growth and trade in developing countries.
- Examine the impact of recent fluctuations in capital and commodity markets on the financial performance, credit availability, real estate values, and capital structure of farms, agribusinesses, and lenders in urban and rural communities.
- Evaluate the management strategies,

capital needs, and policy impacting the financial performance and long-term sustainability of firms in the food and agribusiness sector.

The NC-1177 executive committee and NACC are also seeking extension oriented presentations to be presented during the joint sessions. For consideration for the joint sessions, presentations will need to address one of the following topics:

- Policy outlook
- Risk management
- Water issues
- Income and asset values
- Data issues
- Loan repayment and debt issues

For contributed papers, please submit the title, author(s), and a short one or two page abstract to Todd Kuethe [tkuethe@illinois.edu](mailto:tkuethe@illinois.edu) by **Friday, August 1, 2014**.

For further information about NC-1177 or the annual meeting, please contact a member of the executive committee: Mindy Mallory [mallorym@illinois.edu](mailto:mallorym@illinois.edu), Todd Kuethe [tkuethe@ers.usda.gov](mailto:tkuethe@ers.usda.gov), Ryan Larson [ryan.larson@ndsu.edu](mailto:ryan.larson@ndsu.edu) or Joleen Hadrach [joleen.hadrach@colostate.edu](mailto:joleen.hadrach@colostate.edu).

## Job Openings

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Please visit the new [AAEA Job Board](#)! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information.



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