

## Applied Risk Analysis Section Newsletter

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter from the Applied Risk Analysis Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. We are very excited about the kick-off for our new section and the progress that we have made in organizing the section. This newsletter is to update you on the status of our section.

### *Chair's Report*

Our section has reached 89 members in our first year. Please spread the word about our section and its activities and encourage individuals to participate as we hope in future years to offer more track sessions, pre- and post-conferences, and other activities beneficial to our membership.

At the 2008 AAEA summer meetings an organizational meeting was held to put in place a provisional set of officers and to begin work on a set of bylaws for the section. Formal elections were held early in 2009 and the inaugural officers are as follows:

Chair Keith Coble, Mississippi State University;  
Chair-Elect Matt Roberts, Ohio State University;  
Secretary Dmitry Vedenov, Texas A&M University;  
Director-At-Large David Just, Cornell University; and  
Director-at-Large Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University.

This year two track sessions were proposed and accepted for the AAEA meetings. They are entitled Frontiers of Agricultural Risk I and II. These sessions will be held Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Both sessions will have risk research leaders speaking about how we may push the frontiers of applied risk analysis. Speakers include John-Paul Chavas, Phil Garcia, and Jayson Lusk. We strongly encourage you to attend these track sessions.

I would also like to encourage everyone to attend the risk section business meeting at 12:00 noon Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Milwaukee Summer Meetings. Please participate in this meeting and help us define the future of our Section.

One of the changes occurring in the AAEA organization is that the association is hoping to make sections more streamlined. Sections have been asked to adopt a uniform set of bylaws and procedures. The primary impact of this proposed change is in the officer structure of our section. The proposed structure for section officers would include a past chair, chair, chair-elect, and secretary-treasurer elected in July. Our section leadership has discussed the change with the AAEA Board of Directors. It appears easily adapted to the applied risk analysis section. Therefore, the section officers voted unanimously to adopt the new organizational structure which would go into place in the summer of 2010. Our current officers were elected in January of 2009 and our plan is to leave the existing set of officers in place and then migrate to the new AAEA procedures in 2010.

Finally, I would like to invite members of the section to submit ideas for the business meeting agenda at the summer meetings. Also if you have items that you think of are interest to the risk section membership, please feel free to submit items to either Dmitry Vedenov or Keith Coble for inclusion in future newsletters. In this issue of the newsletter, we have a notice from Cal Turvey, Editor of *Agricultural Finance Review*.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the Applied Risk Analysis Section and please help us move this section forward in the coming years.

# Journal call for papers from *Agricultural Finance Review*

The Editor, Professor Calum Turvey, invites submission to *Agricultural Finance Review*.

*Agricultural Finance Review (AFR)* provides a rigorous forum for the publication of theory and empirical work, by both academic and industry experts, related to issues in agricultural and agribusiness finance. *AFR* is committed to research addressing (1) factors affecting or influencing the financing of agriculture and agribusiness in both developed and developing nations; (2) the broadest aspect of risk assessment and risk management strategies affecting agriculture; and (3) government policies affecting farm profitability, liquidity, and access to credit.

## **Coverage Includes:**

Agricultural finance

Agricultural lending and credit issues

Farm credit

Businesses and financial risks affecting agriculture and agribusiness

Agricultural policies affecting farm or agribusiness risks and profitability

Risk management strategies including the use of futures and options

Rural credit in developing economies

Microfinance and microcredit applied to agriculture and rural developments

## **Submission Guidelines and Further Information**

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Papers should be no more than 7,500 words in length. A title of not more than eight words should be provided. A brief autobiographical note should be supplied including full name, affiliation, e-mail address and full international contact details.

Articles should be submitted electronically via the journal's online article submission system, FastTrack at the University of Missouri: <http://expressacademic.org/~afr/login.php>

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