

AAEA News

2023 AAEA Executive Board Election and AAEA Section Elections

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Section Elections

The AAEA Section elections will also take 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.

The AAEA elections will end on **May 15, 2023** at 11:59 pm CDT.

Cast Your Vote

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.

AAEA Headline News

- 2023 AAEA Election is open. Log into your "[My Account](#)" to cast your vote now.
- The Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR) has joined twitter! Be sure to give AETR a follow: [@AETR_AAEA](#)
- The Mentoring Committee has been updating their webpages. View open opportunities and other resources here: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/mentoring> And submit upcoming mentoring opportunities at your institution here: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/mentoring/mentoring-opportunity-form>

Register for 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting

Membership Type	Early Bird <i>on or before June 7</i>		Advanced <i>June 8 – July 7</i>		Onsite <i>July 8 or after</i>	
	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>
Professional	\$475	\$630	\$550	\$700	\$625	\$775
Senior	\$365	\$485	\$440	\$560	\$515	\$635
Graduate Student	\$105	\$290	\$140	\$325	\$180	\$370
Guests	\$60		\$60		\$60	

**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 the "Advanced" Registration deadline, 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.*

[Register Now](#)[Paper Registration Form](#)

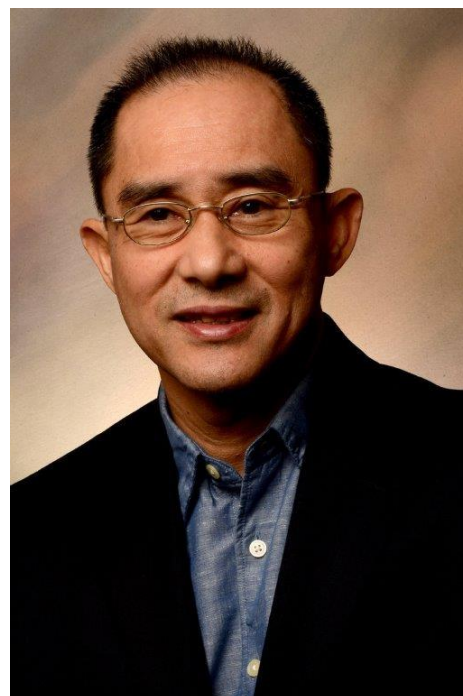
- As a participant of the AAEA Annual Meeting, I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in the AAEA Anti- Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy (must agree before registration is accepted). View full policy [here](#).
- As a participant of the AAEA Annual Meeting, I agree to release and hold harmless AAEA, its owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, managers, trustees, affiliates and/or other representatives from any and all liability loss, claim, damage or injury that might arise or result from, or relate to, now and in the future, my contraction or conveyance of any virus or disease. View full assumption of risk and waiver liability form [here](#).
- AAEA encourages all attendees to take proper safety measures and protocols when it comes to COVID19. This includes up to date vaccinations, wearing a mask, and testing prior to attending the meeting. Please refer to the most up to date guidance regarding COVID19, including [travel requirements](#) on the [CDC website](#).

President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees

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.

Nayga will make appointments to the following 2023–2024 committees in June 2023:

- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Communications
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- Government Relations
- 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 kmcquire@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 by **May 3, 2023**.

Call for Applications

Travel Grants for Early Career Professionals and Graduate Students

The AAEA Trust seeks applications for Early Career Professional and Graduate Student Travel Grants. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. from July 23-25. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. AAEA Trust Travel Grants (if awarded) are generally not large enough to offset all travel and lodging costs, but are instead meant to supplement institutional support.

Eligibility Requirements: Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Graduate student or Early Career Professional 2023 member of AAEA as of May 25th (application deadline).
- Actively engaged in agricultural or applied economics fields, such as agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health, marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.
- Insufficient institutional funding available to make the trip (including from university, department, grant, employer, etc.)
- Paper/poster/session accepted for presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted through the [online application form](#). You will be asked to submit the following:

- Your name and e-mail address;
- Institution and (if applicable) department at which enrolled/employed. You may indicate “not-yet-employed” if not a current student and without employment – please highlight degree-awarding institution and date awarded:
- Degree program underway (*Graduate Student Applicants*)
- Anticipated graduation date (*Graduate Student Applicants*)
- Professional rank or position and years in that profession (*Early Career Professional Applicants*)
- Number of years at Institution (*Early Career Professional Applicants*)
- Brief summary of research interests (*1000 words or less*);
- Applicant statement (*500 words or less*): description of the anticipated value gained from attending and participating in the Annual Meeting (including paper/poster presentations, awards and/or pre-/post-conference workshops in which you will be involved);
- Proposed travel budget showing costs, funds available from institutional sources, and amount requested;
- A nomination from a department, division head, or supervisor which includes written acknowledgement of the nomination and certification of your financial need, including certification that

funding is unavailable from other sources. Self-employed or not-yet-employed applicants may submit a letter supporting the nomination from a colleague or mentor from their degree-granting institution or include a letter stating financial need.

Applications should be submitted by the individual seeking support; however, only two applications from each employing institution will be considered. In the event that more than two applications are submitted from a specific department or division, it will be up to the department head to decide which will be considered, so it may be helpful to coordinate at that level. If an applicant is self-employed or not-yet-employed they may seek a letter of support from a colleague or mentor from their degree-awarding institution. Any letter of support for an Early Career Professional not employed or a student at a degree-awarding institution will not count against the maximum of two nominations from any department or other entity formally nominating other applicants.

Reflecting the Trust's goal of broadening participation in the Annual Meeting, preference may be given to individuals working under institutional circumstances not normally conducive to AAEA meeting attendance.

The deadline for submission is May 25, 2023. To apply, please visit

<https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/TravelGrants2023App>

Call for Applications

AAEA Annual Meeting International Travel Grants

The AAEA Trust seeks applications for AAEA Annual Meeting International Travel Grants. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. from July 23–25. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. AAEA Trust Travel Grants (if awarded) are generally not large enough to offset all travel and lodging costs and will likely cover less than half of international travel costs.

Eligibility Requirements

Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Resident of and residing in a country outside the United States/Canada.
- 2023 member of AAEA as of May 25, the deadline for this application.
- Actively engaged in agricultural or applied economics fields, such as, agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health, marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.
- Insufficient institutional funding available for the trip (including university, department, grant, employer, etc.)
- Paper/poster/session accepted for presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted through the [online application form](#). You will be asked to submit the following:

- Your name and e-mail address;

- Institution and (if applicable) department at which enrolled/employed. You may indicate “not-yet-employed” if not a current student and without employment – please highlight degree-awarding institution and date awarded;
- Degree program underway (*Graduate Student Applicants*)
- Anticipated graduation date (*Graduate Student Applicants*)
- Professional rank or position and years in that position (*Early Career Professional Applicants*)
- Number of years at Institution (*Early Career Professional Applicants*)
- Brief summary of research interests (*1000 words or less*);
- Applicant statement (*500 words or less*): description of the anticipated value gained from attending and participating in the Annual Meeting (including paper/poster presentations, awards and/or pre-/post-conference workshops in which you will be involved);
- Proposed travel budget showing costs, funds available from institutional sources, and amount requested;
- A nomination from a department, division head, or supervisor which includes written acknowledgement of the nomination and certification of your financial need, including certification that funding is unavailable from other sources. Self-employed or not-yet-employed applicants may submit a letter supporting the nomination from a colleague or mentor from their degree-granting institution or include a letter stating financial need.

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Call for Applications

Editorship of the Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy

The AAEA Executive Board invites applications for one editor for Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP) to serve from 2024 through 2026. This call for applications is for an editor to manage Submitted Articles which contain original research results addressing real-world problems with sound research approaches and/or have strong policy relevance within the subject matter of the journal. The degree to which candidate’s expertise complements that of the continuing editors, will be considered in the selection process. The AAEA is particularly interested in candidates who will bring ideas and innovations for helping AEPP to further its mission.

Submitted articles will meet the normal standards for scholarly publication, but should also be accessible to the broader audience of agricultural and applied economists working outside academia. Submitted articles should emphasize one or more of the following: a) practical implications for public policy; b) clarification of research implications so as to maximize accessibility and cross-fertilization across specific areas of research; c) empirical comparison of competing theories, explanations, and approaches that can refine future research; and d) development of fruitful directions for future research. Additional information about the AEPP, its policies and mission is available at www.aaea.org/publications/aepp.

The editor will work with an editorial team comprised of another Submitted Articles Editor, and a Managing Editor to manage the manuscript review process. The Submitted Articles Editors are responsible for day-to-day issues relating to submitted articles, assisting with development of the Special Issues, and revising editorial policy. The AEPP editorial process employs electronic submission of manuscripts and interchange between editors and reviewers. An electronic system that tracks manuscripts through submission, review, and editorial decision is used by the editors for managing work flow. Authors can also query this system for e-mail reports on the status in the editorial process of a submitted manuscript. The editors also oversee the work of Wiley in preparing copy for printing and reviewing proofs.

The new editor should be prepared to begin on January 1, 2024. There may be some training and coordination work starting around November 1. Applications should include a statement of editorial philosophy and ideas for furthering the journal's goals, an indication of the candidate's principal areas of expertise to support the AEPP's mission, a curriculum vitae, and a statement of administrative and financial support to be provided by the host institution. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editor's time and most expenses. Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org by **May 25, 2023**. Decisions will be made by the AAEA Board by August 2023. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2024 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Rudy Nayga is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2024 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, January 5–7, 2024.

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 24, 2023**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.

Preview of AAEA 2023 Annual Meeting Ticketed events

Registration is [NOW OPEN!](#); Registration is required for all workshops and luncheons. *Additional details for each workshop a luncheon are coming soon.*

<u>Pre and Post Conference Workshops</u>		
SATURDAY, July 22		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>
PC11 BEER Section Industry Engagement Tour	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$100
PC12 Numerical Methods in Agricultural Economics	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	\$50
PC13 US Agricultural and environmental policy	9:30 am – 4:30 pm	\$55, GSS/ECP \$25 Lunch Provided
PC14 Workshop on NIFA's Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities Awarded Projects	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	\$35
PC15 Understanding and utilizing USDA's ERS	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	\$15
PC16 Conferencing Like a Pro: Strategies for a Successful Conference Experience	4:00 pm–7:00 pm	\$20 <i>\$200 Stipend available to GSS and ECP</i>
WEDNESDAY, July 26		
PC51 Extension Section Agricultural Tour	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	\$100
PC52 Publishing Applied Economic Research on Health and Nutrition Lunch Provided	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	\$55, GSS/ECP \$30
PC53 Bayesian Econometrics and Machine Learning	7:30 am – 5:00 pm	\$40
<u>Speaker Series Luncheons</u>		
MONDAY, JULY 24		
SP31 – Extension Section Speaker & Luncheon	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	\$74
SP32 – COSBAE and CWAE Speaker Series & Luncheon Featured Speaker: Dr. Dewayne Goldman "Equity Efforts at USDA"	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	\$74

TUESDAY, July 25

SP33 AERE and Land, Water and Environmental Economics (ENV) Section Luncheon Featured Speaker: Dr. Seth Meyer	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	\$70
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Register for the 2023 AAEA Employment Center

AAEA invites and encourages you to register for the [2023 AAEA Annual Meeting Employment Center](#), taking place July 23–25 in Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity for employers to connect with potential candidates.

Employers who register may post open positions on the AAEA [Job Board](#), view resumes of applicants who are participating in the Employment Center, and they may also utilize a table in the Annual Meeting Employment Center to conduct in-person interviews with applicants.

Applicant registration is FREE. **Please note: Applicants must be registered for the Annual Meeting in order to participate in the Employment Center.**

For more information, please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Jessica Weister](#). We hope to see you in Washington, DC! [Register Online](#).

Deadline Approaching: 2023 Extension Competition for Graduate Students
2023 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.

Note: This year, we will once again work with applicants who cannot or do not wish to attend the conference in person. The details below refer to our current plan and may change.

Who's Eligible?

Graduate students currently engaged in topics related to agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and community resource economics as well as those who graduated from such programs in spring 2023 or later.

Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

The Application:

Applications should be addressed to Curtis Mahnken at cmahnken@umn.edu and must include:

1. Student's name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include project outcomes, target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as fact sheets, reports, web sites, spreadsheets, and presentations (4 page maximum). If the

applicant was part of a team, the role of the applicant within the team must be made clear. If the proposed project is building upon the success of other extension programs, the summary should include a description of the previous program and the innovative approach of this proposed project.

4. An educational popular press article limited to 500 words and no more than two graphics (tables, charts, etc.). This should be an addendum to your submission packet. Examples include:
<https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2023/01/us-price-inflation-focus-on-farm-prices.html> and
<https://southernagtoday.org>
5. A detailed evaluation plan. This should be an addendum to your submission packet. You may choose to develop your project using a logic model (which is not required). You can see more information on logic models below.*
6. A profile of the applicant's background and research (1 page maximum).
7. The mentor's name and description of the mentor's role in the project.

Finalists at AAEA

Finalists will be selected to make a 15-minute presentation at the AAEA meeting either virtually or in Washington, D.C. on Sunday July 23, 2023, to a panel of judges, who will then ask 5 minutes of questions. The competition will begin at 8AM EDT. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed above. Finalists will be notified by June 5, 2023. The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track organized symposium if present in Washington DC or virtually. Date and time are to be determined (likely Tuesday, July 25).

Awards Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEA Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by sponsors. Awards are:

- First Place: \$1,000 and a plaque
- Second Place: \$300 and a certificate
- Third Place: \$200 and a certificate
- Other finalists receive finalist certificates.

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEA Awards ceremony on the evening of July 24. All finalists will be provided tickets to the Extension Luncheon on July 24 during the AAEA annual meetings.

Submission Deadline: Midnight CDT on Friday, **May 12, 2023**. Email entries to Curtis Mahnken, Competition Committee Chair at cmahnken@umn.edu. Finalists will be notified by June 5, 2023.

*Logic models, often linked with program evaluation, can also be useful for planning a program. You can find many examples of logic models online, including:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/programdevelopment/logic-models/bibliography/>
https://www.cdc.gov/tb/programs/evaluation/Logic_Model.html
<https://www.extension.uidaho.edu/publishing/pdf/cis/cis1097.pdf>

AEPP Special Issue Announcement and Call for Participation: The Role and Scope of Agricultural and Applied Economics Departments

The past few decades have witnessed a dramatic change to the definition of agricultural economics. Long considered to be a profession dealing with supply and demand of agricultural commodities, it now compasses many dimensions of critical importance to the broader economy and global well-being: resource and environmental issues, health economics, rural and community economics, public policy analysis, social justice and equity locally and globally, and others. Many agricultural and applied economics (AAE) departments have led or adapted to these 21st century needs. However, AAE departments are also acutely challenged in many dimensions: defending their impact and budgets; pressures to become more interdisciplinary and address a wider set of stakeholders vis-à-vis the scarcity of human capital to address core production and farm management issues; and explaining their purpose as something other than a “second economics department.”

This AEPP Special Issue will address:

1. The evolving role and scope of AAE departments.
2. The changing relationships between, and compositions of general Economics and AAE departments and the case for separatism or mergers.
3. Documenting the economic impacts of AAE departments including how universities and other related institutions measure them.
4. Attracting and defending funding for AAE departments.
5. What is the current and potential future set of AAE stakeholders?
6. The current and future view of AAE from the perspective of institutional applied economists.
7. Potential future sustainable directions for AAE departments.

We have recruited a great line-up of authors including Amy Ando (Illinois), Mike Adjemian (U of Georgia), Julie Caswell (U Mass), Barry Goodwin (NC State), Matt Holt (VT), Frances Homans (Minnesota), Scott Irwin (Illinois), Jayson Lusk (Purdue), Will Masters (Tufts), Jill McCluskey (Washington State), Ron Mittelhammer (Washington State), Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M), Maximo Torero (FAO), Rich Sexton (UC Davis), Spiro Stefanou (ERS/USDA), Jo Swinnen (IFPRI), Dawn Thilmany (Colorado State) and David Zilberman (UC Berkeley).

We invite AAE leaders, members, and stakeholders to support this effort. If you have an idea for a topic or issue to be addressed in this special issue, please send a short paragraph describing your suggestion to Co-Editors: Jeff Dorfman (jdorfman@uga.edu) and Gopinath Munisamy (m.gopinath@uga.edu), University of Georgia, by **April 15, 2023**.

Government Relations & Washington Update

April 2023

AAEA Joins Coalition Partners Advocating for Research Infrastructure

AAEA recently signed a letter to Congress led by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) requesting funding in the farm bill to support agricultural research infrastructure. The letter calls on Congress to provide \$5 billion in mandatory funding over five years through the Research Facilities Act within Title VII of the next Farm Bill. This investment would advance the critical work being done at public colleges of agriculture, veterinarian, forestry, and natural resources across the country. Updated facilities would support American jobs, enable the recruitment of diverse workforce talent, address agricultural production challenges, and ensure U.S. leadership in food and agricultural innovation.

A 2021 report by Gordian assessed the state of facilities at U.S. colleges and schools of agriculture and reported that 70 percent of these buildings are at the end of their useful life. The report estimated the cost to upgrade deferred maintenance at \$11.5 billion, and the cost to replace the dilapidated facilities at \$38.1 billion. It further stated that strategic federal investment in these facilities at 1862, 1890, 1994, insular land-grant and non-land-grant schools of agriculture would create 200,000 new jobs nationwide. This investment would also contribute to the critical need for the U.S. to recruit and graduate 60,000 new U.S. students with agricultural expertise every year. An investment of \$5 billion in agricultural research infrastructure at colleges of agriculture would be a significant step in an overall strategy to ensure that the U.S. remains globally competitive.

House Agriculture Subcommittee Holds Research Hearing

On March 23rd, the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology held a hearing entitled: "[A Review of Title VII: USDA Implementation of Research Programs.](#)" The hearing is part of a series of hearings that the House and Senate are holding as they prepare for the next farm bill. Dr. Chavonda Jacobs Young, USDA Under Secretary for Research Education and Economics, was the sole witness at the hearing. Her [testimony](#) highlighted the impact of publicly funded research and cited ERS research that found \$20 in benefits for every \$1 in federal investment. Despite the gains from investments in research, federal funding has declined by a third over the last 20 years. This decline in support means that the United States is falling behind countries such as China in agricultural research investments. Reversing the trend in research funding will be critical to address pressing research priorities and support future workforce needs. In his [opening statement](#), Subcommittee Chairman Jim Baird (R-IN) also discussed the importance of agricultural research and cited data showing that the U.S. investment has been declining.

NIFA Releases AGARDA Implementation Strategy

In late March, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) released the long-awaited [implementation strategy](#) for the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AGARDA). AGARDA was authorized in the 2018 farm bill with the purpose of developing technologies, research tools, and products through advanced research on long-term and high-risk challenges for food and agriculture to ensure that the United States maintains its position as leader in global agricultural Research and Development (R&D). AGARDA is based on the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) model which has been used effectively across government to catalyze the development of technologies that maintain and advance the capabilities of U.S. military, energy, and health industries. The strategy document outlines the imperative for a new approach to deliver disruptive breakthrough discoveries for agriculture and details a strategic framework for how the program will be executed when appropriated funding is received at the authorized level plus contingencies for various other funding levels. AGARDA's mission is to deliver high-impact transformative scientific solutions to high priority agricultural challenges.

AGARDA Goals include:

- Combating Climate Change to Support America's Working Lands, Natural Resources and Communities
- Expanding Opportunities for Economic Development and Improving Rural Communities
- Building an Equitable and Competitive Marketplace for All Producers
- Providing Americans with Safe, Nutritious Food

Features of AGARDA:

- Fund high-risk, high-return R&D only.

- Hire and empower a cadre of highly motivated, short term, independent thinking program directors as main workforce.
- Create a flat organization.
- Focus on technology transfer and market translation by engaging with customers and partners throughout the process.
- Seek additional legislative authorities to empower AGARDA with hiring and purchasing powers to facilitate speed and invention.

Other News

Graduate Advising in Agricultural and Applied Economics Departments: Effects of the Student-Advisor Relationship

"Researchers Glynn Tonsor, Brian Coffey, and Justin Bina (Kansas State University) are seeking to quantify the impact of the graduate student–advisor relationship on student performance outcomes and faculty advising engagement. As part of that research effort, they are asking graduate students and faculty across the country's agricultural economics departments to participate in a brief online survey.

Please take 10 to 15 minutes to complete the provided online survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Questions about the survey or research project can be addressed to Glynn Tonsor (gtonsor@ksu.edu) or Justin Bina (jbina97@ksu.edu).

The Qualtrics link is : https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_OTBd9V5YHlg0M9U.

Distributional Impacts of Climate Change in the Agricultural Sector

Chicago, IL – November 16–17, 2023

Climate change affects all aspects of the agricultural sector, from technology and input choices, to the wages and welfare of workers, to the prices consumers pay for food and agricultural products. To promote research on the distributional impacts of climate change, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), with the generous support of the Economic Research Service at the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), will convene a research conference in Chicago on November 16–17, 2023. The conference will be organized by Ellen Bruno and Meredith Fowlie of the University of California, Berkeley, and Danae Hernandez–Cortes of Arizona State University.

Research submissions that explore the distributional implications of climate change in an agricultural context are encouraged. Potential topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Assessments of how climate change and extreme weather events have affected agricultural production, food prices, and the distribution of consumer welfare for households in different income, racial, ethnic, and other groups.
- Spatial analysis of the impacts of climate change on farm incomes, environmental outcomes, crop choice, and agricultural investments.
- Development of metrics to assess the distributional impacts of climate change on incomes and livelihoods in the agricultural sector over time.

- Analysis of how shifting climate conditions, and potential policy responses to these conditions, could affect agricultural workers.
- Evaluation of how the farm-to-table supply chain could be affected by climate change, with particular attention to impacts on consumer prices, the availability of products, and food security for marginalized communities.
- The potential effects of climate-related agricultural policy alternatives, such as crop insurance programs, and incentives targeting adaptation strategies.
- The efficacy of social insurance programs, such as SNAP, in reducing the impact of climate change on low-income households.

The organizers welcome submissions of both empirical and theoretical research, including papers by scholars who are early in their careers, who are not NBER affiliates, and who are from groups that are under-represented in the economics profession. The program will prioritize research on the U.S. agricultural sector and economy. To be considered for inclusion on the program, papers must be uploaded by midnight (EDT) on **Thursday, June 15, 2023** via the following link: <http://conference.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=AEf23>

Complete papers are preferred, but extended abstracts may also be submitted. Please do not submit papers that have been accepted for publication and that will be published by November 2023. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified in early July. A virtual pre-conference meeting will be convened in August 2023. The organizers will consider publishing the papers presented at this meeting in an edited NBER proceedings volume, or in a special issue of a refereed journal, subject to the interest of the paper

Questions about this conference may be addressed to confer@nber.org.

Water Economics and Policy Journal: Call for Papers for a Special Issue

Special Issue on Economic Impact of Climate Change on the Water Sector in MENA and Northern Mediterranean Countries

Guest Editor:

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Climate change in MENA countries as well as Northern Mediterranean countries (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, and Southern France) has already made an evident impact affecting rain-fed agriculture as well as surface water reservoirs, aquifers' natural recharge and cities. Crop varieties and tree species currently under cultivation in the Southern Mediterranean would progressively be appropriate in the North Mediterranean farming systems for adaptation. Rain is becoming more sporadic and more intensive with fewer number of rainy days, higher temperatures, and longer summer months, leading to crop area shrinkage and increased need for water desalination. Hence, the increased water scarcity is affecting all the economic sectors (agriculture, water utilities, industry, tourism, and the environment) and driving a higher demand for water, including for adaptation purposes. Domestic urban and rural water are under increased stress/variability and water service failures/interruptions are becoming more frequent causing social discontent. Although quantitative technical-physical climate impacts are quite abundant, the lack of economic value tags attached to such studies makes them less valuable for policy consideration and undertaking the necessary shifts and adaptations. Previous economic impact studies based their adaptation measures on deficit irrigation for

instance, however data is showing that aquifers are under high stress and cannot be used for such a purpose. Similarly, surface water reservoirs' storage capacity is negatively affected by siltation caused by the more torrential sporadic intensive rains reducing the supply of water and increasing the supply uncertainty. This special issue of Water Economics and Policy aims to bridge this gap.

Potential topics/issues include, but are not limited to:

- Assessing the economic losses caused by extreme events (droughts; floods; extreme temperatures) on water for cities and agriculture;
- Economic impact of climate change on rain-fed and irrigated agriculture and adaptation measures;
- Economic impact of climate change on dams' storage capacity based on observations (during the period 1990–2022). Dams' siltation and water value taking into account rain intensity and periodicity;
- Adaptation measures and investments in the water sector as a response to climate change;
- Impacts of climate change on water policies and institutions;
- MENA and Northern Mediterranean countries' policy adaptation measures and investments undertaken in the past 20 years in the water/agricultural sectors;
- Case studies of successful adaptation strategies in the water sector;
- International programs and international aid and their effect on water sector adaptation to climate change on the MENA region;
- Assessment of the European programs oriented toward water sector climate adaptation for Northern and Southern Mediterranean countries; and
- Investments in R&D for water climate adaptation.

Timeline and submissions

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