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# Exchange

# **AAEA News**

#### **2024 AAEA Award Winners**

\*Honorable mentions listed in red

Outstanding Master's Thesis Award	Tara Mittelberg, University of Wisconsin–Madison Zibo Jin, University of Minnesota		
	Aaron Lorenz, University of Guelph		
	*Audrey Rizk, University of Florida		
Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award	Jake Smith, Iowa State University		
	*Sarah Smith, University of California, Davis		
Distinguished Teaching Awards:			
1. Less than 10 years	Na Zuo, University of Arizona		
	*Nathan Kemper, University of Arkansas		
2. 10 or more years', Undergraduate	Brian Briggeman, Kansas State University		
3. 10 or more years', Graduate	Dixie Dalton, Virginia Tech		
Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards:			
1. Less than 10 years' experience	Amy Hagerman, Oklahoma State University		
2. 10 or more years' experience	Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University		
3. Group	Maria Marshall, Purdue University		
Bruce Gardner Award	Dana Hoag, Colorado State University		
Bruce Gardiler Award	Jesse Burkhardt, Colorado State University		
	*Cesar Escalante, University of Georgia		
Quality of Research Discovery Award	Laura Tiehen, USDA Economic Research Service		
Quality of Research Discovery Award	Dean Jolliffe, World Bank		
	Juan Margitic, Inter-American Development Bank		
	Martin Ravallion <i>(Deceased)</i>		
	*Kathleen Segerson, North Carolina State University		
	*Junjie Wu, North Carolina State University		
	*Chunhua Wang, Shanghai Jiao Tong University		
Quality of Communication Award	Carrie Litkowski, USDA Economic Research Service		
	Tatiana Borisova, USDA Economic Research Service		
	Jonathan Law, USDA Economic Research Service		
	Dipak Subedi, USDA Economic Research Service		
	Monika Ghimire, USDA Economic Research Service		
	Katherine Lim, USDA Economic Research Service		
	Kathy Kassel, USDA Economic Research Service		
AAFA Mantarina Award	Marc Bellemare, University of Minnesota		
AAEA Mentoring Award	, ,		

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	Kenneth McConnell, University of Maryland			
Outstanding <i>AJAE</i> Article	Jared Hutchins, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign *Anne Byrne, USDA-Economic Research Service *David Just, Cornell University			
Outstanding <i>AJAE</i> Reviewers	Margaret Jodlowski, Ohio State University William Ridley, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Colette Salemi, University of Victoria Austin Ford Ramsey, University of Georgia			
Outstanding <i>AEPP</i> Article	Joseph P. Janzen, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Trey Malone, University of Arkansas K. Aleks Schaefer, Oklahoma State University Daniel P. Scheitrum, Cal Poly			
Outstanding Choices Article	Dragan Milijkovic, North Dakota State University Frayne Olson, North Dakota State University			
Outstanding <i>AETR</i> Article	Jada M. Thompson, University of Arkansas Misti D. Sharp, University of Florida Jonathan C. Walton, University of Tennessee *Ruiqing Miao, Auburn University *Jerrod Penn, Louisiana State University & LSU Agricultural Center *Loka L. Ashwood, University of Kentucky			
Presidential Recognition Award	Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director			
Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship	Suresh Kumar			
McCorkle Scholarship	Piyush Gandhi			
Uma Lele Women's Scholarship	Disha Gupta, India Gandhi Institute of Developement			
AAEA Trust Travel Grants	58 people received travel grant funds from the AAEA Trust			
Academic Bowl Winners	1st Place: <b>LSU</b> ; Benjamin Goldstein, Riley LaSavia, Colin Raby 2nd Place: <b>LSU</b> ; Blake Edwards, Ali Fontenot, Carlos Sandoval 3rd Place: <b>TAMU</b> ; Maddison Esterak, Owen Gibson, John Hendrix			
Outstanding Paper Competition	1st place: Lars Rostad, University of Minnesota 2nd place: Ryanna Tietje, The Ohio State University 3rd place: Trent Claessens, University of Guelph			
Outstanding Chapter Club	Iowa State University			
Outstanding Creative Club	Oklahoma State University			
GSS Policy Communications Competition	1st Place: Anthony Caruso, Oklahoma State University 2nd Place: Azaz Zaman, Auburn University 3rd Place: Linge Yang, University of Connecticut			
Case Study Competition	1st Place: University of Arkansas (Andrew Dilley, Walker Davis, Makenzie McJunkins)			

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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Kansas State University (Calder McCollum, Delide Joseph, Vera Adabrah–Danquah) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: University of Florida (Meri Hambaryan, Kelvin Amon, Chenxi Hu)
Extension Competition	1st place: Khashi Ghorbani, University of Illinois, Urbana– Champaign 2nd place: John Robinson, North Carolina State University 3rd place: Alexis Ghormley, Texas A&M University
Data Visualization Challenge	1st Place: Walter Ac Pangán, Jiyeon Kim, Priyanka Sharma for the Heartland region 2nd Place: Vidalina Abadam, Sanchita Chakrovorty, Jennifer Kennedy for the Southeast region 3rd Place: Davidson Obilor Nwaonu, Elizabeth Thilmany, Jean Pierre Zavala Varela for the Northeast region
FAMPS Poster Competition	Hannah Wich, Stephen F. Austin State University Jaime Luke, Kansas State University Kaitlyn L. Malakoff, Arizona State University

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

**Utah's Greenbelt Program Has Caused Unintended Effects on Farmland Protection** 

#### Man Li, Wai Yan Siu, and Arthur J. Capla

This article highlights a recent study evaluating the effectiveness of Utah's preferential farmland tax assessment program in protecting agricultural land from conversion to nonagricultural uses. It shows that the program has only protected smaller agricultural parcels. Unexpectedly, the program has stimulated the conversion of larger agricultural parcels to urban uses.

Interested in publishing in Choices? Submit your Individual, Theme, or Data Visualizations here.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org">kmcguire@aaea.org</a>. 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.

#### **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 <a href="mayga@tamu.edu">rnayga@tamu.edu</a> 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 <a href="mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org">kmcguire@aaea.org</a>. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or Rudy.

#### **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)

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.

#### **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 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.

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

- 1.) Description of plan of study
- 2.) Description of research interests and/or project
- 3.) Letter of support from advisor and/or Dept. Head
- 4.) Copy of University transcripts
- 5.) Current CV

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

# 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:

- 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 <a href="mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org">kmcguire@aaea.org</a> by Monday, October 14, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918–3190.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org">kmcguire@aaea.org</a>. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918–3190.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org">kmcguire@aaea.org</a>. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

# 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: <a href="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</a>.

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 (<a href="www.aaea.org/about-aaea">www.aaea.org/about-aaea</a>), 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. <u>Budget</u>

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

#### **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).

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: <a href="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</a>. 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:

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## Obituary

#### Marc Nerlove 1933-2024

The American Economic Association and the economics profession were saddened to learn of the passing of Marc Nerlove at age 90. A John Bates Clark medalist and AEA Distinguished Fellow, the University of Maryland professor was best known for developing econometric methods that continue to be used in studies around the world. He made important contributions to estimating short-run and long-run elasticities of supply in agricultural markets, estimating production functions in the electricity industry, and research on economic demography and life cycle fertility.

In addition to having a distinguished academic career, Nerlove served as a member of the <u>AEA Executive Committee</u> from 1977 to 1979.



## Government Relations & Washington Update

#### August 2024

#### **House and Senate Committees Advance Agriculture Appropriations**

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have both recently approved their respective versions of the FY 2025 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The moves set up potential floor consideration in September as Congress works to meet the September 30th fiscal year deadline. As in many previous years, a continuing resolution will likely be needed to keep the government funded while the appropriations process is completed.

In looking at key USDA agencies and programs, the Economic Research Service (ERS) would receive level funding in the Senate, while it faces a \$5 million cut in the House. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) also fares better in the Senate, where it would receive a \$6 million increase, compared with level

funding in the House. The Office of the Chief Economist receives a small increase in both chambers. For the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), both the House and Senate level provide level funding for capacity programs. The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) is level funded by the Senate and cut by \$2 million in the House.

#### Below is a summary of selected USDA accounts:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	FY 24 FINAL	FY25 President	FY25 House	FY25 Senate
ERS	\$90.6 million	\$98 million	\$85.6 million	\$90.6 million
NASS	\$187.5 million	\$196 million	\$187.5 million	\$193.5 million
OCE	\$30.5 million	\$32 million	\$31 million	\$31.1 million
Hatch	\$265 million	\$265 million	\$265 million	\$265 million
AFRI	\$445.2 million	\$475 million	\$443.2 million	\$445.2 million
Research Facilities	\$1 million	0	0	\$1 million
AGARDA	\$1 million	0	\$1 million	0
Smith Lever	\$325 million	\$325 million	\$325 million	\$325 million
ARS Salaries	\$1.788 billion	\$1.756 million	\$1.793 billion	\$1.826 billion
ARS Buildings	\$57.1 million	\$28 million	\$26.9 million	\$47.6 million

In the wake of NASS program changes announced in April that would eliminate reports such as the July Cattle Report, Cotton Yield Survey and county estimates, both the House and Senate have included strong language directing NASS to reinstate these reports in FY 2025. The Senate also provides an additional \$4 million to specifically support the reinstatement of the reports. AAEA raised concerns with these program changes both with NASS leadership and with Congress, including letters to House and Senate committee leadership.

#### Excerpt from House Language:

"The Committee is deeply concerned by the lack of communication and transparency surrounding NASS' decision to cancel several critical market reports in fiscal year 2024. Therefore, the Committee includes bill language that limits NASS' flexibilities to only core mission activities. This language ensures that NASS has the necessary funding for fiscal year 2025 to reinstate all reports that NASS chose to cancel or discontinue in 2024."

#### Excerpt from Senate Language:

"The Committee recognizes that NASS was faced with budgetary challenges in fiscal year 2024 within the Ag Estimates line. However, its decisions to cancel critical reports without any consultation or engagement with the Committee was problematic. Given the critical importance of these reports to stakeholders across the country, the Committee includes \$4,000,000 to restore the reports cancelled in fiscal year 2024 and includes a proviso requiring NASS to notify the Committee at least 30 days prior to cancelling any report."

More information on Agriculture Appropriations can be found at the following links:

House bill text
House Report language
Senate bill text
Senate Report language

### Other News

#### **NBER Conference on Competition in the US Agricultural Sector**

To promote research on competition in the agricultural sector and the consequences of the industrial organization of this sector for consumers as well as input suppliers, the National Bureau of Economic Research, with support from the Economic Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture, will convene a research conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 12, 2024. The conference will be organized by James MacDonald (University of Maryland) and Fiona Scott Morton (Yale University and NBER).

More details on the conference may be found at this link: <a href="https://www.nber.org/calls-papers-and-proposals/competition-us-agricultural-sector">https://www.nber.org/calls-papers-and-proposals/competition-us-agricultural-sector</a>. The deadline for submissions is **September 3, 2024**, and submissions should be of complete, or nearly complete, papers.

#### **VIII Beeronomics Conference**

The 2024 Beeronomics Conference will take place at University of Milan Bicocca, Italy, 19–22 June. Main panels and sessions will be held at the University of Bicocca main campus located in the heart of the city. The Conference Organising Committee, led by Christian Garavaglia, welcomes all high-quality research on the economics of beer and brewing. With a strong interest in interdisciplinary research, we are looking for submissions covering topics including:

- Trends and driving forces in local and global beer production, consumption, distribution
- Management, marketing, market structure and industrial dynamics
- · Individual beer choice and health
- · Policy and regulation
- Impact of beer on society and culture
- Environmental issues affecting beer and brewing
- Others: food industry and alternatives to beer

Please find the official Conference Flyer/Call for Paper attached. Additional information about abstract submission and event details can be found on the conference's webpage: https://beeronomics2024.unimib.it/

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact: <u>beeronomics2024@unimib.it</u>. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending the conference, please pass this message on and as ever, apologies for cross-posting.

#### **Member Benefits**

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- JAAEA Open Access Journal

#### The Exchange

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Submissions to *The Exchange*:

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#### **Open Jobs**

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics
  - **University of Tennessee at Martin** (Posted: 08/02/2024)
- University of Florida's Mid-Florida
  Research and Education Center (Posted: 08/01/2024)
- Assistant Professor Agribusiness
   University of Florida/ IFAS Food and
   Resource Economics Department (Posted: 08/01/2024)

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#### **Working with the Media**

What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story?

Contact Allison Ware at <a href="mailto:AWare@aaea.org">AWare@aaea.org</a>

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#### **Member in the News**

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#### **Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy**

AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the policy here.