



AAEA News

2025 AAEA Elections are Now Open - DEADLINE APPROACHING

The AAEA elections will end on **May 15, 2025, at 11:59 pm CDT**. Please log into the My Account section of the AAEA website to access the ballot: <https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/2025Elections>. 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.

2025 AAEA Executive Board Election Candidates

President-Elect

[Titus Awokuse, Michigan State University](#)

[David Just, Cornell University](#)

Director

[Terrance Hurley, University of Minnesota](#)

[Jaclyn Kropp, University of Florida](#)

[Maria Marshall, Purdue University](#)

[William Masters, Tufts University](#)

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 completing the Executive Board ballot portion. Ballots cannot be reopened for Section Elections if you submit your Executive Board Election ballot; therefore, we kindly ask that you ensure your Section memberships are current through your AAEA account on or before May 5, 2025.

President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees - DEADLINE TOMORROW

Committees drive the direction and impact of the AAEA by influencing its activities and awards. Please consider shaping the AAEA's future by volunteering for one of the committees listed below. Committee service also offers an excellent opportunity for developing contacts, refining leadership skills, and increasing professional networking.

AAEA President-Elect, Brian Roe will make appointments to the following 2025-2026 committees in June 2025:



- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Communications
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- 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 Jeanne Rhodes at jrhodes@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 by **May 2, 2025**.

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Speaker/Presenter Requirements

AAEA sent session information from the Abstract Management System which includes the scheduled date and time (subject to change). If you have not received the email yet, please be sure to check your spam/junk folder. If you are still unable to find it, please reach out to the AAEA business office at info@aaea.org.

If there have been any changes to your presentation (i.e. speaker change, title change, or would like to withdraw) please reach out to the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org so the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting schedule can be edited accordingly.

Presenter/Participant Requirements

In order to participate in the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#), presenters must meet three requirements by using the email address this email was sent to:

- ****May 14, 2025 by 11:59 pm CST**
 - Be a [2025 AAEA member](#).
 - [Register for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#).
- **June 18, 2025 by 11:59 pm CST**
 - Upload a finished paper and/or poster (PDF) to the AAEA Abstract Management System.
An uploaded manuscript is required by the presenter of: Selected Presentations Papers, Posters, and Lightning; Invited Papers; Case Studies; as well as Organized Symposiums. A personalized link to upload your paper will be in the email from the Abstract Management System. Track session presentations are not required to upload a manuscript.

****If your institution will be registering you for the Annual Meeting or renewing your membership, it is your responsibility to ensure that they have done so prior to the May 14 deadline.**

Failure to complete requirements by May 14, 2025 as well as the June 18, 2025 deadline, will result in your paper and/or poster being withdrawn from the program. If you would like to withdraw your paper or poster, you must notify the AAEA business office of your intentions at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

**2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting
Room Block open**



[Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel](#)

1550 Court Place
Denver, Colorado, USA, 80202
(303) 893-3333

AAEA Group Rate: \$229.00
Reservations must be received on
or before **Tuesday, June 24, 2025.**

Please book using the AAEA Group rate here:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50926533>

Join us at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. The fully renovated family hotel in Denver, CO offers access to some of the best attractions in downtown Denver. Experience the best shopping, dining and entertainment including RiNo, LoDo and Uptown neighborhoods. Explore effortlessly thanks to the nearby light rail station, which takes you to Coors Field, Denver Zoo or Denver Art Museum. Recharge after a full day in Denver at their luxury Denver hotel with a year-round heated rooftop pool, 5,000-square-foot Sheraton Fitness center, Topgolf Swing Suite or on-site dining at Yard House and BEZEL. The four-star hotel maximizes your time from a lobby with town-square energy to a full-service Club Lounge to more than 140,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. Work smart from a pet-friendly hotel room with free Wi-Fi and a height-adjustable desk with an ergonomic chair. Take in the spectacular views from one of the 138 suites options. Work, meet and relax at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.



2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Funding Opportunities

Travel Grants

- These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, July 27 – 29, 2025. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel and the deadline to apply for either is **May 23, 2025.**

[Domestic](#)

[International](#)

Other Funding

- The AAEA Annual Meeting is a perennial cornerstone component of the organization. We look forward to another successful meeting July 27–29, 2025 in Denver, CO at the AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. The typical slate of pre- and post-conference workshops, keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, reunions and much more are scheduled, and will again offer attendees numerous learning and networking opportunities.

Core to ongoing successful Annual Meetings is robust attendance and participation of our Members. Meanwhile, some AAEA Members have experienced significant challenges associated with lost employment in calendar year 2025. The AAEA wants to acknowledge this and invites and encourages Members who have lost employment in 2025 to log-in to the [AAEA Member Account](#) and see what support is available to partially assist in their attending this year's Annual Meeting.

- AAEA is not providing onsite childcare in Denver; however, you may apply for childcare/accessibility funds by filling out [this form](#).

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Workshops Preview

Registering ahead of time for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops is required before the annual meeting. You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while [registering for the annual meeting](#) or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Pre-Conference Workshops Saturday, July 26, 2025

[\(PC11\) BEER Section Craft Industry Tour](#)

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

(Note: will depart Sheraton at 11:45 am) light lunch included in tour

Limited space available

[\(PC13\) AAEA Teaching Academy](#)

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

[\(PC14\) Leadership Development for Agricultural and Applied Economics](#)

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

[\(PC15\) The New Economics of Food Security and Nutrition](#)

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

Post-Conference Workshops Wednesday, July 30, 2025

[\(PC51\) Extension Section Tour](#)

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Note: Transportation will depart Sheraton by 8:30 am

Limited space available Additional tour details coming soon

[\(PC52\) Honoring the Career and Contributions of Richard E. Just](#)

8:00 am – 5:30 pm Limited space available

[\(PC53\) Reducing the Labor of Beginning Agricultural Labor Economics Research: An Introduction to the AAEA Labor Economics Section](#)

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Ticketed Luncheons

Monday, July 28, 2025

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Additional details on speaker coming soon

- COSBAE, CWAE and Africa Sections Speaker Series and Luncheon
- Extension Section Speaker Series and Luncheon

2025 AAEA FAMPS Poster Competition

FAMPS proposes to host a poster session at the 2025 Annual Meeting, similar to the one hosted at the 2024 meeting. The objective of the poster session is to provide a forum for researchers with more limited professional networks, like graduate students and beginning faculty, to be recognized for innovative and high-quality research in poster sessions. These researchers might be less likely to participate in track sessions, and thus attend the annual meeting, than researchers with stronger professional networks. This recognition could also be helpful to some researchers at the beginning stages of their career.

The details for the poster session are the following:

- FAMPS will provide three awards:
 - Two (2) \$250 prizes for the best posters in which the lead author is a graduate student
 - One (1) \$250 prize for the best poster in which the lead author has a doctorate degree
- Requirements: The lead author for each submission must be a FAMPS member and must attend the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in-person.
- Submissions: AAEA will send notifications of accepted posters in March. Once this occurs, FAMPS will communicate in late March/early April to those with accepted posters they can participate in the FAMPS poster contest.
- Judging: FAMPS leadership will identify three researchers to judge the competition.
- Logistics: The poster competition judging will occur on Monday during the lunch break from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the poster hall. Posters accepted in the FAMPS competition will have a symbol/tag on their poster board.

The deadline to apply is **May 30, 2025**.

The 2025 Extension Competition for Graduate Students

AAEA Denver, CO July 27–29

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.

Who's Eligible?

Graduate students currently engaged in topics related to agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and/or community economic development, as well as those who graduated from such programs in Spring 2025 or later.

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

The Application:

Applications should be addressed to Craig Carpenter at cwcarp@msu.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 in Denver, CO on Sunday July 27, 2025, to a panel of judges, who will then ask 5 minutes of questions. The competition will begin at 8 AM MDT. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed above. Finalists will be notified by June 6, 2025. The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track organized symposium if present in Denver, CO. Date and time during conference to be determined.

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. All finalists will be provided tickets to the Extension Luncheon during the AAEA annual meetings.

Submission Deadline: Midnight EDT on Friday, **May 9, 2025**. Email entries to Craig Carpenter, Competition Committee Chair at cwcarp@msu.edu. Finalists will be notified by June 6, 2025.

AAEA IBES Power Analysis Virtual Workshop

Date: May 5–May 7, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm EST each day

This virtual workshop is offering a hands-on workshop to bridge the power analysis knowledge gap for members of our profession. Participants will learn strategies for advanced power analysis for their economic experiments. Presentations and software code will be distributed in a shared drive following the workshop. Each session will feature 45–60 minutes of content followed by 30 minutes of Q&A with audience participants. For more information about registration click [here](#).

Undergraduate Student Section 2025 Competitions

1. The Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition

The Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences competition is a team-based competition where students show off their Excel skills in a time-limited analytical contest! Each team of up to three students entering the Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition is required to work together to develop a spreadsheet from a provided dataset and qualitative information, answer questions related to the dataset, and present findings from the case study.

2. Student Paper Competition

Undergraduate students have the opportunity to submit their paper to be part of the Student Paper Competition held each year at the AAEA Annual Meeting. Those papers submitted are judged based on the written version and an oral presentation given at the meeting.

3. Outstanding Paper Competition

This competition gives chapters of SS-AAEA the chance to be recognized for their hard work over the past year. Each chapter is judged based on the goals/objectives of the chapter, membership recruitment, and the activities of the chapter.

4. Creative Club Competition

Those chapters of SS-AAEA that have done something special over the past year can enter into this competition. The chapters will be judged based on their account of a specific idea or project that was implemented.

Registration for the SS-AAEA Competitions is now open. To explore more about each competition, click [here](#).

2025 Academic Bowl Competition

Each year, SS-AAEA sponsors an academic bowl competition for undergraduate students at the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#). Students compete on teams of three, which are affiliated with their school. The finals of the competition are held immediately preceding the AAEA Awards Ceremony, with an audience of all meeting attendees.

The Academic Bowl Competition will be held on Sunday, July 27 and Monday, July 28 followed by The Finals prior to the Awards Ceremony at the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#).

[Read more >>>](#)

GSS & C-FARE 2025 Policy Communications Competition

In today's market, graduate students may seek careers where they are tasked with evaluating policy issues and effectively communicating their results to policymakers and other stakeholders. Therefore, the Graduate Student Section (GSS) and Council on Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics (C-FARE) partner for the 5th Annual Policy Communications Competition. This competition provides graduate students with an opportunity to gain experience in both written and verbal policy communication.

Entries can be based on the graduate student's ongoing research. They should address a pressing, relevant policy issue relating to the 2025 Policy Communications Competition theme at the local, state, or federal levels.

Participant Eligibility

Graduate students must be a member of the GSS with a graduation date of Fall 2025 or later. They should be conducting research in agricultural economics, resource economics, regional development, or a related field.

Registration Information & Deadline

Applications should be submitted via the Qualtrics link below. Questions may be addressed to Meri Hambaryan (m.hambaryan@ufl.edu) and must include:

- A cover page containing:
 - Participant's name and contact information
 - Mentor's name and contact information
- The student's policy brief (2-page maximum).

Applications must be submitted electronically **no later than midnight CT on May 30, 2025**.

Link to Submit: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efU00RPz5oFUH0W

Awards

The top three competitors will be recognized at the AAEA Awards Ceremony and will be invited to present their work at a future C-FARE webinar (more details to come). In addition, the winner of Policy Communication will receive a plaque and a cash prize. The second and third-place competitors will receive certificates and cash awards. Cash prizes are as follows:

First place: \$300

Second place: \$200

Third place: \$100

Additional Resources

- [2025 USDA Budget Summary](#)
- [House Agriculture Committee Website](#)
- [House Agriculture Farm Bill](#)

Call for Volunteers: Senior Discussant for Selected Presentations - Paper Sessions

Members wishing to get involved may volunteer for an essential role as a senior-level discussant for Selected Paper Sessions at our [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, CO, July 27–29, 2025. A discussant will be assigned to a Selected Presentation Paper Session whose topic area correlates with the discussant's expertise. The discussant would be tasked with reviewing the papers within their session, provide constructive feedback and stimulate discussion. The goal is to make these sessions more impactful and meaningful.

Some things to know about Selected Paper Sessions:

- Each AAEA Selected Paper Session is 90 minutes long and can feature up to four papers.
- Each presenter will have 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for discussion. The discussion should occur immediately following each presentation
- To help you prepare, links to the manuscripts from the authors/presenters will be provided in mid to late June.

Qualifications and Requirements to Serve as a Senior-level Discussant

- Tenured Associate or Full Professors.
- Retired
- Senior Researcher at a Government or Private Organization

Schedule of Selected Presentation Paper Sessions:

Monday, July 28

- 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, July 29

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm
- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Discussants will receive their session assignment and session details in mid to late June.

Please click [here](#) to volunteer! If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Employment Center

The AAEA Employment Center connects employers and applicants both electronically and in person. Details below show the ways that both can participate and make the most of their time at the Employment Center.

Employment Center Hours:

Monday, July 28, 2025

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

Employers

Employers may register for the Employment Center, which takes place on Monday, July 28, 2025.

Employment Center registration (FREE) includes:

- One table at the on-site Employment Center
- Unlimited job postings on the AAEA job board through the end of the Annual Meeting

Employers who are at the meeting only to participate in the Employment Center do not have to be registered for the Annual Meeting. If you plan to participate in other meeting activities, then you must also be registered for the Annual Meeting.

Applicants

Applicant registration is **FREE**. Interested candidates should sign up for the Employment Center through the [AAEA Job Board](#). Job seekers will be able to register for the Employment Center while on-site at the annual meeting; however, we recommend registering in advance and scheduling interviews prior to arriving in Denver, Colorado. **Applicants must be registered for the Annual Meeting** in order to participate in the Employment Center.

Scheduling Interviews

Applicants and employers are responsible for scheduling their own interviews. To make the most of your time in Denver, Colorado we strongly recommend that interviews be scheduled in advance of arriving at the meeting; however, scheduling interviews on-site is certainly allowed.

If you have any questions regarding the Employment Center please contact Jessica Weister (jweister@aaea.org).

Choices Magazine: Article(s) Highlight

Mechanization in Specialty Crops



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

Call for Paper Proposal for Special Issue: Food Prices and Forecasting

Deadline for proposals: **May 15, 2025**

Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP) invites proposals for a special issue on Food Prices and Forecasting. Recent global events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical disruptions, and climate variability have highlighted the importance of understanding food price dynamics and developing effective forecasting methodologies. This special issue will explore a range of topics related to the drivers, impacts, and policy implications of food price inflation and volatility.

The special issue will include two categories of papers: invited contributions (already in development) and solicited papers based on this call. We seek five additional contributions that complement the existing papers, addressing the following topic areas:

1. Global Trade and Trade Policy
2. Climate Change and Production
3. Policy Interventions and Price Stabilization
4. Energy and Transportation Costs in Food Pricing
5. Manufacturers' Responses to Price Fluctuations
6. Consumer Behavior and Responses to Price Changes
7. Food Security and Nutrition Security

Submission Process

To streamline the process and avoid unnecessary work for prospective authors, we will employ a two-step process:

1. Proposal Submission:
 - Interested authors are invited to submit a 2–4 page proposal by May 15, 2025, detailing:
 - Topic Area and Scope: The central theme of the paper and its relevance to the special issue. Please indicate which topic area, **from the list above**, your submission fits within.
Note: Submissions that do not fit within the aforementioned topic areas will not be considered.
 - Existing Literature: Reference to related papers and how the proposed paper will differ from prior work.
 - Policy Implications: Policy insights expected from the paper and potential research gaps to address.
 - Author Qualifications: A brief overview of the author(s)' expertise in the topic area.
 - Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF to Lauren.Chenarides@colostate.edu. The guest editors will review all submissions, and invitations to submit full papers will be sent by June 2, 2025.
2. Full Paper Submission

- Invited authors will be given four months to prepare their submissions, with a deadline of September 15, 2025. Full papers will undergo standard peer review. An invitation to submit does not guarantee acceptance for publication but confirms the topic and authors are of interest to the editors.

For more information: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/aepp/call-for-paper-proposal-for-special-issue-food-prices-and-forecasting>

AAEA at 2026 ASSA Annual Meeting

Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2026 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Brian Roe is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2026 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, January 3–5, 2026.

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 21, 2025**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org.

Government Relations & Washington Update

May 2025

Trump Administration Considers Additional Workforce Reductions and Agency Restructuring

The Trump Administration has directed agencies to evaluate additional reductions in the federal workforce as well as cuts to programs. Many agencies have offered a second round of deferred resignations and deferred retirements. While final numbers are not yet available, it appears that a larger number of federal workers are electing to leave service as a result of the second round. In addition to the resignations/retirements, the administration has indicated that further reductions in force are likely. It has been reported that in preparation for fiscal year 2026 budgeting, the Office of Management and Budget will propose significant funding reductions to federal departments, including USDA. While details of administration proposals have not been publicly released, press reports indicate that USDA could face significant cuts to various agencies and programs. The administration is also considering the consolidation of mission areas and administrative functions, as well as relocation of some staff to new “hubs” around the country. Secretary Rollins has indicated more details on restructuring will be released in mid-May.

Other key science and statistical agencies will also likely be subject to funding cuts. It has been reported that the National Science Foundation could face reductions up to 55 percent and reductions of up to 40 percent are being considered for the National Institutes of Health. While the administration has already cancelled or paused a significant amount of research funding, overall agency allocations are subject to the annual appropriations process where Congress will set funding levels for agencies and programs. The release date of the President’s Budget for fiscal year 2026 has not yet been announced. Once received, Congress will move forward with the appropriations process for fiscal year 2026.

House Prepares to Move Forward with Budget Reconciliation Process

Republican leaders in the House of Representatives have set an aggressive schedule to move a budget reconciliation package through the House by Memorial Day. Budget reconciliation will include an extension of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and other tax proposals such as no tax on tips or Social Security. The legislation will also include additional funding to invest in priorities including energy and border programs as well as address the debt limit.

To help pay for some of the provisions, the House has set a target of \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions as part of the package. The process will begin with committees marking up their respective sections of the bill to set new spending and savings provisions. The Agriculture Committee has been directed to save \$230 billion, which will likely require modifications to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The committee is also considering whether to address other policies such as reference prices and crop insurance as a part of the budget reconciliation, which could complicate the movement of a comprehensive Farm Bill later in 2025. The House Agriculture Committee has yet to schedule a date for its mark-up. Other committees, including Armed Services, Homeland Security, Financial Services, Judiciary, Oversight, and Transportation & Infrastructure are scheduled to mark-up their sections during the week of April 28th.

USDA Weighs Farmer Assistance as Tariff Policy Evolves

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is actively considering new relief measures for American farmers as the deepening trade war with China threatens to impact the agricultural economy. The potential move comes

amid the escalation of tariffs between the US and China. Other reciprocal tariffs are in a 90 day pause with bilateral negotiations ongoing.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins confirmed in a recent interview that the administration is evaluating the use of the [Commodity Credit Corporation \(CCC\)](#), a government-run program designed to stabilize farm income and commodity prices, to support farmers impacted by the rapidly escalating tariffs. Secretary Rollins emphasized that no final decisions have been made, and the administration remains hopeful that its trade strategy will ultimately yield long-term gains for the agricultural sector. During Trump's first term, a similar standoff with China resulted in \$28 billion in direct payments to farmers.

The Trump administration is also exploring additional measures, such as creating new tax credits for U.S. exporters, as part of a broader effort to offset retaliatory trade barriers imposed by other countries. Rollins has announced upcoming trips to Vietnam, the UK, and Japan to negotiate potential tariff exemptions or trade deals aimed at easing the pressure.

Other News

EUI Florence School of Regulation:

Executive Course on the Vision for Agriculture and Food Ensuring a Sustainable and Competitive Future for EU Agriculture

3-day Online Course

June 25-June 27

The **Vision for Agriculture and Food (EC, 2025)** sets out an ambitious roadmap for the future of farming and food in Europe, focusing on attractiveness, competitiveness, future-proofing, and connection. These priorities aim to create a resilient, innovative, and fair agri-food system capable of thriving in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

This intensive 3-day online course will explore the key strategies behind the Vision, including international trade partnerships, risk management, and regulatory simplification. Participants will engage in discussions on the economic and regulatory challenges, the role of technology in sustainability, and the impact of climate, trade, and bioeconomy policies on the agri-food sector.

Through expert insights and interactive sessions, this course will help professionals navigate the shifting regulatory landscape, assess growth opportunities, and develop strategies to enhance resilience and competitiveness in the EU's evolving agricultural framework.

Register Now: <https://apps.eui.eu/EventRegistration/Home/Login?eventId=578054>

Call for Papers

Risk and Risk Management in the Agricultural Economy

November 21, 2025 — Cambridge, MA

To promote research on the risks that are borne by individuals and firms in the agricultural sector, and on the tools that are available to manage these risks, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), with the support of the Economic Research Service at the US Department of Agriculture, will convene a research conference in Cambridge, MA on Friday, November 21, 2025. The conference will be organized by Barry Goodwin (North Carolina State University) and Tatyana Deryugina (University of Illinois and NBER).

The organizers will consider submissions of complete, or nearly complete, papers that will be ready to present by November 2025. They welcome empirical and theoretical research, as well as papers by scholars who are early in their careers and who are not NBER affiliates. If any members of the research team have ties to the agricultural industry or other potential conflicts of interest, those ties should be disclosed on the first page of the submission. The program will prioritize research on the US food and farm economy.

To be considered for inclusion on the program, papers must be uploaded by midnight (EDT) on Tuesday, **August 12, 2025** via the following link:

<https://conference.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=AEf25>

Please feel free to share this call for papers widely with any researchers who might be working on projects that are suitable for presentation.

Please do not submit papers that have been accepted for publication and will be published by November 2025, and be aware that NBER papers may not make policy recommendations or offer normative judgements on policy. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified in early September. The NBER will cover hotel and economy-class conference travel for up to two authors per paper. Questions about this conference may be addressed to confer@nber.org.

International Workshop on “Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics”

We would like to bring the [International Workshop on “Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics”](#) to your attention.

The workshop will cover theoretical and practical knowledge regarding surveys and experimental methods. In addition, delegates will be familiarized with state-of-the-art software, and will design their own practice experiment through hands-on training.

Instructors include Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University), Carola Grebitus (Arizona State University), David Just (Cornell University), Jayson L. Lusk (Purdue University), Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M), and Matthew Rousu (Susquehanna University).

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