Southern Agricultural Economics Association  
41st Annual Meetings Program  
January 31 - February 3, 2009  
The Westin Peachtree Plaza  
Atlanta, Georgia

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Meeting room location: The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Quiz Bowl  
International Room H  
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Sunday 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Quiz Bowl / Recruitment Fair  
International Room H / International Room H Foyer  
Atlanta Ballroom C

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
SAEA Executive Committee Meeting  
Tower Room 1201

Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.  
Registration  
International Balcony (L6)

Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Department Heads’ Meeting  
Tower Room 1201

Sunday 2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
SERA439  
Public Policy Education  
Tower Room 1205

Sunday 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
SAAS General Session  
Vinings I & II

Sunday 5:00 p.m. - till 10:00 p.m.  
SAAS Reception  
Peachtree Ballroom

Sunday 2 p.m. - Tuesday 5 p.m.  
Selected Posters  
Peachtree Balcony (L8)  
Poster Presentations will be  
Tuesday 10:15 - 12:00 noon

   Liliane K. Zoungrana and P. Lynn Kennedy, Louisiana State University

2. Increasing Agribusiness Student Engagement and Career Interests Among First Year College Students  
   Joey E. Mehlhorn, Scott Parrott, and James Butler, University of Tennessee at Martin

3. Biodiesel Industry in Arkansas: Re-Assessing the Statewide Economic Impact  
   Ranjitsinh U. Mane, Daniel V. Rainey, and Biswa R. Das, University of Arkansas

4. The Impact of Agriculture on the Arkansas Economy  
   Jennie Popp, Nathan Kemper, and Wayne Miller, University of Arkansas

5. Will Biomass Markets affect Arkansas Crop and Livestock Agriculture? Some Preliminary Numbers  
   Michael Popp, Lanier Nalley, and Gina Vickery, University of Arkansas

6. Preventative Animal Healthcare: Micropolitan vs. Metropolitan Areas  
   Scott Parrott, Janet Bailey, Kathryn Bray, and Joey Mehlhorn, University of Tennessee

7. Understanding Direct Markets: Characteristics of the Farmers’ Market Consumer  
   Allison L. Vetter, Henderson State University and Ronald L. Rainey, University of Arkansas
Mac Young, Steven Klose, Greg Kaase, Shad Nelson, Texas A&M University, and Juan Enciso, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center

9. **Wind Energy as an Alternate to Natural Gas Driven Irrigation**  

10. **Management of Residential Water Consumption in Florida: Conservation Water Rates**  
Colin Rawls and Tatiana Borisova, University of Florida and Burcin Unel, University of Florida/Bogazici University, Turkey

Kenesha Reynolds and Ellene Kebede, Tuskegee University

12. **Kentucky Consumers’ Acceptance of Sweet Potato Products**  
Emine Bayar, Timothy A. Woods, Wuyang Hu, and Leigh J. Maynard, University of Kentucky

Arun Adhikari and J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

Donna Mitchell and John Robinson, Texas A&M University

15. **Estimating GDP at the County Level – An Evaluation of Alternative Approaches**  
John D. Barreca and J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

16. **How Big Is the Number and Why Should We Care? An Evaluation of Methods Used to Measure the Economic Impacts to the Food and Fiber Sector from the 2008 Hurricane Season**  
Kurt M. Guidry, Rex Caffey, and J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University

17. **Trends in Louisiana Shrimp Industry from 2000-2007**  
Latika Bharadwaj and David Lavergne, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

18. **Effect of Biofuel Expansion on Commodity and Food Prices**  
Tomas Hasing, Samuel Zapata, and Carlos Carpio, Clemson University

19. **Understanding the Need for a Farmers Market on a College Campus**  
Benjamin M. Clark, Tyler Mark, and Joshua Detre, Louisiana State University

20. **Forecasting Water Demand and Value for Corn and Soybean Production in Alabama**  
Swagata "Ban" Banerjee, Buddhi R. Gyawali, and James O. Bukenya, Alabama A&M University

Ernie Bazari, Kim Jensen, Burton English, Roland Roberts, and Jamey Menard, University of Tennessee

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Monday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Registration**  
International Balcony (L6)

Monday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Quiz Bowl**  
International Room H Foyer

Monday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Recruitment Displays**  
International Room H Foyer

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  
**Selected Papers 1**  
Tower Room 1201

Title: **Agribusiness and Finance**  
Moderator: Arbindra Rimal, Missouri State University

8:30 **Will Higher Shipping Costs Drive Us to Source More Localized Produce?**  
Tim Woods, Sayed Saghaiian, and Lucia Una, University of Kentucky

8:50 **Cost/Benefit Analysis of Abscission Registration for Citrus Mechanical Harvesting**  
German Blanco and Fritz Roka, University of Florida

9:10 **Labor Cost and Value of Citrus Operations with Alternative Technology: Enterprise DCF Approach**  
Nobuyuki Iwai, Robert D. Emerson, and Fritz M. Roka, University of Florida

9:30 **The Impact of Mechanical Citrus Harvester Adoption on Florida Orange Juice Production**  
Jacob Searcy, Fritz Roka, and Thomas Spreen, University of Florida (WITHDRAWN)
9:50 Sweet Sorghum Juice to Ethanol in Texas: An Economic Feasibility Analysis  
Brian J. Frosch, James W. Richardson, Brittany D. Morris, and Joe L. Outlaw, Texas A&M University

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  
Selected Papers 2  
Tower Room 1202

Title: Food Consumption, Safety, and Policy  
Moderator: Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University

8:30 Do Consumers Really Care about Biotech Food Label? What Do We Know? What Else Should We Know?  
Xi Chen and Bin Zhou, Cornell University, and Funing Zhong, Nanjing Agricultural University

8:50 Potential Impacts of Food Borne Illness Incidence on Market Movements and Prices of Fresh Produce in the U.S.  
Marco A. Palma, Luis Ribera, and David Bessler, Texas A&M University, Mechel Paggi, California State University, and Ronald Knutson, Texas A&M University

9:10 How Much Are Consumers Paying for Organic Baby Food?  
Travis A. Smith and Biing-Hwan Lin, USDA-ERS  
Chung L. Huang and Victoria LeBeaux, University of Georgia

9:30 Modeling Reference-Dependent and Labeling Effects in Consumers’ Functional Food Choices  
Ningning (Helen) Zou and Jill E. Hobbs, University of Saskatchewan

Andrew Muhammad, Mississippi State University, and Keithly G. Jones, USDA-ERS

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  
Selected Papers 3  
Tower Room 1203

Title: Research Methods and Quantitative  
Moderator: Scott Parrott, University of Tennessee

8:30 Forecasting Demand for Rural Electric Cooperative Call Center  
Philip Kenkel and Taeyoon Kim, Oklahoma State University

8:50 The Effects of USDA Acreage Planted, Production, and Grain Stocks Announcements on Commodity Spot Prices and USDA Monthly Price Forecasts  
Sung Chul No, Southern University and A&M (WITHDRAWN)

9:10 Complementarities in Language and Economics Argue for a Multidisciplinary Approach to the Study of Economic Phenomena  
Wayne M. Gauthier, Louisiana State University (WITHDRAWN)

9:30 Aggregation Issues in Non-parametric Productivity Estimation  
Saleem Shaik, North Dakota State University

9:50 Time-series, Panel and Hierarchical Analysis of U.S. Crop Yield Normality  
Saleem Shaik, North Dakota State University  
Sanjoy Bhattacharjee, Mississippi State University

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  
Selected Papers 4  
Tower Room 1204

Title: International Agriculture and Trade  
Moderator: Laniér Nally, University of Arkansas

8:30 From Coffee Beans to Microchips: Export Diversification and Economic Growth in Costa Rica  
Gustavo Ferreira, Louisiana State University

8:50 Impact of an Expanded United States Sugar Imports from CAFTA Countries on the Ethanol Market  
Osei-Agyeman Yeboah and S. Janine Parker, North Carolina A&T State University

9:10 Remittances and Economic Growth in Latin America: The Impact of Human Capital Development  
P. Lynn Kennedy and Pablo A. Garcia-Fuentes, Louisiana State University

9:30 Is the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA) a Real Alternative to the Neoliberal Free Trade Agreement CAFTA?  
Porfirio A Fuentes and Albert J. Allen, Mississippi State University, and Saleem Shaik, North Dakota State University (WITHDRAWN)

9:50 Analysis of U.S. Demand for Tropical Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Imports  
Kilungu Nzaku and Jack E. Houston, University of Georgia
Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  
*Selected Papers 5*  
*Tower Room 1206*

**Title:** Production Economics  
**Moderator:** Lal Almas, West Texas A&M University

8:30 *Adoption of Technology and Its Impact on Profitability of Young and Beginning Farmers: A Quantile Regression Approach*  
Arun Adhikari, Ashok K. Mishra, and Sachin Chintawar, Louisiana State University

8:50 *The Impact of Adoption of Genetically Modified Corn on the Off-farm Labor Supply in the United States*  
Sachin Chintawar, Ashok K. Mishra, and Jeffrey M. Gillespie, Louisiana State University

9:10 *The Competition for Corn Stocks and Its Impact on Hog Production: A Locational Analysis*  
Joshua D. Detre, Tyler Mark, and Sachin Chintawar, Louisiana State University (WITHDRAWN)

9:30 *Crop Producer Perceptions of Corn, Soybean and Cotton Price Risk*  
John Michael Riley and John D. Anderson, Mississippi State University

9:50 *Supply Response of Crops in the Southeast*  
Rachel Smith, Patricia Duffy, Henry Kinnucan, James Novak, and Norbert Wilson, Auburn University

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Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  
*Selected Papers 6*  
*Tower Room 1207*

**Title:** Marketing and Industrial Organization  
**Moderator:** Whitney Peake, Murray State University

8:30 *Forecasting the Texas Triangle Corn Basis: How Useful Are Economic Fundamentals?*  
Vardan Mkrtchyan, J. Mark Welch, and Gabriel J. Power, Texas A&M University

8:50 *On The Extent of the Market: A Monte Carlo Study and an Application to the U.S. Egg Market*  
Aklesso Egbendewe-Mondzozo, Texas A&M University

9:10 *Consumer Preferences in Purchasing Beef and the Values They Attribute to Branded Beef Products*  
Roger D. Hanagriff Ryan D. Rhoades, and Doug Wilmeth, Texas A&M University

9:30 *Attributes Preferred and Premiums Offered for Naturally Produced Beef Cattle*  
Job D. Springer, Jon T. Biermacher, Dan Childs, and Deke O. Alkire, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, and Brandon Grooms, Ag Texas Farm Credit

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Monday 8:30 - 10:10  
*Organized Symposium 1*  
*Tower Room 1205*

**Title:** 2008 Farm Bill Implications for Specialty Crop Agriculture  
**Organizers:** Deacue Fields, Auburn University  
Ron Rainey, University of Arkansas  
Kennrett Jefferson-Moore, North Carolina A&T University  
Jennifer Dennis, Purdue University  
**Moderator:** Andrew Muhammad, Mississippi State University  
**Presenters:**  
1. Daniel Whitley, USDA-FAS  
2. Mike Gunderson, University of Florida  
3. Duncan Chembezi, Alabama A&M University  
4. Ron Rainey, University of Arkansas and Deacue Fields, Auburn University

10:10 - 10:30 Break: Refreshments served near Tower Rooms 1201/1206

Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.  
*Selected Papers 7*  
*Tower Room 1201*

**Title:** Teaching  
**Moderator:** Kim Jensen, University of Tennessee

10:30 *Factors Influencing Salaries of Agricultural Economics Professionals in Land Grants*  
Arby Abdula and Jennie Popp, University of Arkansas, Doris Newton, USDA-ERS, Dianne Pittman and Diana Danforth, University of Arkansas

10:50 *The Professor’s Dilemma: Teaching Game Theory in Principles of Agricultural Economics*  
Justin Gardner, Middle Tennessee State University

11:10 *Factors Influencing Salaries of Agricultural Economics Professionals in Federal Employment*  
Jennie Popp, University of Arkansas, Doris Newton, USDA-ERS, and Dianne Pittman and Diana Danforth, University of Arkansas

11:30 *Case Studies of Successful Small Scale Farming in North Carolina*  
Anthony K. Yeboah, John Paul Owens, Jarvetta S. Bynum, and Daniel Boisson, North Carolina State University
Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
Selected Papers 8
Tower Room 1202

Title: Resource Economics
Moderator: Olga Murova, Texas Tech University

10:30 Effects of Hog Production on Air Pollution: Using North Carolina’s Policy Changes to Measure Effects
Stacy Sneringer, Wellesley College

10:50 Demand for Recreational Fishing in Alabama Using Travel Cost Model
Oluwagbemiga Ojumu, Deacue Fields, and Diane Hite, Auburn University

11:10 An Analysis of the EQIP Program for Lesser Prairie Chickens in the Northern Texas Panhandle
DeDe Jones, Nicole Gueck, and Patrick Warminski, Texas A&M University

11:30 Predicting Angler Participation in Louisiana
E. O. Ogunyinka, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (WITHDRAWN)

Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
Selected Papers 9
Tower Room 1203

Title: Extension
Moderator: John Michael Riley, Mississippi State University

10:30 Role of Extension in a Research University
Cole Gustafson, North Dakota State University

10:50 Potential Uses For Seasonal Climate Forecasts For Water Management in South Florida: Extension Service Perspective
N. E. Breuer, University of Miami, and T. Borisova and P.E. Hildebrand, University of Florida (WITHDRAWN)

Assessing the Impacts of Soil Carabon Credits and Risk on No-Till Rice Profitability
K. Bradley Watkins, Merle M. Anders, and Jeffrey A. Highnight, University of Arkansas

11:10 Price Variability and the Marketing of Classifications of Goat
Mack C. Nelson, Xuanli Liu, and Erika Styles, Fort Valley State University

11:30 Estimating Cotton Harvest Cost per Acre When Harvest Days Are Stochastic
Gregory Ibendahl, John Anderson, and Matthew Farrell, Mississippi State University

Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
Selected Papers 10
Tower Room 1204

Title: Farm Management
Moderator: Scott Fausti, North Dakota State University

10:30 Management Production Systems and Timing Strategies for Cull Cows
Zakou Amadou, Clement E. Ward, and Kellie Curry Raper, Oklahoma State University, and Billy Cook, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation

10:50 The Effects of Sex-sorted Semen on Southern Dairy Farms
Brian K. Herbst, David P. Anderson, Joe L. Outlaw, James W. Richardson, and Todd R. Bilby, Texas A&M University

11:10 Effect of Corn Price on Profitability of Control vs. Phytase Enhanced Diet of Hogs
Ajita Atreya, Jeffrey D. Vitale, Arthur Stoecker, and S.D. Carter, Oklahoma State University

11:30 A Long-Term Analysis of Changes in Economies of Size
Lindsey K. Snider and Michael Langemeier, Kansas State University

Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
Selected Papers 11
Tower Room 1206

Title: Production Economics
Moderator: Fritz Roka, University of Florida

10:30 Farm level Nonparametric Analysis of Profit Maximization Behavior with Measurement Error
Yacob A. Zereyesus and Allen M. Featherstone, Kansas State University

10:50 The Impact of Labor Constraints on the Farm Performance: A Comparison of Organic and Conventional Farms
Florence Ivy M. Santos, Timothy A. Park, and Cesar L. Escalante, University of Georgia

11:10 Simulation of Golden Kiwifruit Yield and Size Distributions under Historical Temperature Regimes in Alabama
D. Alan Burnie, Robert G. Nelson, and William A. Dozier, Auburn University

11:30 Economics of Tillage, Row Pattern and Cultivar for Peanut
Amanda R. Smith, Nathan B. Smith, R. Scott Tubbs, John P. Beasley, Jr., and John E. Paulk, III, University of Georgia
Title: **Rural and Community Development**  
Moderator: Ken Hood, Mississippi State University

10:30 **Energy Consumption and Economic Growth: Evidence from COMESA Countries**  
Chali Nondo and Mulugeta S. Kabsai, West Virginia University

10:50 **Can a State Funded Rural Economic Development Program Positively Impact the State’s Economy? A Case Study Application Using Texas Department of Agriculture’s Rural Tourism Economic Development Program**  
Roger D. Hanagriff, Texas A&M University and Michael H. Lau, Sam Houston State University

11:10 **Input-Output Analysis, Linear Programming and Modified Multipliers**  
Erqian Zhu, Man-Keun Kim, and Thomas R. Harris, University of Nevada

11:30 **Location Patterns of U.S. Firms: From Birth to Death**  
Jason P. Brown, Purdue University and Dayton M. Lambert, University of Tennessee

**Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.**  
**Selected Papers 12**  
**Tower Room 1207**

Title: **Human Capital and Rural Economic Development**  
Organizer: Elton Mykerezi, University of Minnesota  
Moderator: Thomas G. Johnson, University of Missouri  
Discussant: Thomas G. Johnson, University of Missouri

Presenters:
1. **The Importance of Preschool Enrollment for Rural Schools in the South**  
   Judy A. Temple, University of Minnesota
2. **Do Rural Community Colleges Supply Unique Educational Benefits?**  
   Elton Mykerezi, University of Minnesota, Bradford Mills, Virginia Tech, and Gentian Kostandini, University of Georgia
3. **Race, Gender, School Discipline, and Human Capital Effects**  
   Jeffrey L. Jordan, University of Georgia and Bulent Anil, University of Minnesota

**Monday 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Invited Papers 1**  
**Tower Room 1202**

Title: **Volatile Commodity Markets and Their Impact on the U.S. Grain Industry**  
Organizers: Andrew McKenzie, University of Arkansas and Gail L. Cramer, Louisiana State University  
Moderator: Gail L. Cramer, Louisiana State University  
Discussant: T. Randall Fortenbery, University of Wisconsin

Presenters:
1. **Managing Price Risk in Volatile Grain Markets, Issues and Potential Solutions**  
   Andrew McKenzie, University of Arkansas and Eugene Kunda, University of Illinois
2. **Grain Contracting Strategies to Induce Delivery and Performance in Volatile Markets**  
   William W. Wilson, North Dakota State University
3. **Ethanol and Corn Price Volatility**  
   Hikaru Peterson, Kansas State University, Philip Garcia, and Scott H. Irwin, University of Illinois

**Monday 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Invited Papers 2**  
**Tower Room 1201**

Title: **Agricultural Labor Use and Trends in Southern Agriculture**  
Organizer: Marco Palma, Texas A&M University and H.L. Goodwin, University of Arkansas  
Moderator: Marco Palma, Texas A&M University

Presenters:
1. Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University
2. C. Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University
3. Flynn Adcock, Texas A&M University
4. H.L. Goodwin, University of Arkansas

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**11:50 - 1:15 41st Annual SAEA Meetings Luncheon**

**Welcome**  
C.W. “Bill” Herndon, Jr., SAEA President

**Presidential Address**  
**Intellectual Impact of Agricultural Economists**  
Hector O. Zapata

**Plaza Ballroom**

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Monday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 13  
Tower Room 1202

Title: Farm Management  
Moderator: Bob Stark, University of Arkansas

3:20 A Risk Analysis of Converting CRP Acres to a Wheat-Sorghum-Fallow Rotation  
Jeffery R. Williams and Richard Llewelyn, Kansas State University, Dustin L. Pendell, Colorado State University, and Alan Schlegel and Troy Dumler, Kansas State University

3:40 Optimal Cash Purchase Strategies to Reduce Fertilizer Price Risk  
Phil Kenkel and Taeyoon Kim, Oklahoma State University

4:00 An Analysis of Geographical Diversification in Commercial Agriculture  
Ryan Larsen, Jared L. Wolfley, James W. Mjelde, and David Leatham, Texas A&M University

4:20 Evaluating Dryland Crop/Livestock System Alternatives for Risk Management under Declining Irrigation in the Texas Panhandle  
David Lust, Lal K. Almas, W. Arden Colette, and Bob A. Stewart, West Texas A&M University

4:40 Evaluation of Risk Management Methods for Satsuma Mandarin  
Jeanne K. Lindsey, Patricia A. Duffy, and Robert G. Nelson, Auburn University, Robert C. Ebel, University of Florida, and William A. Dozier, Auburn University

Monday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 14  
Tower Room 1201

Title: International Agriculture and Trade  
Moderator: Jose Lopez, Texas Tech University

3:20 A Foot and Mouth Disease Induced Model of the U.S. Excess Supply of Beef  
Osei-Agyeman Yeboah, Victor Ofori-Boadu, and Samaila Salifou, North Carolina A&T State University

3:40 Analysis of the Economic Impact of U.S. Dollar Depreciation and Transportation Costs on the U.S. Agricultural Trade  
Youngjae Lee, P. Lynn Kennedy, and Brian Hilbun, Louisiana State University

4:00 International Grain Sorghum Trade: United States Beyond the Mexican Dependency?  
Teresa Duch-Carvallo and Jaime Malaga, Texas Tech University

4:20 Effects of Food Safety Regulatory Standards on Seafood Exports to the U.S., the E.U., and Japan  
Anh Van Nguyen and Norbert L.W. Wilson, Auburn University

4:40 The Effects of Changes in Trade and Domestic Policies on the Global Soybean Complex Market  
Rafael F. Costa, Yan Xia, Dwi Susanto and C. Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University

Monday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 15  
Tower Room 1203

Title: Agricultural Policy  
Moderator: John Westra, Louisiana State University

3:20 Measuring the Potential Economic Impact of a Regional Agricultural Promotion Campaign: The Case of South Carolina  
Carlos E. Carpio and Olga Isengildina-Massa, Clemson University

3:40 The Potential Economic Impacts of the Managed Haying and Grazing of CRP  
Amanda Dickson and Mike Dicks, Oklahoma State University

4:00 The Impact of the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program on the Effectiveness of Crop Insurance  
Sung Wook Hong, Gabriel J. Power, and Dmitry V. Vedenov, Texas A&M University

4:20 Impacts of Federal Government Programs and Specific Farm Variables on Technical Efficiency of Dairy Farms  
Olga Murova and Benaissa Chidmi, Texas Tech University

4:40 Government Decision Model for Invasive Species: Choose the Most Efficient Measure from Alternative Government Programs  
Yichen Zhang, Andrew Muhammad, and Keith Coble, Mississippi State University

Monday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 16  
Tower Room 1204

Title: Resource Economics  
Moderator: Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University

3:20 Determinants of Household Hurricane Evacuation Choice in Florida  
Daniel Solis, University of Miami, Michel Thomas, Florida A&M University, and David Letson, University of Miami
3:40 Study of Evacuation Behavior of Coastal Gulf of Mexico Residents  
Sanjoy Bhattacharjee and Daniel Petrolia, Mississippi State University, Terrill Hanson, Auburn University, and Michael Thomas, Florida A&M University

4:00 Economic Growth and Environmental Degradation  
J. Wesley Burnett, University of Georgia

4:20 Can Land Value Taxation Moderate Sprawl Development?  
Seong-Hoon Cho and Seung-Gyu Kim, University of Tennessee

4:40 Valuing the Benefit of Heating System Improvement Using the Health Production Function  
Zheng Liu, Angelos Pagoulatos, and Wuyang Hu, University of Kentucky

Monday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 17  
Tower Room 1205

Title: Rural and Community Development  
Moderator: Albert Myles, Mississippi State University

James O. Bukenya, Alabama A&M University

3:40 Exploring the Impact of Psychological Factors on Small Business Expansion or Growth: The Case of West Virginia  
Semoa De Sousa-Brown and Tesfa G. Gebremedhin, West Virginia University

4:00 Relieving Poverty in the Southern United States  
Suhyun Jung and Seong-Hoon Cho, University of Tennessee

4:20 Understanding the Interaction between Cotton Ginning and Rural Economies of the Mid-South under a Changing Cotton Environment  
J. Matthew Fannin and Kenneth W. Paxton, Louisiana State University, and Tommy Valco, USDA-ARS

4:40 Evaluating the Economic Impact of Changing Mississippi’s Tobacco Tax Policy  
Albert Myles and Albert Allen, Mississippi State University

Monday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 18  
Tower Room 1206

Title: Agricultural Policy  
Moderator: Joey Mehlhorn, University of Tennessee

3:20 How Much Did Speculation Contribute to Recent Food Price Inflation?  
Vincent Amanor-Boadu and Amber Tyler, Kansas State University

3:40 State Funded Marketing and Promotional Activities to Support a State’s Winery Business: Are There Economic Returns? A Case Study Using Texas Senate Bill 1370’s Support of the Texas Wine Industry  
Roger D. Hanagriﬀ, Texas A&M University and Michael Lau, Sam Houston State University

4:00 Off-farm Work Among U.S. Farm Women: Joint Decision Making and Health Insurance  
Latika Bharadwaj, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Jill Findeis, Pennsylvania State University

4:20 Impacts of the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 on Shareholders’ Wealth in the Tobacco Industry  
Kelly J. Tiller and Shiferaw Feleke, University of Tennessee

4:40 Farmer Operators Attitude Toward Farm Policy: A National Perspective  
Tyler Mark, Ashok K. Mishra, and Joshua D. Detre, Louisiana State University

Monday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Organized Symposium 3  
Tower Room 1207

Title: Budgets for Free!  
Organizer: Ken Hood, Mississippi State University  
Moderator: Greg Ibendahl, Mississippi State University

Presenters:  
1. David Laughlin, Mississippi State University  
2. Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University  
3. Ken Paxton, Louisiana State University  
4. Steve Turner, Mississippi State University

Monday 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
SAEA Business Meeting and Awards Program  
Peachtree Ballroom C/D

Monday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Student Reception  
Peachtree Ballroom A/E

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Tuesday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Registration
International Balcony (L6)

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Keynote Speaker Breakfast
Dr. Mark Keenum, President, Mississippi State University
Plaza Ballroom

10:00 - 10:15 Break

Tuesday 10:15 a.m. - 12 noon
Poster Session
Peachtree Balcony (L8)

Title: Biofuels: Potential Production Capacity, Effects on Grain and Livestock Sectors, and Implications for Food Prices and Consumers
Organizers: R. Wes Harrison, Louisiana State University and Michael Dicks, Oklahoma State University
Moderator: Rodney Holcomb, Oklahoma State University

Presenters:
1. The Relationship between Exchange Rates, Oil Prices, and Corn Price Over Time
   Ardian Harri, Mississippi State University, Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas, and Darren Hudson Mississippi State University

2. The Impacts of Exchange Rates on Farm Input Prices
   Osei Yeboah, North Carolina A&T University, Saleem Shaik, North Dakota State University, Albert Allen, Mississippi State University and Shawn Wozniak, North Carolina A&T University

3. Exchange Rates and Farm Income
   Won W. Koo and Dae-Heum Kwon, North Dakota State University

Tuesday 10:15 a.m. - 12 noon
Invited Papers 3
Tower Room 1201

Title: Exchange Rates, Energy Policy, and Outcomes in Agricultural Markets
Organizers: Darren Hudson, Mississippi State University
Moderator: Darren Hudson, Mississippi State University
Discussant: C. Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University

Tuesday 10:15 a.m. - 12 noon
Invited Papers 4
Tower Room 1205

Title: Farm Management
Moderator: Ban Banerjee, Alabama A&M University

1:20 Examining Share Lease Arrangements for Grain Operations in the Texas Panhandle under Changing Market Conditions
   Nicole Gueck, DeDe Jones, Steven Klose, and Jay Yates, Texas A&M University System

1:40 The Influences of Land Tenancy and Rotation Selection on Crawfish Farmers' Adoption of Best Management Practices
   Narayen Nyaupane and Jeffrey Gillespie, Louisiana State University

2:00 Agricultural Drainage Management: How Economical Is It in Southern Agricultural Systems?
   Augustus Matekole and John Westra, Louisiana State University, and Timothy Appelboom USDA-ARS

2:20 Conventional Tillage vs. No-till: Characteristics of Producers and Farms
   Abdoulaye Ibrahim Djido, Jeffrey D. Vitale, and Francis M. Epplin, Oklahoma State University

Tuesday 10:15 a.m. - 12 noon
Lifetime Achievement Symposium
Tower Room 1206

2008 and 2009 Award Winners
James E. Richardson, Texas A&M University, 2008 winner
TBA - 2009 winner(s)

Tuesday 12 noon - 1:20 p.m.
Lunch Break
2:40  Canola-Wheat Rotation vs. Continuous Wheat for the Southern Plains  
Jason Duke, Francis M. Epplin, and Thomas F. Peepers, Oklahoma State University

Title: International Agriculture and Trade  
Moderator: Daniel Mooney, University of Tennessee

1:20  Analysis of Substitutability between U.S. Domestic Catfish and Imported Fish Using Cointegration and Structural Demand System Analyses  
Youngjae Lee, P. Lynn Kennedy, and Brian Hilbun, Louisiana State University

1:40  Evaluating the Economic Impact of Crawfish Imports and Bio-energy Expansion Policy on a Rice/crawfish Crop Rotation System in Louisiana  
Youngjae Lee, P. Lynn Kennedy, and Michael Deliberto, Louisiana State University

2:00  South Korean Import Demand for Wheat, Corn and Soybean  
Jae Hong Park, unaffiliated, and Shida Henneberry, Oklahoma State University (WITHDRAWN)

2:20  Impacts of China’s Food Consumption on U.S. Soybean Exports  
Wei Chen, and Mary Marchant, Virginia Tech University and Baohui Song, California State University

2:40  The Trade Effects of Mercosur and Other Regional Trade Agreements on U.S. Cotton Exports to CBI Countries  
Osei-Agyeman Yeboah, NC A&T State University, Saleem Shaik, North Dakota State University, and Sean Batson, NC A&T State University

Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 20  
Tower Room 1203

Title: Production Economics  
Moderator: Mohammed Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University

1:20  Rice Varietal Selection in the Arkansas Delta Through the Use of Portfolio Analysis  
Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas, Andrew Barkley, Kansas State University, Brad Watkins and Jeffery Hignight, University of Arkansas

1:40  Cost Analysis of Alternative Harvest, Storage and Transportation Methods for Delivering Switchgrass to a Biorefinery  
Chenguang Wang, James A. Larson, Burton C. English, and Kim Jensen, University of Tennessee

2:00  Stochastic Dominance Analysis of Bioenergy Crops as a Production Alternative on an East Tennessee Beef and Crop Farm  
Andrew P. Griffith, James A. Larson, Burton C. English, and Dan L. McLemore, University of Tennessee

2:20  Economic Effects of Bovine Respiratory Disease on Feedlot Cattle during Backgrounding and Finishing Phases  
Kathleen Brooks, Kellie Curry Raper, Clement E. Ward, Ben P. Holland, and Clint Krebs, Oklahoma State University

2:40  Cow-Calf Farm Management: Farm Survey Evidence from 2007  
Richard Nehring, USDA-ERS, and Derrell Peeler, Oklahoma State University

Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 21  
Tower Room 1205

Title: Resource Economics  
Moderator: Patricia Duffy, Auburn University

1:20  Biological Control of Giant Reed (Arundo donax): Economic Aspects  
Emily Seawright, Ed Rister, Ron Lacewell, and Allen Sturdivant, The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and John Goolsby, USDA-ARS

1:40  An Energy Cost Estimation of Sugar-Ethanol: A Comparative Analysis with Corn Ethanol Production in the United States  
John V. Westra and Sachin Chintawar, Louisiana State University

2:00  An Evaluation of Nutrient Trading Options in Virginia: A Role for Agriculture?  
Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech, Stephen Aultman, University of Minnesota, and Todd Metcalfe and Alex Miller, Virginia Tech

2:20  Amenity Benefits and Public Policy: An Application to the Georgia Pecan Industry  
Doris Sande, Nzaku Kilungu, and Jeff Mullen, University of Georgia

2:40  Land Use Change, Benefit Transfer and Ecosystem Valuation in North Georgia  
Daniel Ngugi, University of Georgia
Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 23  
Tower Room 1207

Title: Rural and Community Development  
Moderator: James Bukenya, Alabama A&M University

1:20 Measuring the Economic Impact of Tourism and Special Events: Lessons from Mississippi  
Albert E. Myles and Rachael Carter, Mississippi State University

1:40 Income Convergence and Growth in Alabama: Evidence from Sub-county Level Data  
Buddhi Gyawali, Rory Fraser, Swagata “Ban” Banerjee, and James O. Bukenya, Alabama A&M University

2:00 An Analysis of the Role of Entrepreneurship in Economic Development in West Virginia  
Maribel N. Mojica, Tesfa G. Gebremedhin, and Peter V. Schaeffer, West Virginia University

2:20 Is Income Inequality Endogenous in Regional Growth?  
Yohannes G. Hailu, Michigan State University and Mulugeta S. Kahsai, Tesfa G. Gebremedhin, and Radall W. Jackson, West Virginia University

2:40 Assessing the Impacts of Soil Carbon Credits and Risk on No-Till Rice Profitability  
K. Bradley Watkins, Merle M. Anders, and Jeffrey A. Hignight, University of Arkansas

Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 24  
Tower Room 1208

Title: Food Consumption, Safety, and Policy  
Moderator: Carlos Carpio, Clemson University

1:20 The Role of Media in Shaping the Consumers’ Food Risk Profile: A Case Study of Spinach Recall  
Arbindra Rimal and Benjamin Onyango, Missouri State University, Dragan Miljkovic, North Dakota State University, and William Hallman, Rutgers University

1:40 Self-efficacy as a Mediator of the Relationship Between Dietary Knowledge and Behavior  
Arbindra P. Rimal, Missouri State University  
Wanki Moon, Korea University  
Siva K. Balasubramanian, Southern Illinois University

2:00 Factors Affecting U.S. Yogurt Consumption  
Christopher G. Davis and Donald Blayney, USDA-ERS

Senarath Dharmasena and Oral Capps, Jr., Texas A&M University, and Annette Clauson, USDA-ERS

2:40 Effects of Self Perception and Behavior on Adolescents’ Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Intake  
Fengxia Dong and Tun-Hsiang (Edward) Yu Iowa State University (WITHDRAWN)

Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Selected Papers 25  
International Room H

Title: Resource Economics  
Moderator: Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech University

1:20 Going, Going, Almost Gone: How the Depletion of the Alluvial Aquifer Will Affect Cropping Decisions in the Arkansas Delta  
Michael P. Popp, Lanier L Nalley, and Gina B. Vickery, University of Arkansas

1:40 Optimal Allocation of Reservoir Water  
Deepayan Debnath, Art Stoecker, Tracy Boyer, and Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University

2:00 Water Conservation Policy Alternatives for the Ogallala Aquifer in the Texas Panhandle  
Robert H. Taylor and Lal Almas, West Texas A&M University

2:20 The Economic Value of Basin Protection to Improve the Quality and Reliability of Potable Water Supply: Some Evidence from Ecuador  
Samuel D. Zapata, Holger M. Benavides, Carlos E. Carpio, and David B. Willis, Clemson University

2:40 An Integrated Spatial Optimization Approach for Water Quality Management for Opequon Creek Watershed  
Wilbert Karigomba, West Virginia University, T. Borisova, University of Florida, A. Collins and G. D'Souza, West Virginia University, C. Masilela, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and M. Strager, West Virginia University

Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Organized Symposium 4  
Tower Room 1202

Title: Serving the Needs of the Next Generation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Leaders  
Organizer: Henry Bahn, USDA-CSREES

Moderator: John Lee, Mississippi State University

Presenters:
1. Janie Simms Hipp, USDA-CSREES
2. Henry Bahn, USDA-CSREES
3. Molly Espey, Clemson University
Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Organized Symposium 5
Tower Room 1204

Title: Research Needs for the Gulf Coast: What Should Be the Focus of Our Environmental-Resource Economics
Organizer: Daniel R. Petrolia, Mississippi State University
Moderator: Daniel R. Petrolia, Mississippi State University
Presenters:
1. Craig Landry, East Carolina University
2. Stephen Sempier, MS-AL Sea Grant Consortium
3. Michael Thomas, Florida A&M University
4. Rex Caffey, Louisiana State University

3:00 - 3:20 Break - Refreshments served near Tower Rooms 1201/1208

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 26
Tower Room 1201

Title: International Agriculture and Trade
Moderator: Wei Chen, Virginia Tech University

3:20 An Empirical Examination of the Import Demand Model and Welfare Effects for Rice Importing Countries
Hyunsoo Kang, P. Lynn Kennedy, and Brian Hilbun, Louisiana State University

3:40 Partial Factor Productivity, Agronomic Efficiency and Economic Analyses of Maize in Wheat-Maize Cropping System in Pakistan
Amanullah, NWFP Agricultural University, and Lal K. Almas, West Texas A&M University

4:00 Determining the Feasibility of Yellow Corn Production in Mexico
Maria Mejia and Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University

4:20 A Nonparametric Efficiency Analysis of Bean Producers from North and South Kivu
Kara Ross, Timothy J. Dalton, and Allen M. Featherstone, Kansas State University

4:40 Impact of Biofuel Production on Land Prices: An International Comparison between the United States and Brazil
Alexandre Vialou, University of Maryland, Richard Nehring, USDA-ERS, and Jeffrey Gillespie, Louisiana State University

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 27
Tower Room 1203

Title: Farm Management
Moderator: Dwi Susanto, Texas A&M University

Dwi Susanto, C. Parr Roson, Flynn J. Adcock and David Anderson, Texas A&M University
(WITHDRAWN)

3:40 Energy Cane Usage for Cellulosic Ethanol: Estimation of Feedstock Costs
Michael E. Salassi and Tyler Mark, Louisiana State University

4:00 Evaluating Broiler Producers’ Willingness to Pay (WTP) Value for Water Quality Improvement
Krishna Paudel and Nirmala Devkota, Louisiana State University

4:20 Marginal Propensity to Consume for a Sample of Farms
Michael Langemeier and Lindsey K. Snider, Kansas State University

4:40 Economics of the Variable Rate Technology Investment Decision for Agricultural Sprayers
Daniel F. Mooney, James A. Larson, Roland K. Roberts, and Burton C. English, The University of Tennessee

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 28
Tower Room 1205

Title: Marketing and Industrial Organization
Moderator: Ronald Rainey, University of Arkansas

3:20 Evaluating the Impact of Biofuel Industry Expansion on Grain Distribution: An Analysis of Iowa Grain and Biofuel Survey
Tun-Hsiang (Edward) Yu and Chad Hart, Iowa State University

3:40 Forecasting Cointegrated Relationships among U.S. Tree Nuts Prices
Mohammed Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University and Wojciech J. Florkowski, University of Georgia

4:00 Structure and Conduct of the World Rice Market
Hyunsoo Kang, P. Lynn Kennedy, and Brian Hilbun, Louisiana State University
4:20  The Relationships of Trade, Economic Growth, and Market Power: The Case of Rice Exporting Countries
Hyunsoo Kang, P. Lynn Kennedy, and Brian Hilbun, Louisiana State University

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 29
Tower Room 1206

Title: Agricultural Policy
Moderator: Andrew Muhammad, Mississippi State University

3:20  Managing Catastrophic Risks in Agriculture in Developing Countries
Oscar Vergara, Jack Seaquist, Gerhard Zuba, and Victor Cardenas, AIR Worldwide Corporation, and Carlos Omar Trejo Pech, Universidad Panamericana (WITHDRAWN)

3:40  The Impact of Ethanol on the U.S. Catfish Farm Sector
Hualu Zheng, Andrew Muhammad, and Cary "Bill" Herndon, Mississippi State University

4:00  Deforestation in Sub-Saharan Africa
Malick Diarrassouba, Auburn University, and Inoussa Boubacar, University of Nebraska

4:20  The Compensative Effects of Tobacco Leaf Price Changes on Tax Revenue in China
Hailong Cai and Henry W. Kinnucan, Auburn University

4:40  Has the "Farm Problem" Disappeared? A Comparison of Household and Self-Employment Income Levels of the Farm and Nonfarm Self-Employed
Whitney O. Peake, Murray State University and Maria I. Marshall, Purdue University

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 30
Tower Room 1207

Title: Resource Economics
Moderator: Mulugeta Kahsai, West Virginia University

3:20  Analysis of Health Expenditures Trends among OECD Countries
Kang-Sun Lee, Baifu Xu, and Bhaskar Toodi, LA Dept. Health & Hospitals

3:40  Willingness to Pay Estimation with Multiple Bid Response
Nirmala Devkota, Krishna P. Paudel, and Shanta Parajuli, Louisiana State University

4:00  The Cost of Coexistence between Bt Maize and Open Pollinated Maize Varieties in Lowland Coastal Kenya
Emmanuel Tumusiime, Oklahoma State University

4:20  Assessing Willingness to Accept Values by Broiler Producers to Terminate Broiler Production
Nirmala Devkota and Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University

4:40  The Economics of Small Ownership and Logging by Small Woodlot Owners
Godfrey Ejimakor, John Owens, Raphael Okafor, and Harry Sutton, North Carolina A&T State University

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 31
Tower Room 1208

Title: Rural and Community Development
Moderator: Roger Hanagriff, Texas A&M -Kingsville

3:20  School Improvement after Disaster: A Comparative Look at School Finance, Policy, and Student Performance in Louisiana's Urban and Rural School Districts after the 2005 Hurricanes
Mark Schafer, Ashley Barras, and J. Matthew Fannin, Louisiana State University (WITHDRAWN)

3:40  Scope Economies of Lending and Collecting Savings: Evidence from Rated MFIs
Valentina Hartarska, Auburn University, Christopher Parmeter, Virginia Tech, and Roy Mersland, Agder University, Norway (WITHDRAWN)

4:00  Income Inequality, Growth and Health Outcomes: U.S. Counties Evidence
Ahadu T. Tekle and Cheryl Brown, West Virginia University (WITHDRAWN)

4:20  Distribution of Local Government Revenue Sources and Citizen Well-Being
Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Yacob Zereyesus, and Kara Ross, Kansas State University

4:40  A Cost Analysis of Rapid Land-Building Technologies for Coastal Restoration in Louisiana
Daniel Petrolia and Tae-goun Kim, Mississippi State University and Rex Caffey, Louisiana State University
Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 32
International Room H

Title: Agribusiness and Finance
Moderator: Nicole Gueck, Texas A&M University

Ryan Larsen, Dmitry Vedeno v, David Leatham, and James W. Mjelde, Texas A&M University

3:40 Cotton Price Risk Management across Different Countries
Qizhi Wang and Benaissa Chidmi, Texas Tech University

4:00 Predicting Financial Stress in Young and Beginning Farmers in the United States
Jeremy D’Antoni, Ashok K. Mishra, and Sachin Chintawar, Louisiana State University

4:20 Precautionary Wealth among U.S. Farm Households
Cheikhna Dedah and Ashok K. Mishra, Louisiana State University

4:40 Climate Effects on Rainfall Index Insurance Purchasing Decisions
James Novak and Denis Nadolnyak, Auburn University

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 33
Tower Room 1202

Title: Food Consumption, Safety, and Policy
Moderator: Justin Gardner, Middle Tennessee State University

3:20 An Examination of the Relationship between Food Prices and Government Monetary Policies in Iran
Naser Shahnoushi, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran, Shida Henneberry, Oklahoma State University, and Hooman Manssori, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran

3:40 Food Safety Risk Perceptions as a Tool for Market Segmentation: The USA Poultry Meat Market
Benjamin Onyango and Arbindra Rimal, Missouri State University, Dragan Miljkovic, North Dakota State University, and William Hallman, Rutgers University

4:00 Estimation of a Censored Demand System in Stratified Sampling: An Analysis of Mexican Meat Demand at the Table Cut Level
Jose A. Lopez and Jaime E. Malaga, Texas Tech University

4:20 Obesity, BMI, and Diet Quality: How Does the South Measure Up?
Patricia Duffy, Claire Zizza, and Henry Kinnucan, Auburn University

Tuesday 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Organized Symposium 6
Tower Room 1204

Title: The Impacts of Ethanol Development on Agriculture in Southeastern Region
Organizer: Keith H. Coble and John D. Anderson, Mississippi State University
Moderator: Keith H. Coble, Mississippi State University
Presenters:
1. John D. Anderson, Mississippi State University
2. Yan Liang and Ardian Harri, Mississippi State University
3. Francis Epplin, Oklahoma State University

Tuesday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
JAAE Editorial Council Meeting
Boardroom
(CANCELLED)

Tuesday 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
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Georgia Aquarium exhibits open to SAEA members
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

SAEA Reception in Georgia Aquarium
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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