SAEA Election Results

The SAEA Executive Committee (EC) congratulates and welcomes two members of the SAEA leadership team: Michael Reed, University of Kentucky, as President-Elect; and Jayson Lusk, Oklahoma State University, as Director. The EC (especially me) offers our sincere thanks to Michael Wetzstein, University or Georgia, and Deacue Fields, Auburn University, for their accepting our nominations and their willingness to make a commitment to serve our Association. Mike and Jayson will “officially” join the EC after the SAEA Business Meeting in February. Once again, CONGRATULATIONS!!

SAEA Annual Meeting

Everyone in our Association owes special thanks to the following persons who served as Chairs of the various sections: Selected Papers, Joey Mehlhorn, University of Tennessee at Martin; Posters, Steve Martin, Mississippi State University; and Organized Symposia, Hector Zapata, Louisiana State University. Our annual meetings have scheduled 33 Selected Paper sessions with 157 papers, 21 Selected Posters, six Organized Symposia, four Invited Paper sessions, and one Lifetime Achievement Symposium. Thanks to everyone for devoting time and efforts to submit proposals to our Association’s meetings.

You may find general meeting and conference information at the SAAS website located at: http://www.saasinc.org/, then click the 2009 Atlanta GA button in the left hand column linking you to this website: http://www.saasinc.org/2009-Atlanta/09-MainPg.asp. The SAEA meetings (and all other SAAS associations) will be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303 ($144/night for single or double, $164/night for triple or quad). You may go on-line at the website listed on this Atlanta Convention website or call toll free 1-800-937-8461 and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate, which is be available for January 27 through February 6, 2009. Reservation deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST January 16, 2009. You may go on-line at the website listed on this Atlanta Convention website or call toll free 1-800-937-8461 and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate, which is be available for January 27 through February 6, 2009. Reservation deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST January 16, 2009. Complimentary in-room internet service provided and airport/hotel transportation services are available using the Atlanta MARTA located in the South Terminal. Details regarding transportation, hotel, registration, and tourism information can be found on the SAAS website.

Registration and all SAEA meeting/sleeping rooms will be located within the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel. These meetings and activities will be conducted on multiple floors of the hotel. Something new this year: SAAS is sponsoring a series of multi-disciplinary sessions titled: “Alternative Energy in Agriculture” with the first set of speakers to begin Sunday at 3:30 p.m. followed by the SAAS reception and Super Bowl kick-off. The SAEA will conduct one of four additional sessions in this series at 10:00 a.m. Monday, which was organized by our Past-President, H.L. Goodwin, University of
Arkansas. Please make plans to attend the SAEA reception Tuesday evening that our Treasurer Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia, is organizing at the nearby Georgia Aquarium that Jeff promises to be a wonderful event.

**Undergraduate and Graduate Student Social**
New this year, after the SAEA Business Meeting Monday evening, a party/social will be held for Quiz Bowl participants, graduate students and their faculty advisors, graduate recruiters, and SAEA EC. Pizza, chips, and drinks (including soft drinks, beer and wine) will be served, with the first two beer/wine drinks provided by the SAEA.

**Graduate Program Recruiting Fair**
The 2009 SAEA meetings will mark the third year for conducting a Graduate Recruiting Fair. Once again, Departments and other agencies setting up displays at this year’s event will be asked to pay a nominal $100 registration fee to help defray some of the costs of table rental, set-up, and refreshments provided at the fair. Those interested in having a table at the Graduate Recruitment Fair should contact Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University, MBest@tntech.edu or 931-372-3154. Please send registration Recruiting Fair registration fees to Jeff Jordan, SAEA Treasurer, or contact him if an invoice is needed at: jjordan@griffin.uga.edu or 770-228-7231 ext. 106. (See this and other Registration Forms in this newsletter and at the saea.org under the annual meeting inforamtion).

Please REMEMBER that NO overhead projectors will be rented for our meetings again this year. In each of the past two years, the SAEA avoided paying $3,000-plus in rental fees for LCD projectors by employing our Technology Committee to provide/set-up laptop computers and LCD projectors for use in every meeting room. So, the only thing you will need to bring is a memory stick (or “geek” stick) containing your PowerPoint slides/file(s). Al Wysocki, University of Florida, is managing these technology arrangements. Thank you for your continuing support of SAEA. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. See y’all in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

C.W. “Bill” Herndon, Jr.
SAEA President
Attention Undergraduate Coordinators and Advisors! Once again, the SAEA will sponsor an Academic Quiz Bowl at the 2009 meetings in Atlanta, Georgia. Please consider bringing your students to this event! Bring one or bring 20, it does not matter; every student that you bring will be placed on a team! The Academic Quiz Bowl is an excellent opportunity for your students to participate in the annual meetings, and to network with both fellow undergraduates and faculty from throughout the southeastern U.S. We also organize a graduate program recruiting fair for quiz bowl participants. Entry forms and other details are posted on the SAEA webpage. The tournament will begin at 8am on Sunday, Feb. 1, and continue through Monday afternoon, Feb. 2, 2009. Contact Michael J. Best, Ph.D., College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, Tennessee Technological University, P.O. Box 5034, Cookeville, TN 38505; phone: 931-372-3154, fax: 931-372-3899, Email: mbest@tntech.edu if you have questions.

Attention Department Chairs, Heads and Graduate Program Coordinators! The organizers of the Undergraduate Academic Quiz Bowl, with the support of the SAEA Executive Committee, hosts a Graduate Program Recruiting Fair in association with the 2009 Academic Quiz Bowl tournament in Atlanta, Georgia. Refreshments and a sitting area will be set up next to the Quiz Bowl tournament area. Departments setting up displays and recruiting at this event will be charged a registration fee to support the cost of refreshments. There are typically 50 undergraduates in the Quiz Bowl and many of them are interested in attending graduate school. This will be an excellent opportunity to recruit from a captured audience – every student will be competing on Sunday, and many will be available between matches to talk to faculty about graduate programs. Contact: Michael J. Best, Ph.D., College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, Tennessee Technological University, P.O. Box 5034, Cookeville, TN 38505; phone: 931-372-3154, fax: 931-372-3899, Email: mbest@tntech.edu (backup contact only: James Sterns, University of Florida, jasterns@ufl.edu or 352-392-1826 ext. 222).

(Graduate Program Recruitment Fair Registration Form can be accessed on the Annual Meeting information page at www.saea.org).
The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank the following volunteers who are serving on SAEA committees:

**Selected Paper Submissions Chairs:** Valentina Hatarska, Auburn University.

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Or
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Other Information:
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No resort or service fee will be charged. However, there will be a $75.00 charge if you check out earlier than your reserved checkout date, unless you advise the hotel at or before check-in.
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This special issue of the Journal of Environmental Planning and Management (JEPM) aims at bringing scientific insights to the provision and management of rural, peri-urban and urban landscapes. This issue looks towards gathering original socio-economic analyses on landscape planning processes based on the analysis of the institutional framework and public or private policies. It also looks towards assessing the value of landscape. Both theoretical and empirical studies are welcome.

- analysis of the public/private provision of the landscape,
- the place of the landscape in local/regional/urban development,
- landscape valuation and cost-benefit analysis.

The European Consortium for Landscape Economics (CEEP) will guest-edit this special issue. The submission and referring processes are the same as for usual submissions to the JEPM. Hence, contributors to the special issue are invited to follow the JEPM’s authors guidelines which are available on the Taylor & Francis website at:

http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/09640568.asp

Papers should not exceed 8,000 words with abstracts of around 100 words.

Contributions should be sent to the editors of this special issue:

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DEADLINES:

Closing date for submissions: 21 march 2009

Expected Publication date: First semester of 2010
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Numerous research programmes and publications indicate a new interest of economists in landscape. The challenge of this conference is to give an overview on current economic research on landscape and to sketch the profile of landscape economics as a new scientific discipline. The conference draws on the general assumption that economic theory offers a potent analytical framework to examine and explain landscape dynamics, the possibilities to govern landscape development and related economic opportunities in rural and urban areas. The economic research on landscape covers a broad field of innovative empirical and theoretical studies, such as valuation, economic landscape models, cost-benefit analyses of landscape services, landscape governance, externalities, income and labour market effects, and many others.

This conference is organised by the European Consortium for Landscape Economics, CEEP, funded by the French Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD). The organisation committee invites all scholars working in the broad field of landscape economics:

- Landscape economics – the Formation of a New Discipline
- Landscape and Public Decision Making
- Policy Instruments for Coordination and Landscape Governance
- Landscape Maintenance as an Economic Sector
- Demand for and Supply of Landscape
- Economic Activities as Driving Forces for Landscape Development
- Landscape as a Basis of Economic Development

This call for papers extends to all researchers working on the above topics, however, does not exclude other contributions in the context of landscape economics.

Please submit the full paper in English and author information (full name, affiliation, address, telephone and fax number, e-mail address of author/s) by March 2, 2009 to: julien.salanie@agrocampus-ouest.fr (with a copy to walid.oueslati@agrocampus-ouest.fr)

Both analytical and empirical work will be considered for oral presentation; syntheses will also be appreciated.

The working language of the workshop is English.
Full papers of no more than 35 pages with abstract and detailed contact information (on a separate page) should be submitted by e-mail in Word (or LaTeX) and pdf.

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**Deadlines**

- **Paper submission:** 2 March 2009
- **Notification of acceptance:** 17th April 2009
- **Registration:** 29th May 2009

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**Registration fees:** 300€ (including conference materials, coffee breaks, lunches and dinners, and a post-workshop tour). 220€ for PhD students.

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Saturday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Quiz Bowl
International Room H

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Sunday 8 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.
SERA39
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


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


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

8. Evaluating Alternative Irrigation Systems and Water Pricing in Rio Red Grapefruit Production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley 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  

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

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

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

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

Recruitment Fair & Coffee Break  
8 a.m. - noon  
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 I  
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 Saghian, 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, Mehchel 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 Biiing-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

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
Selected Papers 3
Tower Room 1204

Title: International Agriculture and Trade
Moderator: Lanier 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?
Porfírio A. Fuentes and Albert J. Allen, Mississippi State University, and Saleem Shaik, North Dakota State University (WITHDRAWN)

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

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
Selected Papers 5
Tower Room 1206

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)
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

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

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 Sneeringer, 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 Carbon 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 Economics 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
Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
Selected Papers 12
Tower Room 1207

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. Kahsai, 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.
Organized Symposium 2
Tower Room 1205

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

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

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:
   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: Human Capital and Rural Economic Development
Organizers: 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

3:00 - 3:20 Break: Refreshments served near Tower Rooms 1201/1206
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 Hilburn, 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. Bukunya, 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 Findelis, 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)

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

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. Land Use Implications of Expanding Biofuel Demand
   Daniel De La Torre Ugartee, University of Tennessee, Michael R. Dicks, Oklahoma State University, and Jody Campiche, Texas A&M University

2. Conditions Necessary for Private Investment in the Ethanol Industry
   Phil Kenkel and Rodney B. Holcomb, Oklahoma State University

3. Biofuels: Potential Production Capacity, Effects on Grain and Livestock Sectors, and Implications for Food Prices and Consumers
   Dermot Hayes, Bruce Babcock, Jacinto Fabiosa, Simla Tokgoz, Amani El-Obeid, Tun-Hsang Yu, Fengxia Dong, Wyatt Thompson, Seth Meyer, Edward Chavez, Suwen Pan, Iowa State University

4. The Food vs. Fuel Debate: Implications for Consumers
   R. Wes Harrison, Louisiana State University

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

Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 19
Tower Room 1201

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
   Narayan Nyaupane and Jeffrey Gillespie, Louisiana State University
Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 21
Tower Room 1205

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 Hight, 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 Krehbiel, Oklahoma State University

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

Tuesday 1:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Selected Papers 22
Tower Room 1206

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
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

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)*
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

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

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

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

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 Compensatory 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 Ejima kor, 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 H anagriff, 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
Title: Agribusiness and Finance
Moderator: Nicole Gueck, Texas A&M University

Ryan Larsen, Dmitry Vedenev, 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

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 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

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• Walk westbound down International Boulevard toward Centennial Olympic Park
• Turn right onto Centennial Olympic Park Drive
• Turn left onto Baker Street
• Main entrance to Aquarium will be on your right.
• For the Oceans Ballroom Entrance, bear right past the main Aquarium entrance onto Luckie Street. Continue around the building and turn right onto Ivan Allen, Jr. Drive. Oceans Ballroom entrance will be inside the parking garage on Ivan Allen, Jr. Drive.

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