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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am very pleased to serve as the 2005 President of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association. I very much enjoyed visiting with those attending our annual meeting in Little Rock and appreciate your ideas and input for enhancing the products and services offered by the SAEA. During the year, if you have questions or ideas about the SAEA's products and services, please feel free to contact me or the other SAEA Executive Board Members.

Richard Kilmer, University of Florida, will serve as the Past President. **Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University**, is serving as the President-Elect. The Directors for this year are **Randy Little, Mississippi State University**, **Charles Hall, University of Tennessee**, and **Stanley Fletcher, University of Georgia at Griffin**. I would like to welcome Damona and Stanley as new members to the Board. In addition, two new Board members are **Wojciech Florkowski** and **Jeffery Jordan, University of Georgia at Griffin**. They will serve in the office of Secretary/Treasurer. The Board would especially like to thank **Ken Paxton** and **Lonnie Vandever**, both from **Louisiana State University**, for their wonderful service as our prior Secretary/Treasurer. **Henry Kinnucan, University of Auburn**, is our current editor of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)*. The associate editors are **Dragan Miljkovic, North Dakota State University** and **Oystein Myrland, University of Tromsø**. Many thanks to the outgoing *JAAE* editor, **John Penson, Texas A&M University**, and outgoing associate editor, **Linda Crenwelge, Texas A&M University**.

SAEA Annual Meetings, Little Rock, Arkansas

The Little Rock, Arkansas meetings were successful in large part due to the efforts of **Ken Paxton** and **Lonnie Vandever**. I would like to extend a special note of gratitude to **Libby Paxton** and **Bonnie Vandever** for helping with registration and the many behind the scenes details that contributed to the meeting's success. The number of regular members and graduate students attending were 170 and 32, respectively, for a total of 202. In addition, 46 undergraduates attended to participate in the Academic Quiz Bowl. Last year at the Tulsa meetings, there were 209 regular members and graduate students in attendance, with 47 undergraduates attending. Many thanks to **Larry Connor, University of Florida**, for his wonderful keynote address dealing with complex issues facing instructional programs. I would also like to thank **Stan Spurlock, Mississippi State University**, who served as the selected papers chair.

SAEA Award Winners

SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award. Perhaps our most important awards each year are the SAEA Lifetime Achievement Awards. These awards provide a means for the members to recognize the outstanding contributions made by the awardees during a lifetime. First, I would like to thank **Les Myers** for his efforts along with the **Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Gail Cramer, Louisiana State University, Don Ethridge, Texas Tech University, and Wayne Hayenga, Texas A&M University**, in making these selections. Second, I would like to recognize the recipients of these awards: **Wade Griffin, Texas A&M University, John Lee, Mississippi State University, and Fred White, University of Georgia**. Their leadership and contributions have helped shape the profession of agricultural economics in this region.

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award. The committee to select the recipient of the award for outstanding teaching of a course was composed of **Mike Ellerbrock, Virginia Tech, Robert Burton, Kansas State University, and Jeff Dorfmann, University of Georgia**. Thanks to the committee for their service in making this selection. The winner of the outstanding teaching of a course award was **John Seibert, Texas A & M University**. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious award!

SAEA Distinguished Extension Program Award. The winners of the distinguished extension program award were **Gregg Ibendahl and John Anderson of Mississippi State University**. Congratulations! We would like to thank the selection committee which consisted of **Charles Hall, University of Tennessee, William Snell, University of Kentucky and James Pease, Virginia Tech**.

Thanks again to **Les Myers** for working with these awards committees to select outstanding recipients this year.

SAEA Outstanding Journal Article Award. The outstanding journal article award went to **Roderick Rejesus (Texas Tech University), Bertis Little (Tarleton State University), Ashley Lovell (Tarleton State University), Mike Cross and Michael Shucking (Planning Systems, Inc., Stephenville, TX)** for their article, "Patterns of Collusion in the U.S. Crop Insurance Program: An Empirical Analysis." This article appeared in the August 2004 issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. A note of thanks to **Henry Kinnucan, Auburn University**, editor of the *JAAE*, along with the **associate editors and the editorial council**, for their efforts in making this selection.

SAEA Outstanding Poster Award. The first place poster award went to "Is Conservation Tillage An Economically Warranted Production Strategy Under the 2002 Peanut Program: A Perspective of Southern Peanut Production," by **Nathan B. Smith, University of Georgia, Vijay Subramaniam, University of Kentucky, Stanley M. Fletcher, University of Georgia, and John Baldwin, University of Georgia**. Second place went to "The Impact of Agriculture on the Arkansas Economy," by **Jennie Popp, University of Arkansas, Gina Vickery, University of Arkansas, H.L. Goodwin, University of Arkansas, and Wayne Miller, University of Arkansas**. Third place was won by "Working Lands Program: Potential Tools for Conserving Agricultural Wetlands," by **John V. Westra, Louisiana State University, Rex H. Caffey, Louisiana State University, and Jay V. Huner, University of Louisiana**. Thanks to **Enefiok Ekanem of Tennessee State University** for coordinating the posters program along with committee members **Mike Thomsen, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and Andrew Mohammad, Southern University**.

SAEA Annual Meeting Presentations

SAEA Invited Papers. A total of four invited papers sessions were held at the annual meetings this year. The invited papers will be published in the August issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. The paper topics included: "Contracting in the South: A Twenty-Year Retrospective of Change," organized by **Mary Ahearn (USDA)**, "Biotechnology and International Competitiveness: Implications for Southern U.S. Agriculture," organized by **Eric Wailes (University of Arkansas)**, "Taking Research Methods to the Farm," organized by **Steven Klose and Joe Outlaw (Texas A&M University)**, and Sustainable Coastal Development through Community Support: Myth or Reality," organized by **Krishna Paudel, Jack Isaacs, and Steve Henning of Louisiana State University**. **Kim Jensen, University of Tennessee**, coordinated the selection process.

SAEA Selected Papers. The selected papers review process and organization of the sessions was coordinated by **Stan Spurlock (Mississippi State University)**. A total of 124 proposals were submitted, while 111 were accepted. A total of 13 papers were withdrawn. Last year a total of 156 proposals were submitted and 128 were accepted.

SAEA Organized Symposia. A total of 10 organized symposia sessions were held during the annual meetings. **Kim Jensen, University of Tennessee**, coordinated the organized symposia selection process. Last year, in Tulsa, 9 organized symposia sessions were held.

SAEA Selected Posters. Fourteen SAEA selected poster proposals were submitted for the 2005 Little Rock meeting. Thirteen were accepted for presentation. Three cancelled their presentations in Little Rock. Ten posters were displayed, presented and judged. The posters program was coordinated **Enefiok Ekanem of Tennessee State University**. Thanks for your efforts in coordinating the posters. A total of 13 posters were presented in Tulsa last year.

Academic Quiz Bowl. Many thanks to **Robert Stark, University of Arkansas at Monticello**, for his excellent work with the Academic Quiz Bowl. He did a great job as the Quiz Bowl announcer and host! A photo of several quiz bowl participants was featured in the Little Rock newspaper. The winning team of the Quiz Bowl included: **Paige Wingate, University of Florida, Mike Zuber, Virginia Tech University, and Tim Bynum, West Texas A&M University**. Congratulations! The winning student team played the Legends team (President, President Elect, and Past President). The running tally across meetings is now 2 wins Legends, 1 win Students. Thanks also to the advisors and committee members **James Sterns (University of Florida), Kurt Stephenson (Virginia Tech University), Derrell Peel (Oklahoma State University), Don Williams (West Texas A&M University), Joey Melhorn (University of Tennessee at Martin), and Doug Freeze (Mississippi State University)**.

SAEA Evening Social. The Tuesday evening reception was held at the Clinton Presidential Center Library. The reception was a great success and provided us with the opportunity to tour the library and its excellent exhibits. Special thanks to **Mark Cochran, University of Arkansas**, for helping coordinate the reception.

Other SAEA News. At the SAEA business meeting in Little Rock, several changes were made to the constitution in order to bring its text into the electronic age. A copy of the SAEA constitution can be viewed at <http://www.saea.org/> in the information section of that site. A vote was also taken to approve converting the Graduate Student Paper Award to two awards, one for outstanding M.S. thesis and one for outstanding Ph.D. dissertation. A committee, headed by, **Richard Kilmer**, will put together the guidelines for these two awards. The Board plans to have these awards in place for next year's SAEA meeting. Please note that the call for invited papers for the 2006 meetings can be found at the end of this newsletter. **Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University**, will be coordinating the 2006 invited papers. Calls for award nominations, organized symposia, selected papers, and posters will appear in the June newsletter. Information about the hotel and meetings facility for next year's meeting can be found at the SAAS site, <http://www.saasinc.org>. The meetings will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Wyndham Orlando Resort, February 4-8, 2006. Information about the Wyndham can be found at <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/MCOWD/main.wnt>. The Board looks forward to seeing you there!

Kimberly Jensen
President

Call for Invited Paper Proposals
SAEA Meetings
February 4-8, 2006
Orlando, Florida

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association is soliciting proposals for Invited Paper Sessions for the 2006 SAEA meeting in Orlando, Florida. The board seeks proposals that will be of broad interest to members and that will address emerging and anticipated economic and policy issues relevant to rural communities, farmers, agribusinesses, consumers, resources and the environment, and food safety/nutrition. Topics may have relevance to one or more of the basic research, outreach, and instruction missions. Invited papers proposals on topics related to instruction and extension programming are strongly encouraged. Proposals should include a session title and topics to be covered with preliminary paper titles, paper presenters, and discussants, as well as a brief rationale for the session and its importance to the southern region.

Please list names and affiliation of moderator, presenters, and discussants with submission. No more than four people should be proposed to present and/or discuss papers. It is the organizer's primary responsibility to correspond with and keep all participants on schedule. Invited papers are normally published in the August issue of the *Journal of Agricultural & Applied Economics*. Proposals must be received by May 31, 2005. Email submissions with attachments are encouraged. FAX submissions will not be accepted.

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Orlando, Florida
February 4-8, 2006

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Food Distribution Research Society - 2005 Annual Conference Call for Research Reports, Updates, and Posters

The Society welcomes submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates and Poster Session Presentations for the 38th annual FDRS conference, which will be held October 15-19, 2005 at the Hotel Washington in Washington, DC. The conference theme is "*Global Food Markets: New Challenges, New Opportunities*" with major sessions that will examine a broad range of global food markets issues, such as firm strategies in global food markets, ensuring product quality and safety in global food markets, and global food market strategies for improving diet and health.

Research Reports are scholarly papers that focus on the results of major research efforts in any area of food distribution from the farm gate through retail demand. Reports will be evaluated and accepted on the basis of one page abstracts, maximum, that describe the research and the relevance to food distribution issues. Presentations of accepted papers will be limited to 20 minutes each.

Research Updates are intended to serve as concise synopses of research or educational work (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. Anyone wishing to give an update should submit a one page, maximum, description of the update. Presentations of accepted updates will be limited to 10 minutes each. For more information visit our website, <http://fdrs.ag.utk.edu/>

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All materials should be postmarked no later than July 1st, 2005. Authors will be notified about the status of their submissions by August 31, 2005.

Posters

Posters highlighting research and teaching projects, programs and issues concerning agricultural and food marketing. Posters will be on display Monday through Wednesday noon during the conference. Poster dimensions are 4 feet high by 6 feet wide maximum and should be attachable to the backboard with pushpins. Poster authors should be present to answer questions about their poster Monday for one hour before the reception and banquet.

Send an abstract, maximum 250 words, to:

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Southern Agricultural Economics Association 2005 Membership Renewal/Application

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? 55-59 \$275 ? 65-69 \$195
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**Pictures from Business Meeting and Awards Program
2005 Meeting, Little Rock Arkansas
February 7, 2005**



Steve Turner, Chair and Tamara Wagester, Executive Director,
CFARE

President Kilmer opens business meeting and awards
program 2005 meeting, Little Rock Arkansas



Yvonne Bennett, Executive Director, AAEA



Richard Kilmer presents John Seibert the Outstanding Teaching of
a Course Award



Richard Kilmer (L) and Les Myers (R) present awards for outstanding extension programs to Gregg Ibendahl and John Anderson



Richard Kilmer presents an award for first place in the poster competition to Stanley Fletcher



Richard Kilmer (L) and Henry Kinnucin (R) present the award for outstanding journal article to Ashley Lovell and Roderick Rejesus



Richard Kilmer presents award for second place in the poster competition to H. L. Goodwin



Richard Kilmer presents award for third place in the poster competition to John Westra



Richard Kilmer (L) and Les Myers (R) present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Wade Griffin and his wife



Richard Kilmer (L) and Les Myers (R) present the Lifetime Achievement Award to John Lee and his wife



Richard Kilmer (L) and Robert Stark (R) present award to Mike Zuber, Virginia Tech, a member of the winning team in the student quiz bowl competition



Richard Kilmer (L) and Les Myers (R) present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Fred White and his wife



Richard Kilmer passes the gavel to Kimberly Jensen



Kimberly Jensen presents Richard Kilmer with a certificate of appreciation for his service as President of the SAEA



Kimberly Jensen, President, SAEA