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SAEA Annual Meetings

We had excellent meetings in Birmingham and the weather cooperated for a change. The Sheraton Hotel and complex was a good venue and provided some of the best hotel food I've had in a long time. I want to extend a special thanks to the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company for hosting the SAAS reception and Super Bowl party. It was also nice to have a game that hung in balance to the end. Overall, this was a great event and Old Car Heaven was certainly one of the highlights. I especially enjoyed the 1915 Packard valued at a cool \$1,000,000!!

Attendance at the meetings was quite good, with 166 faculty, 81 graduate students and 88 undergraduates, for a total of 335. A special thanks to all of the departments that sent students to the meetings and supported the participation of their faculty. The feedback I received from the undergraduate students was excellent and they seemed to be excited about the Quiz Bowl activities. And they enjoyed dinner and viewing the sports memorabilia at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Let me also thank the organizations that had recruitment tables at the meetings and provided refreshments for the Quiz Bowl activities: University of Kentucky, University of Florida, Oklahoma State University, Mississippi State University, University of Tennessee, Risk Management Education Program at the University of Arkansas and the Sustainable Agricultural Research Program (USDA) at the University of Georgia.

I want to thank Jeff Jordan for coordinating all of the meeting activities, including facilities, meals, receptions. He always does a great job. Marilyn Slocum and Debra Belvin deserve special thanks for staffing the registration desk. Their time and dedication are greatly appreciated by the association. Thanks are expressed to John VanSickle who assisted with meeting planning, coordination and the meeting rooms.

There were 134 selected papers, 24 posters and nine organized symposia. Thanks to Duncan Chembezi who coordinated the projectors, computer support and other IT needs. His efforts saved us thousands in equipment costs and other expenses. A huge thanks to Albert "Chico" Allen and Ken Hood who coordinated the selected paper reviews and Ban Banerjee who handled selected posters. These roles are crucial to the success of our meetings and their efforts were certainly appreciated.

A special thank you is extended to Corey Miller, Jug Capps, Luis Ribera, Randy Fortenbery, Mohammed Ibrahim, Dan Petrolia and Ban Banerjee who chaired their respective committees. Their service to SAEA is greatly appreciated and they contributed substantially to our success as an association. Also thanks to the members of these committees who will continue to serve.

SAEA Business

Membership remains solid, with 745 total members as of January 27, 2012. Of those, 612 were regular members and 133 were junior members. Of the regular members, we had 411 individuals, 62 lifetime members and 139 institutions. While membership was down 17 from last year, the executive committee believes the new rolling membership policy is the reason, and that at the end of this year, our membership will actually be very close to last year or even increase.

Financially, the SAEA is strong. We had \$164,600 in total assets, with income of \$122,000 as of December 31, 2011 and expenses of \$125,000. Our projected expenditures for 2012 are \$120,000, with estimated income of \$122,000. The association remains committed to the support of student activities and is considering the expansion of that support this year.

Expect to see a different format for the Invited Papers sessions. The executive committee decided to have two IP sessions dedicated to recent AAEA Fellows and another session focusing on a group of emerging young leaders in the region who are nominated by their departments. We hope this format will bring more focus to the IP sessions and enhance the overall stature of the SAEA. If you have any ideas on this, please pass them along to the executive committee.

As officer elections approach this summer, please think about possible nominees. We will be electing a President-elect and one Director. Each will serve a three year term. If you have nominations, please send them to me or any other member of the executive committee.

Finally, let me thank Mike Reed, past-President and Darren Hudson, President, for doing a great job at the meetings. I also want to welcome Wes Harrison, Louisiana State University as President-elect and Dan Petrolia, Mississippi State University as a Director. The executive committee is excited to have them more involved in SAEA activities.

I look forward to serving as your president this year and hope that you will provide input to the executive committee related to your ideas about the direction and operation of our association. We have a great group of members and I feel certain we will have a very successful year.

Thank you for your support of the SAEA and our activities.

Parr Rosson, SAEA President

Award Winners at the 2012 SAEA Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama

SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award

Bruce McCarl, Texas A&M University
Henry Kinnucan, Auburn University
Francis M. Epplin, Oklahoma State University

Committee: Oral "Jug" Capps (2012), Texas A&M University; Michael Wetzstein (2013), University of Georgia; Patricia Duffy (2014), Auburn University

Outstanding Extension Program Award

Individual Award:

Derrell S. Peele, Oklahoma State University, "Livestock marketing, Risk Management and Beef Industry Education."

Team Award:

Jody Campiche, Michael Dicks, Rodney Jones and Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University, "2008 Farm Bill Education Program."

Committee: Luis Ribera (2012), Texas A&M University; John Van Sickle (2013), University of Florida; Gordon Groover (2014), Virginia Tech

Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

John L. Park, Texas A&M University

Committee: T. Randall Fortenbery (2012), University of Wisconsin; Ani Katchova (2013), University of Kentucky, Bailey Norwood (2014), Oklahoma State University.

Outstanding Journal Article

Claason, Roger, Joseph C. Cooper, and Fernando Carriazo. "Crop Insurance, Disaster Payments and land Use Change: The Effect of Sodsaver on Incentives for Grassland Conversion." *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 43, 2 (May, 2011): 195-211.

Committee: **JAAE Editors:** Mary Marchant and Darrell Bosch, Virginia Tech

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Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award

Callie Pauline McAdams. "Willingness-to-Pay for Pomegranates: Impact of Product and Health Features Using Nonhypothetical Procedures." Texas A&M University.

Yuan Gao. "Evaluation of Pre-Processing and Storage Options in Biomass Supply Logistics: A Case Study in East Tennessee." University of Tennessee.

Committee: Mohammed Ibrahim (2012), Fort Valley State University; Ellene Kebede (2013), Tuskegee University; Valentina Hartarska (2014), Auburn University.

Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award

Justin S. Baker. "The Impact of Biofuel and Greenhouse Gas Policies on Land Management, Agricultural Production, and Environmental Quality." Texas A&M University.

Committee: Daniel R. Petrolia (2012), Mississippi State University; Steven T. Yen (2013), University of Tennessee, Krishna Paudel (2014), Louisiana State University.

Quiz Bowl Tournament Winners

1st: "Firebirds" - Aislinn Kopp, Mississippi State, Wes Steenburgh, Virginia Tech, Andy Zarecor, U. of Tennessee at Martin

2nd: "Gauchos" - Chris Fowler, U. of Tennessee at Martin, Annah Latane, Virginia Tech, Dennis Underwood, West Texas A&M

3rd: "Hornets" - Rana Gibson, West Texas A&M, Dan Hardin, U. of Kentucky, Emmanuel Williams, Fort Valley State

Poster Award Winners

1st: “Consumers Willingness to Pay for Food Safety in Milk Products in the Black Sea Region, Turkey.” Mehmet Bozoglu, Chung Huang and Wojciech Florkowski, University of Georgia, and Bakiye Kilic, Ondokuz Mayıs University

2nd: “Economic Feasibility of Sweet Sorghum and Biomass Sorghum for Biofuels Production in Two Texas Regions.” Stephen Amosson, Bridget Guerrero, Gopi Girase, Seong Park, Brent Bean, William Rooney, Jake Becker, Dustin Borden and Payne Burks, Texas A&M University.

3rd: “Forecasting Changes in Local Government Public Services in a Disequilibrium Environment Following Natural Disaster: A Community Impact Modeling Approach.” Arun and James Fannin, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.

Call for Invited Papers Proposals

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association is soliciting proposals for Invited Paper sessions at the 2013 annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, February 2-5, 2013. The SAEA seeks proposals that will be of broad interest to its members and that address emerging economic and policy issues relevant to rural communities, farmers, agribusinesses, consumers, resources and the environment, policy and food safety/nutrition.

Topics should be of importance to one or more of the research, extension, and instruction missions. Proposals that are forward-looking, and focus on policy, conceptual, methodological, and/or pedagogical issues relevant to the profession 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 the submission. No more than four people should be proposed to present and/or discuss papers. It is the organizer’s responsibility to correspond with and keep all participants informed. Invited papers are normally published in the August issue of the *Journal of Agricultural & Applied Economics*. E-mail submissions with all appropriate attachments are encouraged. FAX submissions will not be accepted and please keep in mind that anyone participating in a 2012 Invited Paper session is not eligible to participate in 2013. **Deadline to receive Invited Paper proposals is May 14, 2012.**

Please send completed proposals to:

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2013 SAEA Annual Meetings

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us at the 2013 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Orlando, Florida, February 2 – 5, 2013.

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Wyndham Orlando Resort, Orlando, Florida

When – February 2-5, 2013

Why – Opportunities to network and share your work.

Access the SAAS website at www.saasinc.org for more information about the 2013 meetings and the meeting site.

2012-2013 SAEA COMMITTEES

The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank the following volunteers who are serving on SAEA committees:

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