

## **Organized Symposia**

### **SAEA 2016 Annual Meetings**

**TITLE: The Budget Summit: Enterprise Budget Development Methods and Software Review Workshop** (Moderator: Larry Falconer, Mississippi State University)

**Organizer:** Larry Falconer, Mississippi State University

**Participants:** Jerry Cornforth, Texas A&M University; Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University; Larry Falconer, Mississippi State University; Archie Flanders, University of Arkansas; Steven Klose, Texas A&M University; Max Runge, Auburn University; and Amanda Smith, University of Georgia

Farm management specialists, economics research/teaching faculty, and other government agency personnel from various production science-oriented disciplines develop enterprise budgets for every state in the Southern Region. The possibility of sharing data, software, and methods across the region could lead to great savings of time and expense, along with better service to Extension's clientele. This session is unique in providing the opportunity for specialists from various disciplines to gain "hands on" experience with software and discuss opportunities for cooperation in developing and promoting regional budget tools. Additional ideas for research, extension, and multi-state programs are fostered as a result of this session.

**TITLE: Cow-calf Production in the Southeastern US: Potential for Impact and Economic Sustainability** (Moderator: Guillermo Scaglia, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center)

**Organizers:** David Anderson, Texas A&M University, and Guillermo Scaglia, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

**Participants:** David Anderson, Texas A&M University; Jason Banta, Texas A&M University; Paul Beck, University of Arkansas; Matt Hersom, University of Florida; Curt Lacy, Mississippi State University; David Lalman, Oklahoma State University; Jeff Lehmkuhler, University of Kentucky; Justin Rhinehart, University of Tennessee; Monte Rouquette, Texas A&M AgriLife Research; Guillermo Scaglia, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center; Lawton Stewart, University of Georgia

This symposium is a joint interdisciplinary symposium with the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science. Agricultural Economists and Animal Scientists from across the South are included in the program with three presentations. This collaborative effort is unique in the SAAS meetings in that it is designed to bring disciplines together to discuss common research and extension programs. The program is attractive for a large range of participants in the meeting. The southern cattle industry is a significant supplier of calves to feedlots in the Plains states, yet the South has different production issues affecting its future. This collaborative effort examines the future of cattle production in the South.

**TITLE: Looking Toward 2018: Agricultural Policy with Reduced Federal Spending**  
(Moderator: Keith Coble, Mississippi State University)

**Organizer:** Keith Coble, Mississippi State University

**Participants:** Barry Barnett, Mississippi State University; Keith Coble, Mississippi State University; Stephanie Mercier, Farm Journal Foundation; and Patrick Westhoff, University of Missouri.

Though aspects of the 2014 Farm Bill are still being implemented, interested parties are already discussing the 2018 Farm Bill. It is widely agreed that in 2018, federal support for farm programs and/or crop insurance is likely to be less than that provided for in the 2014 farm bill. Commodity price projections imply a reduced budget baseline for farm programs while budget constraints will ensure increased scrutiny of federal spending on other agricultural support programs. This symposium focuses on alternatives for agricultural policy with reduced federal spending. Presentations will describe what current price projections imply for the 2018 farm bill budget baseline, discuss alternatives for reducing federal spending on the Federal Crop Insurance Program while maintaining the current structure of the program, and provide an alternative for reducing federal spending on the Federal Crop Insurance Program that would dramatically change the current structure of the program.

**TITLE: Crops Outlook for 2016** (Moderator: Nathan Smith, Clemson University)

**Organizer:** Todd Davis, University of Kentucky

**Participants:** Jody Campiche, National Cotton Council, Todd Davis, University of Kentucky, Marco Palma, Texas A&M University, and Aaron Smith, University of Tennessee

A panel of experts is organized from the annual Southern Region Agricultural Outlook Conference, hosted by the Southern Extension Economists Committee. The panel brings unique insights to the discussion by adding comments on hot topics of relevance to the United States and more specifically to the southern states. Outlooks are presented for cotton, grains, oilseeds, and fruit and vegetables.

**TITLE: Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook for 2016** (Moderator: Todd Davis, University of Kentucky)

**Organizer:** Todd Davis, University of Kentucky

**Participants:** David Anderson, Texas A&M University; John Anderson, American Farm Bureau Federation; Andrew Griffith, University of Tennessee; and Chris Prevatt, University of Florida

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**TITLE: Protecting Agricultural Operations in Today's Legal Environment** (Moderator: Paul Goeringer, University of Maryland)

**Organizer:** Paul Goeringer, University of Maryland

**Participants:** David Anderson, Texas A&M University; Tiffany Dowell, Texas A&M University; Paul Goeringer, University of Maryland; and Ashley Newhall, University of Maryland

This symposium focuses on innovative Extension outreach being conducted with animal agriculture. Speakers highlight education for animal operations and non-agriculture groups on issues related to impacts of employment, trespass, and states' right-to-farm laws. The symposium brings together legal specialists from Maryland, Oklahoma, and Texas. Maryland has growing issues between animal agriculture, non-agriculture neighbors, and environmental groups. These issues can require differing approaches in working so all groups understand the potential impact on agriculture. Oklahoma and Texas have growing issues between animal agriculture and animal welfare groups. Working with livestock producers to better understand existing legal protections for their operations can potentially limit conflict and reduce need for additional laws that could potentially be used to paint agriculture in a bad light with the public.