



NEWSNOTES

SPRING 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past year has gone by so fast that I find it alarming to be writing my final Newsletter as President of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (*WAEA*). In retrospect, it is a good sign that time seems to be moving quickly. It means that life is going well and a myriad of opportunities for productive and engaging activities are occurring. Such is the case with the *WAEA* and our profession.

Please consider my personal invitation to attend the 2007 *WAEA* Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. This year's joint meeting with the American Agricultural Economics Association (*AAEA*) and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (*CAES*) provides numerous synergies and opportunities for collaboration among the members of our Associations. In addition, the *WAEA* will be managing its own "conference-within-a-conference."

That is, we will host our own Awards Program, Keynote Address, Presidential Address, and Business Meeting. The *WAEA* Selected Paper sessions will be centrally-located and accessible to all those in

attendance. We have also organized four symposia centered on industry, trade, agricultural policy, and western land-use issues. These events have been scheduled to allow as much participation as possible in *AAEA* and *CAES* activities. The meetings promise to be a valuable and productive opportunity for collaboration.

I want to thank the efforts of all those who served on Awards Committees and, especially, Ruby Ward who managed the general awards process, and Clem Ward who managed the Distinguished Scholars Award process. I am pleased to announce the 2007 *WAEA* award recipients in this Newsletter. Congratulations to all. In addition, all nominations were truly deserving, and I know that each award committee struggled with their respective selections.

Mike Boland has done an outstanding job of organizing the *WAEA* selected papers sessions and liaising with the *AAEA* regarding presentation schedules. Mary

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IMPORTANT DATES:

AAEA ANNUAL MEETING
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MAY 25, 2007

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JULY 3, 2007

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WAEA ANNUAL MEETING:
JULY 29—AUGUST 1, 2007

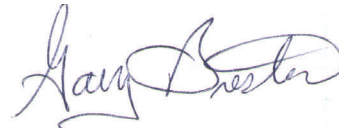
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Muth, Vincent Smith, David Buschena, and Myles Watts have developed excellent organized symposia that will provide both breadth and intellectual depth regarding issues pertinent to the western part of the U.S. The entire *WAEA* program is presented in this Newsletter. We have grouped the Presidential Address in the same session as the *WAEA* Awards Ceremony. Likewise, the Keynote Address has been grouped in the same session as the *WAEA* Business Meeting.

DeeVon Bailey's Presidential Address entitled "The Political Economy of the U.S. Beef Industry: Implications of the Future" promises to be enlightening. And, Marc Johnson's Keynote Address entitled "Finding Peace for Economists in Universities" will not only be intriguing, but will

also shed light on how economists are viewed within our institutions, how we can be more valuable to our respective organizations, and perhaps, how we (especially me) can learn to work with those who are, shall we say, either less logical than economists or have very different utility functions.

Finally, it has truly been an honor serving the *WAEA* as President. The enthusiastic volunteer efforts of officers and members have made the past year enjoyable, rewarding and, dare I say, fun! Thank you for your confidence and support in allowing me to serve as President. I look forward to seeing each of you in Portland this summer.



WAEA 2007 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION DETAILS

Visit the *AAEA* Annual Meeting web site at www.aaea.org/2007am/ for on-line registration. The early registration deadline is Tuesday, July 3, 2007. Any registration received after July 3 and before July 23 will be subject to a

higher registration fee. After July 23 registration will be on-site only. All selected paper presenters must be a member of the *WAEA* and registered for the Annual Meeting.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

AAEA has set aside reduced-rate rooms for Annual Meeting attendees at four hotels. The deadline for hotel reservations is July 3, 2007. After this date rooms from the Annual Meeting block will be available to the general public, and meeting attendees will not receive the Annual Meet-

ing rate. Note that reservations cannot be made through individual hotels. To receive *AAEA* room rates, you must reserve your room through the Housing Bureau. Please direct all questions regarding rates, dates, and confirmations to the Housing Bureau.

RESERVATION REQUESTS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

Internet: Please make hotel reservations on-line with the Housing Bureau at www.aaea.org/2007am/ before July 3, 2007.

Telephone: Call the AAEA Housing Bureau, 9am-5pm PST, Monday-Friday toll free at 1-87-PORTLAND [1-877-678-5263].

Fax: (503) 275-9782.

Mail: AAEA – POVA Housing
1000 SW Broadway, Suite 2300
Portland, OR 97205

Questions Only: send an email to housing@pova.com or call the Housing Bureau.

WAEA 2007 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

WAEA Presidential Address, by DeeVon Bailey
“The Political Economy of the U.S. Beef Industry: Implications of the Future”
Monday July 30, 2:15pm – 3:00pm

WAEA Awards Ceremony, Monday, July 30, 3:00pm-3:45pm

WAEA Keynote Address, Marc A. Johnson
“Finding Peace for Economists in Universities”
Monday, July 30, 4pm – 5:00pm

WAEA Business Meeting, Monday, July 30, 4pm – 5:30pm

WAEA 2007 AWARD RECIPIENTSDistinguished Scholar Awards

Steve Blank, University of California, Davis
Richard Howitt, University of California, Davis
Bonnie Colby, University of Arizona
Michelle Veeman, University of Alberta

JARE Outstanding Journal Article for 2006

Vedenov, Dmitry V., James A. Duffield, and Michael E. Wetzstein. “Entry of Alternative Fuels in a Volatile U. S. Gasoline Market.” *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 31,1(April 2006):1-13.

WAEA 2007 AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

Outstanding Extension Program Award, for Project

Paul Patterson, Robert Smathers, C. Wilson Gray and Neil Rimbey, "University of Idaho Farm Management Costs and Returns Program"

Honorable mention: Phil Kenkel and Rodney Holcomb "Value-Added Agribusiness Program"

Outstanding Extension Program Award, for Career

Kim B. Anderson, Oklahoma State University

Published Research Award

Lusk, Jayson L., F. Bailey Norwood, and J. Ross Pruitt. "Consumer Demand for a Ban on Antibiotic Drug Use in Pork Production". *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 88(November 2006):1015-1033.

Honorable Mention: Wu, JunJie. "Environmental Amenities, Urban Sprawl, and Community Characteristics". *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*. 52(2006):527-547.

Published Graduate Student or Masters Thesis Award

Bryce Edward Roger Stewart, University of Alberta, *Measures and Causes of Productivity Growth in Prairie Agriculture: 1940-2004*.

Teaching Award (less than 10 years):

Mark Manfredo, Arizona State University

Teaching Award (more than 10 years):

Kim B. Anderson, Oklahoma State University

Graduate Travel Scholarship Awards

Markosyan Armenak, Washington State University

Joshua Berning, Washington State University

Jeanne Coulibaly, Purdue University

Nathan Hendricks, Kansas State University

Kristina Kreutzer, Purdue University

Carlos Mayen, Purdue University

Adrienne Ohler, Washington State University

Tamizheniyam Suyambulingam, Washington State University

Nagasrinivaga Tosakana, University of Idaho

Sreedhar Upendram, Kansas State University

Yacob Zereyes, Kansas State University

WAEA AWARD COMMITTEES

Distinguished Scholar Selection Committee

Clement Ward, Chair,
Oklahoma State University

Dana Hoag, Colorado State University

Jeffrey T. LaFrance, University of California-Berkeley

F. Larry Leistriz, North Dakota State University

Gene Nelson, Texas A&M University

Dale J. Menkhaus, University of Wyoming

Jeff Peterson, Kansas State University

Bailey Norwood, Oklahoma State University

Catherine Durham, Oregon State University

Hayley Chouinard, Washington State University

Extension Awards Committee

E. Bruce Godfrey, Chair,
Utah State University

C. Wilson Gray, University of Idaho

Kynda Curtis, University of Nevada

Duane Griffith, Montana State University

Published Research Award Committee

Larry Van Tassell, Chair,
University of Idaho

John Loomis, Colorado State University

Chris Bastian, University of Wyoming

Paul Jakus, Utah State University

Masters Thesis Award Committee

Vincent Smith, Chair,
Montana State University

Don Ethridge, Texas Tech University

Thomas Harris, University of Nevada

Teaching Award Committee

Larry Makus, Chair,
University of Idaho

Steve Vickner, Utah State University

Gregory A. Baker, Santa Clara University

Annette Levi, California State University

Graduate Travel Scholarship Award Committee

F. Bailey Norwood, Oklahoma State University

Jeffrey Peterson, Kansas State University

2007 WAEA PAPER SESSIONS, TUESDAY, JULY 31

Room	B110	B111	B112	B117	B118	B119
10:30 – 12:00	WAEA OS #180877	WAEA SP #181093	WAEA SP #181120	WAEA SP #181098	WAEA SP #181097	WAEA SP #181092
1:30 – 3:00	WAEA SP #181099	WAEA OS #181248	WAEA OS #181232	WAEA SP #181095	WAEA SP #181118	WAEA SP #181091
3:30 – 5:00	WAEA SP #181094	WAEA SP #181122	WAEA SP #181121	WAEA SP #181119	WAEA OS #181243	WAEA SP #181096

Room Number: B110

#180877 Title: Why Cattle Producers and Beef Packers Use Alternative Marketing Arrangements

Moderator: John D. Lawrence, Iowa State University

Time: 10:30-12:00

“Types, Frequency of Use, and Reasons for Use of Alternative Marketing Arrangements in the Beef Industry.”

Justin Taylor, Mary K. Muth, Sheryl C. Cates, Shawn A. Karns, RTI International; John D. Lawrence, Iowa State University

“Price and Quality Differences across Marketing Arrangements in the Beef Industry.”

Yanyan Liu, The World Bank; Stephen Koontz, Colorado State University; John D. Lawrence, Iowa State University

“Effects of Marketing Arrangement Choice on Beef Packer Costs: Evidence from Plant-Level Profit and Loss Data.”

Stephen Koontz, Colorado State University; Mary K. Muth, RTI International; John D. Lawrence, Iowa State University

#181099 Title: Current Issues in Animal Agriculture

Moderator: Jeanne Coulibaly, Purdue University

Time: 1:30- 3:00

“Effects of Nutrient Restrictions on Confined Animal Feeding Operations: Insights from a Structural Model.”

Kenneth Baerenklau, University of California, Riverside

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“Economic Benefits of Animal Tracing in The Cattle Production Sector.”

Levan Elbakidze, Texas A&M University

“The Economic Impacts of a Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak: A Regional Analysis.”

Dustin Pendell, Colorado State University

#181094 Title: Food and Agricultural Marketing

Moderator: Christiane Schroeter, Arkansas State University

Time: 3:30- 5:00

“Consumption of Milk Products in Urban China.”

Junfei Bai, Washington State University

“Analyzing the Effects of State Dependence and Heterogeneity in Consumers’ Organic and Conventional Fresh Produce Choices Using Household Level Scanner Data.”

Yuko Onozaka, Colorado State University

“The Impact of Economic Factors on Obesity and Consumer Health: An Empirical Analysis.”

Christiane Schroeter, Arkansas State University

Room Number: B111

#181093 Title: Natural Resource Economics

Moderator: Adrienne Ohler, Washington State University

Time: 10:30- 12:00

“The Contribution of Agritourism to Colorado’s Economy: Initial Results from a Regional Survey.”

Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University

“Estimating Foregone Direct Benefits from Reductions in Irrigation Water Deliveries versus Consumptive Use.”

Susanne M. Scheierling, Asian Development Bank

“Tourists’ Value of Ranch Open Space Over Time: A Panel Data Estimation.”

Lindsey Ellingson, Colorado State University

“Valuing Urban Green Space in Japan: A Geographically Weighted Conjoint Approach.”

Katsuya Tanaka, Hiroshima University

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#181248 Title: Western Public Lands Management

Moderator: Myles J. Watts, Montana State University

Time: 1:30- 3:00

“Public Land Management: Lessons from the Past and Implications for the Future.”

E. Bruce Godfrey, Utah State University

“Public Land Grazing Fees and Stewardship.”

Jeffrey LaFrance, University of California, Berkeley; Myles J. Watts, Montana State University

#181122 Title: Natural Resource Economics

Moderator: Bill Levedahl, USDA

Time: 3:30-5:00

“Spatial Limits of the TCM revisited: Island Effects.”

John Loomis, Colorado State University

“Spatial Dependence in Hedonic Property Models: Do Different Corrections for Spatial Dependence Result in Economically Significant Differences in Estimated Implicit Prices?”

Julie Mueller, Galen University

“Regional Economic Development and Net Economic Values of Public Access to Colorado Fourteeners.”

Catherine Keske, Colorado State University

Room Number: B112

#181120 Title: Natural Resource Economics

Moderator: Sreedhar Upendram, Kansas State University

Time: 10:30- 12:00

“What Are Landowners and Land Trusts Trying to Preserve with Conservation Easements? A Simultaneous Examination of Buyers and Sellers.”

Catherine Keske, Colorado State University

“Determinants of the Adoption of Best Management Practices by Inland Northwest Farmers.”

Naga Tosakana, University of Idaho

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“A Panel Mixed Logit Analysis of Farmers’ Preferences for Private-Public Production System Attributes.”

Gorm Kipperberg, Colorado State University

#181232 Title: Emerging Resource Issues in China

Moderator: David Buschena, Montana State University

Time: 1:30- 3:00

“Groundwater Markets and Groundwater Tables: The Case of Northern China.”

Yang Liu and Qiuqiong Huang, Dept. of Applied Economics, U. of Minn.; Jinxia Wang, Center for Chinese Ag. Policy, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Scott Rozelle, Shortenstein-APARC, Stanford University.

“Offsetting Reductions From Kyoto And Then Some: Forecasts of China's CO2 Emissions Using Province Level Data.”

Maximilian Auffhammer, University of California, Berkeley; Richard T. Carson, University of California, San Diego

#181121 Title: Natural Resource Economics

Moderator: Nagasrinivaga Tosakana

Time: 3:30-5:00

“Disparate Stakeholder Management of Wildlife Issues in the Southern Greater Yellowstone Area.”

Lynne Koontz, United States Department of the Interior

“Transferability vs. Non-transferability: The benefits of using a lottery vs. prices to distribute a public good.”

Adrienne Ohler, Washington State University

“A Comparison of Parametric and Non-parametric Estimates of Willingness to Pay for Recreation Site Attributes in the Caribbean National Forest.”

Miguel Henry, University of Idaho

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#181098 Title: Food and Agricultural Marketing

Moderator: Bill Levedahl, USDA

Time: 10:30 - 12:00

“Determinants of BSE Export Bans.”

Tamizheniyam Suyambulingham, Washington State University

“Economic Feasibility of Soybean Hull Supplementation in Winter Rye Stocker Operations.”

Kristin Hales, Texas Tech University

“Feedlot and Packer Pricing Behavior: Implications for Competition Research.”

Clement Ward, Oklahoma State University

#181095 Title: Policy Analysis

Moderator: Tamizheniyam Suyambulingham, Washington State University

Time: 1:30 - 3:00

“Implications of Growth in China for the U.S. and Other Countries.”

Renan Zhuang, North Dakota State University

“Yield Stability in Kansas Wheat Varieties, 1977-2006.”

Andrew Barkley, Kansas State University

“Determinants of Escaping Poverty and Becoming Poor: Some Evidence from Bangladesh.”

Tauhidur Rahman, University of Arizona

#181119 Title: Farm Policy Issues

Moderator: Kristina Kruetzer, Purdue University

Time: 3:30 - 5:00

“The Impact Of Research Returns Across Time And Space: A Computable General Equilibrium Study of Cattle Research in Colorado.”

Eihab Fathelrahman, USDA - Agricultural Research Services ARS

“Do we Expect Differential Impacts of Farm Programs on Agriculture Land Values across Mountain States.”

Saleem Shaik, Mississippi State University

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“North American Trade Suspension Agreement and Winter Tomato Supply Response.”
Gary Thompson, University of Arizona

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#181097 Title: Policy Analysis

Moderator: Sean Hurley, California Polytechnic State University

Time: 10:30-12:00

“The Farm Level Impacts of Operating the Current Farm Bill at Reduced Federal Budget Spending Levels.”

J. Marc Raulston, Agricultural and Food Policy Center

“Specialty Crop Producers' Preferences Towards International Trade Policies.”

Armenak Markosyan, Washington State University

“An Industry Analysis of the Regulatory Impact on California Agricultural Producers.”

Sean Hurley, California Polytechnic State University

#181118 Title: Production Economics

Moderator: Carlos Mayen, Purdue University

Time: 1:30- 3:00

“The Impact of Whole-Farm Gross Revenue Insurance on Farm Income Variability.”

Jeffery Williams, Kansas State University

“Groundwater Conservation and the Impact of an Irrigation Technology Upgrade on the Kansas High Plains Aquifer.”

Sreedhar Upendram, Kansas State University

“Retirement and Adoption of More Technically Efficient Irrigation Systems.”

Eric Schuck, Linfield College

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#181243 Title: The 2007 Farm Bill: Implications for Agriculture and Conservation in the West

Moderator: Vincent H. Smith, Montana State University

Time: 3:30- 5:00

“Science Policy in the 2007 Farm Bill and Agricultural Productivity in the West.”

Philip G. Pardey, University of Minnesota

“Trade Policy and the 2007 Farm Bill: Possible Consequences for Western Agriculture.”

Colin A. Carter, University of California, Davis

“Commodity Programs in the 2007 Farm Bill: Implications for Western Agriculture.”

Joseph P. Glauber, Office of the Chief Economist, USDA

“Conservation Policy and the 2007 Farm Bill: Implications for the West.”

George Frisvold, University of Arizona

Room Number: B119

#181092 Title: Production Economics

Moderator: Josh Berning, Washington State University

Time: 10:30 - 12:00

“The Cattle Price Cycle: An Exploration In Auto-Regressive Simulation.”

Matthew Stockton, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“The Impact of Increased Ethanol Production on Corn Basis in South Dakota.”

Andrea Olson, South Dakota State University

“The Term Structure of Grain Futures Prices: Contrasting Multi-Factor Models Based on Full-Information Gaussian and Wavelet Transform Approaches.”

Gabriel Power, Cornell University

“Environmental Considerations Associated with the Expansion of Ethanol Fuel Production from Corn and Biomass Materials.”

Lindsey Higgins, Texas A&M University

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#181091 Title: Ag-Finance and Farm Management

Moderator: Yacob Zereyes, Kansas State University

Time: 1:30 - 3:00

“The High Cost of Regulation in California Agriculture: A Case Study for Produce.”

Lynn Hamilton, California Polytechnic State University

“A Comprehensive Analysis of Farmland Value Determination.”

Stephen Devadoss, University of Idaho

“Implications of Specialization, Integration, and Size: Application of the DuPont Expansion at the Farm Level.”

Ashok K. Mishra, United States Department of Agriculture

“Farm Household Wealth: A Farm-level Time-Series and Cross-sectional Analysis.”

Ashok Mishra, United States Department of Agriculture

#181096 Title: Food and Agriculture Marketing

Moderator: Armenak Markosyan, Washington State University

Time: 3:30- 5:00

“Identifying consumer preferences for shelf-label information.”

Joshua Berning, Washington State University

“Demand for Produce Differentiated by Production Process, Nutritional Content and Source: Factors Affecting Consumer Willingness to Pay.”

Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University

“The Role of Consumer Risk Perceptions and Attitudes in Cross Cultural Beef Consumption Changes.”

Ted Schroeder, Kansas State University