



Southern Agricultural Economics Association

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

We are approaching the end of the semester and with it getting closer to the Holiday season. I want to send my best wishes to you and your families for a joyful Holiday celebration and a New Year filled with happiness and prosperity.

Our committees have been working diligently finalizing details for the upcoming 2024 SAEA annual meeting in Atlanta, February 3-6, 2024. The annual meeting program includes outstanding presented papers and organized symposia spanning across teaching, research, and extension. I want to thank Mallory Vestal for organizing the program. The final program will be posted at: saea.org/annual-meeting/. The annual meeting agenda includes an outstanding collection of selected papers, organized symposia, selected posters and much more. If you have an accepted paper for the 2024 annual meeting, please don't forget to upload an electronic version of the final paper or PowerPoint presentation to the ConfTool website www.conftool.org/saea2024/, by January 14, 2024 11:59 pm CDT. Conference registration details and hotel information are posted on the SAEA website saea.org/ and included in the December newsletter below.

We're excited about the opportunity to engage with faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduate students at the 2024 annual meeting, providing a platform for showcasing outstanding agricultural and applied economics work and fostering collaboration and networking opportunities. A heartfelt thank you to all our committees for their dedication and effort in making the annual meeting a success and contributing to the recognition of excellence in teaching, research, and extension programs. Special thanks to our board members Mallory Vestal, Kellie Raper, Elizabeth Canales, John Anderson, Rodney Holcomb, Nathan Smith, and especially Jeff Jordan for his continued and relentless support to the SAEA.

We had an amazing voting turnout for the new board member elections. Congratulations to **Andrew Muhammad** for being elected as incoming *SAEA president* and to **John Michael Riley** for being elected as the new *Director*. The board and I are looking forward to working with you to serve our members in the coming years. I want to thank Mykel Taylor and Jerrod Penn for stepping forward to run for election to serve the SAEA. I also want to thank the new journal editors, Chris Boyer, Edward Yu, and Michael Vassalos who have transitioned into their role. Please consider volunteering for one of our committees.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta for an annual meeting that promises to be an exceptional gathering for excellent scholarly pursuits!

Best Regards,
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2024 SAEA ANNUAL MEETING

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Atlanta, Georgia

When – February 3-6, 2024

Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration is open at saea.org/.

The Westin Peachtree Plaza
210 Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Hotel reservation information can be accessed through the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) website at www.saasinc.org/2024-hotel-info-1.

SAAS Group Rates: \$159/+ tax double/single/triple/quad rooms.
Check in: 4:00 pm - Check out: 11:00 am

Deadline to reserve at group rate: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024, by 5:00 pm EST.

AIRPORT: Hotel is approximately 10 miles (approx.13 minutes) from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL).

SHUTTLE: Hotel does not provide shuttle service to/from airport. [Click here for transportation options.](#)

PARKING: No self-parking available at hotel. Valet parking: \$49/overnight with in and out privileges. For SAAS participants, an automatic 25% reduction will appear on your hotel bill if you valet park. Several self-parking garages and lots are located near the hotel. Many options are available if you search “parking options near The Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel.”

SAEA 2024 ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION

2024 Quiz Bowl - Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition. Teams will be randomly assigned as in the past. Contact Dusty Menzies, Undergraduate Committee Chair, if you have any questions. He can be reached by phone at (979) 845-7046 or email, d-menzies@tamu.edu. Travel grants are available for students participating in Quiz Bowl in the amount of \$150 per student. Also, note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.

RECRUITMENT FAIR

Graduate Program Coordinators! - The SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl is great opportunity to recruit participants to your department's graduate program. More than a hundred undergraduate students compete annually representing twelve or more schools.

Businesses and Universities! - Businesses/companies/universities can set up a booth to advertise their entity and recruit employees. Applied economists are known for their well-versed skill sets so this is a great place to hire a new and qualified employee.

Booths are available for \$100 per table. Departments and entities interested in participating in the Recruitment Fair can sign up on the payments page by visiting: saea.org/register/

JAAE EDITORS' CORNER

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

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Association: **@SAEA_Economics**

Journal: **@JAAE_Journal**

You can also follow the Association on **LinkedIn** (Southern Agricultural Economics Association) and **Facebook** (Search: Southern Agricultural Economics Association – SAEA).

2023-2024 SAEA COMMITTEES

Much of the important work the SAEA performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on these committees. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees, please contact Marco Palma at mapalma@tamu.edu.

Selected Papers Committee: Mallory K. Vestal, West Texas A&M University (2024), Kellie Curry Raper, Oklahoma State University (2025), Elizabeth Canales, Mississippi State University (2026).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Rodney Holcomb, Oklahoma State University (Past-President), Barry Barnett, University of Kentucky (2024), Keith Coble, Mississippi State University (2025), Lisa House, University of Florida (2026).

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Adam Rabinowitz, Auburn University (2024), Christa Court, University of Florida (2025), Samuel Zapata, Texas A&M University (2026).

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Anastasia Thayer Hassett, Clemson University (2024), John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2025), Nathan Kemper, University of Arkansas (2026).

Master's Thesis Award Committee: Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University (2024), Shuoli Zhao, University of Kentucky (2025), Charley Martinez, University of Tennessee (2026).

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Eunchun Park, University of Arkansas (2024), Samir Huseynov, Auburn University (2025), Michelle Segovia, University of Delaware (2026).

Poster Committee: Daniel Solís, Florida A&M University (2024), Ross Pruitt, University of Tennessee Martin (2025), Jada Thompson, University of Arkansas (2026).

Undergraduate Committee: Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University; Jerrod Penn, Louisiana State University; Aaron Shew, Arkansas State University. Hannah Shear, Oklahoma State University.

3MT Thesis Committee: Xuqi Chen, University of Tennessee (Chair); Kalyn Coatney, Mississippi State University; Yangxuan Liu, University of Georgia.

Ph.D. Job Market Paper Competition Committee: (*Ad Hoc* chair, President, SAEA); Zhifeng Gao, University of Florida (2024), Wenying Li, Auburn University (2025), Trey Malone, University of Arkansas (2026).

Industry Committee: Basanta Dhungana, Agilent Technology (Chair); Irfan Tareen, Center; Laxmi Paudel, Fannie Mae

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Nominating Committee: Past-President Rodney Holcomb, Oklahoma State University; President Marco Palma, Texas A&M University, President-Elect John Anderson, University of Arkansas.

Social Planner for 2024 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia.

IT/AV Committee for 2024 Meetings: Kellie Curry Raper, Oklahoma State University, Elizabeth Canales, Mississippi State University.
