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I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and smooth return home from the annual meeting in Atlanta. It was, as always, a great time to catch up with old friends, get acquainted with new colleagues around the region, and plan projects for the upcoming year. Assuming the responsibilities of president this year, I was more acutely aware than ever of the hard work that goes into this meeting by the SAEA officers and board. While everyone on the board plays a vital role in the success of this meeting, I will exercise the prerogative of this newsletter column to single out a couple of individuals. Mallory Vestal completed her rotation on the board with this meeting, and on the occasion of her release from these duties, it is appropriate to recognize her extraordinary work as a director over these past three years. As noted at the business meeting, Mallory will be sticking around to help out with SAEA secretary duties. Speaking of secretary, Nathan Smith has quietly and faithfully served in this important – and largely thankless – role for quite some time. His contribution to the annual meeting and to the general success of the organization should not go unremarked. And speaking of unremarkable, Jeff Jordan has been and remains an SAEA stalwart. I always hate to use the word irreplaceable, because we all have to be replaced at some point, but Jeff is about as close to irreplaceable as you can get.

A final, special thanks is in order to Marco Palma and Rodney Holcomb. If you noticed that I wasn't around on Tuesday, it was because I was under the weather with what I think was a touch of food poisoning. While I was in my hotel room throwing up everything I had eaten in the past month, Rodney and Marco – whom I had texted at about 5:00 am – were covering my responsibilities and regularly checking in to see if I was all right. In fact, I got quite a few emails and texts over the next couple of days from many of you, making sure I was all right. For the record, I'm fine; I even lost a few pounds, so it was all to the good. At any rate, one could not ask for better colleagues and friends than those to be found in SAEA. This year gave me a good reminder of that.

Before closing the books completely on Atlanta, I would like to share a few stats about the meeting. Registered attendees totaled 475, a record attendance. We had 114 undergraduate students from 19 institutions attend the meeting and participate in Quiz Bowl. The student component of the SAEA meeting – both undergraduate and graduate – is a distinctive feature of our organization and one that I think we should be very proud of. The student-oriented aspects of our meeting – quiz bowl for undergraduates and various competitions for graduate students – take an extraordinary amount of work to manage. I won't try to recognize everyone who contributed to these efforts because there are so many, but a sincere "thank you" to everyone who made this meeting a special event for our student participants.

Looking ahead, I am anticipating a great year for SAEA. We have an outstanding board of directors, and we will have an outstanding slate of candidates for open positions. Our journal continues to grow in stature within the disciplinary literature, and our editorial team is doing a

great job of keeping that growth on track. While memories of Atlanta are still fresh, we will begin preparations for next year's meeting in Irving, Texas very soon. In short order, I will begin reaching out to recruit committee members to support our meeting preparation and planning. If you think you might be interested in pitching in, feel free to take the initiative to reach out to me. If you think you aren't interested, I hope you'll still be willing to take my call and let me try to change your mind. This is a great organization, and serving in it is a great way to build professional connections.

Looking forward to seeing you again in Texas next year.

Best Regards,
John Anderson
SAEA President

2025 SAEA ANNUAL MEETING

What – SAEA 58th Annual Meeting

Where – Irving, Texas

When – February 2-4, 2025

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

SAEA 2024 ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL SUMMARY

The 2024 SAEA Quiz Bowl was a great success. We had 114 students compete from 19 schools. Those numbers are approaching our highs from pre-COVID. Students were split into teams of three with, mostly, students from different schools. The champions were the Brahmas, we had so many teams we ran out of NFL names! The Brahmas had students from New Mexico State University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Tennessee –Martin. After the President's Luncheon, the Brahmas challenged the Legends team recruited by SAEA Treasurer, Jeff Jordan. For at least the seventh straight year, Jeff once again defeated the student champions!

Special thanks from the committee chairs to all the advisors, graduate students, and supporters who volunteered their time to run the event. We had over 20 volunteers help as judges, computer operators, and moderators. We hope more people volunteer or just come watch the event. It is a great way to get to know the next generation of SAEA members! Thanks again to Jeff Jordan, Nathan Smith, and the entire board for the support and value they continue to see in undergraduate students. See you next year in Irving!

Dusty Menzies
Texas A&M University
Undergraduate Committee Chair

2024 SAEA Award & Competition Winners

Emerging Scholars

Teaching: Logan Britton, Kansas State University

Extension: Brian Mills, Mississippi State University

Research: Mani Rouhi Rad, Texas A&M University

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Paul Patterson, Auburn University

Academic Quiz Bowl Winners

1st Brahmas Alyssa Grenados – New Mexico State University
John Hendrix – Texas A&M University
Chayil Watkins – University of Tennessee

2nd 49ers Janae Braune – Texas A&M University
Jenna Carrig – University of Florida
Mattie Thrasher – Louisiana State University

3rd Packers Casey Bohr, Jr. – University of Tennessee – Martin
Hannah Kimmer – Arkansas State University
Jamil Mansouri – Purdue University

Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

Brian Coffey, Kansas State University - AGEC 520: Market Fundamentals and
Futures/Options Trading

Distinguished Extension Program Award

Dennis Brothers, Auburn University, "New Farmer's Guide to the Commercial Broiler
Industry."

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Micah Cameron-Harp, "Essays on the Economics of Irrigation Efficiency and Carbon
Markets." Advisor: Nathan Hendricks, Kansas State University

Outstanding Thesis Award

Samantha Rippley, "Land Use on the Urban Fringe." Advisor: Susan Chen, Va. Tech

Outstanding JAAE Article Award

Lien, G., S.C. Kumbhakar, and A.K. Mishra. 2023. "Production Function and Farmers' Risk
Aversion: A Certainty Equivalent-adjusted Production Function" 55(2): 324-340.

Poster Awards

- 1st Daniel Braeden Mull, Anastasia Thayer, Adam Kantrovich, Nathan Smith (Clemson University). *The Livestock Forage Disaster Program in the Southeast.*
- 2nd Kumuditha Liyanage, Aditya Khanel, Anthony Witcher, Fulya Baysal-Gurel (Tennessee State University). *Investigating the Economic Impact of Dogwood Disease Management in Tennessee.*
- 3rd Aisling Grace Hagan, David Hughes, T. Edward Yu (University of Tennessee). *Assessing Tennessee's Emerging Circular Bio-Economy.*

Job Market Paper Competition Winners

- 1st Raymond Thomas (Kansas State University), *Analyzing the Use and Intensity of Carbon Farming Practices in the U.S.*, Timothy Dalton
- 2nd Armine Poghosyan (Virginia Tech), *Examining the Role of Agro-Environmental Conditions in Vulnerability to Poverty in Niger.*, Elinor Benami
- 3rd Chenyang Hu, (Virginia Tech), *Improving Ecosystem Services from US Agriculture: Yield Reserve vs. Land Retirement.*, Darrell Bosch, Wei Zhang

3MT Competition Winners –

- 1st Colton Tuff Johnson (Oklahoma State University), *An Evaluation of Production Efficiency and Management in Soybeans.*, Hannah Shear, Josh Lofton
- 2nd Macy L. Rosselle (Oklahoma State University), *The Impacts of Class-Action Lawsuits on California Glyphosate Usage.*, K. Aleks Schaefer¹, Brandon R. McFadden², Hannah E. Shear¹ (1 Oklahoma State University; 2 University of Arkansas)
- 3rd Samantha Ayoub (Colorado State University), *Exploring heterogenous motives behind animal welfare management: a focus in the final marketing stage of fed cattle.*

JAAE EDITORS' CORNER

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

Editors' Report from the 2024 SAEA Annual Meeting

Summary of Journal Submissions

Submission 114

Accepted 40

Rejected 74

Rejected without Review: 0

Rejected 31

Revised 36

Acceptance Rate 35%

First time since Cambridge has been managing that international submissions were greater than submissions from the USA (42% submission from USA)

Changes to the Editorial Council

Seven members have completed their three years of service:

Samerandu Mohanty (Vietnam)

Julieta Frank (Canada)

Songqing Jin, MSU

Wei Zhang, Virginia Tech

David Hughes, University of Tennessee

Alcido Elenor Wander (Brazil)

Michael Vassallos, Clemson University

We wish to thank them for their service.

The Editors welcome the following new Editorial Council members for a 3-year term:

Trey Malone, University of Arkansas

Xuan Chen, Huazhong Agricultural University

Jared Carlberg, University of Manitoba

Sam Funk, North Dakota State University

Xiaoli Etienne, University of Idaho

Carlos Steiger, Austral University

Jennifer Ifft, Kansas State University

The 2023 *JAAE* Outstanding Journal Article Award

The 2023 award covers articles in the November 2022, February 2023, May 2023, and August 2023 issues. The selection process is a two-stage process and selection is made by the Editorial Council. In the first stage, the editorial council members were randomly assigned to one of the four volumes with instructions to select the best two articles in the volume they were assigned. These editorial council responses were subsequently tallied to determine the top two articles in each volume. In the second stage, council members were asked to select the most outstanding article among the eight first-stage semifinalists. The article receiving the most votes was identified as the 2023 *JAAE* Outstanding Journal Article. Based on this process, the winner is:

Lien, G., S.C. Kumbhakar, and A.K. Mishra. 2023. "Production Function and Farmers' Risk Aversion: A Certainty Equivalent-adjusted Production Function" 55(2): 324-340.

Congratulations to these authors!

Cambridge University Press

Cambridge University Press has a team of professionals with extensive experience in academic publishing. They continue helping us to promote the Journal through many outlets, conferences, e-mails, and social media. They have also been very cooperative with our efforts to implement multiple initiatives.

Reviewers

Two hundred twenty-five people provided reviews to the *JAAE* in 2023; their service is acknowledged on the journal's website. Reviewers are selected based on their expertise in the subject matter and willingness to provide timely reviews. The Editors thank the SAEA membership and others for their expert advice and timeliness in providing reviews for the Journal.

Usage and Performance

JAAE is indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (Scopus), part of the Web of Science database.

JAAE 2022 2-year Impact Factor was 1.9 (2023 has not yet been finalized)

JAAE 2023 Scopus CiteScore improved from 2.4 in 2022 to 3.2

Total downloads 108,728, which is up from 99,832.

Authors are reminded that *JAAE* is Open Access and that an increasing proportion of authors are covered by agreements that exempt them from paying an article processing charge. Read [this page on Open Access options in JAAE](#) to find out about institutional Read & Publish agreements and the discretionary waiver process for unfunded authors. You can check whether your institution has a Read & Publish agreement via [the waiver tool](#) on the Cambridge site. If you have questions about these “Read & Publish” agreements, contact our Cambridge publisher Andrew Hyde ahyde@cambridge.org.

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Calling All Followers!

The Association and the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE) are now on X (formerly Twitter). Follow both to keep up with SAEA updates and new JAAE articles and issues.

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).

2024-2025 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 John Anderson at jda042@uark.edu.

Selected Papers Committee: Kellie Curry Raper, Oklahoma State University (2025), Elizabeth Canales, Mississippi State University (2026), John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2027).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Marco Palma (Past-President), Keith Coble, Mississippi State University (2025), Lisa House, University of Florida (2026).

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

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

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

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

Poster Committee: 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); 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

JAAE Editorial Team: Editors Chris Boyer (Tennessee), Edward Yu (Tennessee), and Michael Vassalos (Clemson).

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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 2025 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia.

IT/AV Committee for 2025 Meetings: Elizabeth Canales, Mississippi State University, John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University.
