Flagstaff DoubleTree Hilton
June 21st – 23rd, 2026

2026 WAEA Annual Meeting

Flagstaff, Arizona

Conference Program

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Western Agricultural Economics Association

President's Welcome: I'd like to welcome everyone to Flagstaff for the WAEA 2026 Annual Meeting. We have a great program planned for our time here, starting with a reception on Sunday evening and a range of topics in our paper sessions and symposium. I am particularly excited about our Keynote Speech by Dr. David Bullock on "On-farm Precision Experimentation: R.A. Fisher and Earl Heady Would Have Loved the Data" and our Presidential Address by Dr. Kynda Curtis on "Evolving to Meet Today's Professional Challenges: Strengthening Association Relevance and Value." All sessions and meals will be at the Flagstaff DoubleTree, a great spot for exploring the town and local attractions. I am very appreciative of the efforts of the WAEA Leadership team and all the volunteers who helped with the preparations for this meeting. I hope that everyone attending WAEA this year enjoys the opportunity to learn about new ideas, catch up with colleagues, and make new connections.

Dayton Lambert

Information for Presenters

Paper sessions are 90 minutes. For sessions with 4 papers, each presenter may have 15 minutes of presentation time, followed by 5 minutes for questions. For sessions with 3 papers, each presenter may have 20 minutes of presentation time followed by 5 minutes for questions. Moderators will arrange for a laptop to be present, but presenters are encouraged to bring their own laptops as well in case of computer issues. Make sure the moderator has your slide deck before the session and please arrive 10 minutes before the session begins.

Information for Moderators

The primary responsibility is to help facilitate the presentations. The role of a moderator is to keep presentations to the allotted time and encourage questions to facilitate discussion after each presentation. Please bring a laptop and ensure that presentation slides are loaded on your laptop before the session starts. If your laptop does not have an HDMI port, please bring an adapter with you to your session since the AV hookups in the rooms use HDMI. Please arrive 15 minutes before the session begins.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY June 21st	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**Registration**
	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	**WEC Business Meeting** Coconino
	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**WAEA Executive Council Meeting** Coconino
	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	**Sunday Evening Reception** Canyon/Kaibab
MONDAY June 22nd	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Registration**
	7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast** Pre-Function/Foyer Space
	8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	**Paper Session I**
	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Break**
	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	**Paper Session II**
	12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	**Lunch and Keynote Address** Canyon/Kaibab
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	**Paper Session III**
	3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	**Break**
	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Paper Session IV**
TUESDAY June 23rd	7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast** Pre-Function/Foyer Space
	8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	**Paper Session V**
	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Break**
	10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	**WAEA Business Meeting and Presidential Address** Canyon/Kaibab
	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	**Lunch and WAEA Awards Ceremony** Canyon/Kaibab
	2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	**Western Extension Committee Tour**

DETAILED PROGRAM

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Paper Session I
Monday, June 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Labor, Automation, and Migration — Humphreys

Moderator: Umesh Gautam (Texas Tech University)

Seasonality of Labor: How Harvest Timing Shapes Agricultural Labor Demand in the United States?	Ankita Khatiwada (New Mexico State University)* Ram Acharya (New Mexico State University)
Effects of Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. Fruit Sector	Umesh Gautam (Texas Tech University)* Stephen Devadoss (Texas Tech University)
Can Cooperatives Close the Farm Automation Gap? Shared Robotics, Progressive Cost-Sharing, and Small-Farm Inclusion	Yuri Calil (Texas A&M University)*

Monday, June 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Production and Farm/Ranch Management 1 — Mt. Elden

Moderator: Soumava Basu (University of Florida)

Economic Evaluation of Biorational Management Strategies for Chilli Thrips in Florida Strawberry Production	Soumava Basu (University of Florida)* Sriyanka Lahiri (University of Florida)
Economic and Operational Impacts of New World Screwworm Under Modern Cattle Management	Walker Davis (Oklahoma State University)* Amy Hagerman (Oklahoma State University)
Comparing Spatial Modeling Approaches for Variable-Rate Nitrogen	William Duncan (Oklahoma State University)* Wade Brorsen (Oklahoma State University)
Marginal Returns to Extended Feeding: An Economic Model of Optimal Slaughter Timing	Andrew Anderson (Utah State University)* Ryan Feuz (Utah State University) David Secrist (Utah State University) Michael Meeks (Deseret Ranches) Abby Benninghoff (Utah State University)

Monday, June 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Agribusiness — Coconino

Moderator: Kelly Lange (Texas Tech University)

Financial Literacy Education in Agriculture	Kelly Lange (Texas Tech University)* Tanaka Chimbane (Texas Tech University) Olamide Olajide (Texas Tech University) Annie Fallon (Texas Tech University)
Valuing the Impact of Farm Income Announcements on Farm Input and Lending Companies' Share Prices	Noah Miller (USDA-ERS) Joe Parcell (Kansas State University)*
The Production-Correlation Blind Spot in Grain Cooperative Mergers	Behnam Hassanizadeh (Oklahoma State University)* Phil Kenkel (Oklahoma State University) Wade Brorsen (Oklahoma State University)

Monday, June 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Environmental and Resource Economics 1 — Colorado River

Moderator: Zhao Ming (University of Idaho)

From Public Forest to Private Pasture: Land Grabbing and Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon	Ana Karolina Acris Melo (University of Paraíba)* Pedro Jorge Alves (University of Paraíba) Jevuks Araujo (University of Paraíba)
Insights from U.S. dairy processors' sustainability efforts towards net zero by 2050	Xiaoli Etienne (University of Idaho) Hernan Tejeda (University of Idaho) Andres Trujillo-Barrera (University of Idaho) Zhao Ming (University of Idaho)*
Climate Change and Agricultural Vulnerability in the United States	Monishankar Sarkar (Texas Tech University)* Shaikh Mahfuz Rahman (Texas Tech University)

Monday, June 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Graduate Student Paper Competition 1 — Kachina

Moderators: Karina Schoengold (University of Nebraska-Lincoln); Jeff Luckstead (Washington State University); Nathan DeLay (Colorado State University)

Implications of India's Non-Basmati Rice Export Ban on Global Rice Trade	Stanishkar T. Sunil (Texas Tech University)* Stephen Devadoss (Texas Tech University) William Ridley (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
When Water Picks Winners: Irrigation Rights and Farm Structure	Margaret Lippsmeyer (Kansas State University)*
Soft Information and Price Discovery in Agricultural Futures Markets	Zishen Zuo (City University of New York)*
Casting a Wider Net: Evidence on the Production Effects of Fisher Support Programs in Mexico	Jesus Felix De Los Reyes (Utah State University)*

Paper Session II
Monday, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Western Extension Committee Selected Presentations — Humphreys

Moderator: Tinley Sitton (Oklahoma State University)

Economically Important Production Measures: Native vs. Beef on Dairy Cross Fed Cattle	Cydney Stables (Kansas State University)* Ted Schroeder (Kansas State University) Joe Parcell (Kansas State University) David Renter (Kansas State University) Matias Duque (Kansas State University)
A Comparative Analysis of Transferable Skill Development and Labor Market Expectations in Agricultural Economics	Tinley Sitton (Oklahoma State University)* Hannah Shear (Oklahoma State University) Elizabeth Norwood (Oklahoma State University)
The Impact of Invasive Annual Grasses on Recreational Mule Deer Hunting	Bristy Banik (University of Wyoming)* Kelly Grogan (University of Wyoming)
Economic Implications of Maternal Care Deserts in the United States	Abdullahi Aremu (University of Wyoming)* Roger Coupal (University of Wyoming) Anders Van Sandt (Colorado State University)

Monday, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

WAEA Organized Symposium: Qualitative Data for Curious Agricultural Economists — Mt. Elden

Organizer: Maryfrances Miller (New Mexico State University)

Qualitative Data for Curious Agricultural Economists	Pranay Ranjan (Northern Arizona University) Catherine Keske (University of California, Merced) Maryfrances Miller (New Mexico State University)

Description: Qualitative data is increasingly being used in economic fields, including as stand-alone work and as part of mixed-method approaches. However, few agricultural economics academic programs include any training in qualitative data analysis. The goal of this symposium is to lessen the learning curve for incorporating qualitative data into agricultural economics, and to provide a chance to connect those who are interested in learning more about this tool.

Monday, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Experimental and Behavioral Economics 1 — Coconino

Moderator: Binod Khanal (Prairie View A&M University)

Attribute assurance through labeling: the effect of percentage-emission-reduction and USDA certification labels on preferences for climate-smart beef	Binod Khanal (Prairie View A&M University)* Sunil Dhoubhadel (Prairie View A&M University)

Growing Preferences: How Consumers' Perceive Vertically Grown vs. Traditionally Farmed Produce in a Hypothetical Discrete Choice Experiment	Lucy McGowan (California Polytechnic State University)*
Heterogeneous Effects of Prices and Other Determinants on Sweetener Consumption	Vardges Hovhannisyan (University of Wyoming)* Stephen Devadoss (Texas Tech University) Vahe Heboyan (Augusta University)
Modeling Consumer Intentions Toward Organic Foods: A PLS-SEM Approach	Santosh Kafle (Tennessee State University)* Stinson Parks (Tennessee State University) Doc Lap Tran (Tennessee State University) Prabodh Illukpitiya (Tennessee State University) Aditya Khanal (Tennessee State University)

Monday, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Production and Farm/Ranch Management 2 — Colorado River

Moderator: Serhat Asci (California State University, Fresno)

Perception versus Practice: Determinants and Challenges of Rotational Grazing in the Great Plains of the USA	Md Faizul Kabir (University of Nebraska Lincoln)* Elliot Dennis (University of Nebraska Lincoln) Simanti Banerjee (University of Nebraska Lincoln) Gwendŵr Meredith (University of Nebraska Lincoln)
Economic impacts of Nitrogen-Efficient Technologies adoption in Nebraska Corn Production	Rym Dahoun (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)*
Economic analysis of the recycled use of saline effluent produced from reverse osmosis on the irrigation in Central California	Serhat Asci (California State University, Fresno)* Gary Banuelos (USDA)

Monday, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Graduate Student Paper Competition 2 — Kachina

Moderators: Karina Schoengold (University of Nebraska-Lincoln); Jeff Luckstead (Washington State University); Nathan DeLay (Colorado State University)

Market Effects of Veterinary Drug Residue Limits on Global Trade of Beef, Pork and Poultry	Akinbode Okunola (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Elliott Dennis (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Edward Balistreri (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Improving Agricultural Decisions under Risk and Uncertainty	Nilufer Cetik (Arizona State University)* Carola Grebitus (Arizona State University)
Social Returns to Conservation: Incentives for Cover Crops and Water Quality in the Midwest	Shuo Yu (University of California, Berkeley)*

Lunch and Keynote Address (Canyon/Kaibab)
Monday, June 22nd, 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Dr. David Bullock
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Title: On-farm Precision Experimentation: R.A. Fisher and Earl Heady Would Have Loved the Data

Abstract: Agronomic field trials provide data that allow primal estimation of crop production technologies. Scientists have been conducting formal agronomic field trials for centuries, and farmers themselves have no doubt been conducting simple, informal trials for millennia in attempts to learn how changes in input application strategies change crop yields.

Indeed, a century ago R.E. Fisher essentially invented modern statistical theory while analyzing field trial data from England's Rothamsted Research Station. A generation later, Earl Heady used field trial data to estimate various aspects of crop production functions, and ended up having a building named after him on the campus of Iowa State University. Both Fisher and Heady worked with data from "small-plot" trials, usually far less than an acre in size, and therefore offering extremely limited inference space. As a result, even though tens of thousands of small-plot trials have been conducted over past decades, scientists hoping to help crop farmers improve input management have had to operate in a data-scarce environment.

By the 1960s, university scientists were providing fertilizer recommendations using algorithms emanating from egregiously faulty data and data analysis, and those data-free recommendation algorithms continue to have major influence today. But over the past generation, scientists have begun to work with farmers and precision agricultural technology to conduct very large, very inexpensive agronomic field trials. These on-farm precision experiments are beginning to turn the field trial environment from data-scarce to data-rich.

The Data-Intensive Farm Management Project (DIFM) has developed its *difm.farm* cyber-infrastructure to greatly facilitate farmers and their advisors to begin generating vast quantities of field trial data from their own fields. *difm.farm* was built with a vision of allowing tens of thousands of farmers to generate agronomic field trial data on their own fields every year. R.E. Fisher and Earl Heady would have loved to have access to data from on-farm precision experiments.

Bio: David S. Bullock is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago in 1989. The major focus of his current research is on the economics of agricultural technology and information. He is the Principal Investigator of the USDA-sponsored "Data-Intensive Farm Management" project, which uses precision agriculture technology to conduct large-scale, on farm agronomic experiments, to generate data that improves farmers' management of nitrogen fertilizer and other inputs. Bullock has published widely in prestigious economics, agricultural economics, and agronomy journals, including the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, and *Agronomy Journal*. He teaches PhD courses in microeconomic theory, and has been cited numerous times for outstanding instruction of graduate courses. He has been publishing research on the economics of precision agriculture technology since 1998.

Paper Session III
Monday, June 22nd, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Western Extension Committee Organized Symposium: Farm Benchmarking West of the Midwest — Humphreys

Organizer: Frannie Miller (New Mexico State University)

Farm Benchmarking West of the Midwest	Frannie Miller (New Mexico State University) Madhav Regmi (New Mexico State University) Yuri Calil (Texas A&M University) Ryan Larsen (Utah State University) Daniel Mooney (Colorado State University) Bryon Parman (North Dakota State University)

Description: A discussion of farm financial benchmarking in Western states, covering data collection, applications, challenges, and opportunities.

Monday, June 22nd, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Agricultural Marketing, Demand, Price Analysis 1 — Mt. Elden

Moderator: Maria Gerveni (California Polytechnic State University)

Storage Dynamics in the RIN Market: Taking It to the Bank	Maria Gerveni (California Polytechnic State University)* Scott Irwin (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) Todd Hubbs (Oklahoma State University)
Inflationary Effects of Biofuel Policy Shocks	Jungkeon Jo (University of Idaho)* Xiaoli Etienne (University of Idaho) Michael Adjemian (University of Georgia)
Impacts of Exogenous Shocks in Privately Negotiated Forward and Spot Markets	Hannah Bacon (University of Wyoming)* Christopher Bastian (University of Wyoming) Chian Jones Ritten (University of Wyoming)
The Market for Climate-Smart Corn Under the 45Z Tax Credit	Matthew Gammans (North Dakota State University)* Ernest Oppong (North Dakota State University)

Monday, June 22nd, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Consumer and Household Economics — Coconino

Moderator: Vardges Hovhannisyan (University of Wyoming)

Consumer Demand for BioWRAP: A Willingness-to-Pay Comparison Between Processed and Fresh Products	Kanij Fatema (University of Nebraska Lincoln)* Karina Schoengold (University of Nebraska Lincoln)
Consumers' perceptions of animal welfare during the production of Fetal Bovine Serum	Angela Jungbluth (Oklahoma State University) Amelia Ahles (Oklahoma State University) Wade Brorsen (Oklahoma State University)*

Eating Rice and Ethnic Diversity in the United States: An Empirical Investigation of Consumers' Profiles and their Dining Plates	Willy Mulimbi (University of Arkansas)* Joohun Han (University of Arkansas) Alvaro Durand-Morat (University of Arkansas) Khondoker Mottaleb (Texas Tech University)
Demand for Sugary Foods in the United States	Vardges Hovhannisyan (University of Wyoming)* Shavarsh Sahakyan (University of Wyoming) Stephen Devadoss (Texas Tech University)

Monday, June 22nd, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Environmental and Resource Economics 2 — Colorado River

Moderator: Matthew Marchant (University of Arkansas)

Spatial Distance and Economic Costs: Drivers of Public Perception and Action on Environmental Issues	Bruno Felipe Lenin Souza Bezerra (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Christopher Gustafson (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Agricultural Production and Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Technical and Environmental Efficiencies Across Countries	Marcelo Dias Paes Ferreira (Federal University of Viçosa)* Yuri Calil (Texas A&M University) Emiliano Lopez Barrera (Texas A&M University) Luis Ribera (Texas A&M University)
Estimating Conservation Easement Costs in Wyoming to Improve Conservation Targeting	Thomas Pinsky (University of Wyoming)* Benjamin Rashford (University of Wyoming) Amy Nagler (University of Wyoming)
Ecosystem Benefits, Epidemiological Costs? Wetland Proximity and HPAI Risk	Matthew Marchant (University of Arkansas)* Jada Thompson (University of Arkansas)

Monday, June 22nd, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Production and Farm/Ranch Management 3 — Kachina

Moderator: Daniel Mooney (Colorado State University)

Economic and environmental trade-offs in Nebraska corn and soybean production	Felipe Miranda de Souza Almeida (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Richard Perrin (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Lilyan Fulginiti (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Potential Production Risks from Climate Change on Intermountain West Ranches	Peyton Loss (University of Wyoming)* Christopher Bastian (University Wyoming) Kristiana Hansen (University of Wyoming) Shannon Albeke (University of Wyoming) Stefan Rahimi (University of Wyoming)
Joint Adoption of Calf Health Management Practices	Molly Parker (Oklahoma State University)* Kellie Raper (Oklahoma State University) Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University)
Paying Farmers to Conserve Water in the Colorado River Basin: An Analysis of Enrollment Thresholds	Daniel Mooney (Colorado State University)* Bhishma Dahal (Colorado State University) Dana Hoag (Colorado State University)

Paper Session IV
Monday, June 22nd, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 22nd, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Production and Farm/Ranch Management 4 — Humphreys

Moderator: Sabina Regmi (Colorado State University)

Optimizing Corn and Sorghum Deficit Irrigation Strategies in the Oklahoma Panhandle	Basheet Lukman (Oklahoma State University)* Lixia Lambert (Oklahoma State University) Sumit Sharma (Oklahoma State University) Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University) Jason Warren (Oklahoma State University)
Producer Economic Return from Hay Storage Investment by the Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program	Mason Collins (University of Tennessee)* Charles Martinez (University of Tennessee) Christopher Boyer (University of Tennessee) Aaron Smith (University of Tennessee) Dikshya Aryal (University of Tennessee) Parker Wyatt (University of Tennessee)
Economic Contribution of Colorado State University (CSU's) Wheat Breeding through Wheat Stem Sawfly Resistant Varieties	Sabina Regmi (Colorado State University)* Rebecca Hill (Colorado State University) Dawn Thilmany (Colorado State University) Daniel Mooney (Colorado State University) Rebecca Wasserman-Olin (Colorado State University) Adam Ostelholzer (Colorado State University) Punya Nachappa (Colorado State University)
Measuring costs and benefits of bioengineered pest management for California citrus growers and consumers	Karen Jetter (UC ANR Policy Institute)*

Monday, June 22nd, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural Finance — Mt. Elden

Moderator: Victor Funes-Leal (University of Arkansas)

Rainfall Index Variability and Program Performance: Implications for Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Rainfall Index (PRF-RI) Program	Whoi Cho (South Dakota State University)* Abby Shalekbriski (Oklahoma State University)
Optimal Purchasing Strategies of Livestock Gross Margin Insurance for Calves and Yearlings	Ben Berlin (Utah State University) Ryan Feuz (Utah State University)*
Crop Rotations, Transition Costs, and Farm Delinquencies	Victor Funes-Leal (University of Arkansas)* Lawson Connor (University of Arkansas)
Livestock Risk Protection Basis Risk for Fed Cattle in the Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma Area	Madalyn Richards (AFPC - Texas A&M University)* Joe Outlaw (Texas A&M University) Bart Fischer (Texas A&M University)

Monday, June 22nd, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Environmental and Resource Economics 3 — Coconino

Moderator: Logan Haviland (Utah State University)

The Economic Value of Water Availability on the North Fork of the Red River Watershed	Suhina Deol (Stephan F. Austin State University) Andrew Dilley (Oklahoma State University)* Amy Hagerman (Oklahoma State University) Tyson Ochsner (Oklahoma State University)
A MIMIC Model Analysis of Fishing Behavior and Conservation Attitudes	Tania Islam (Oklahoma State University)* Bhawna Thapa (Oklahoma State University) Omkar Joshi (Oklahoma State University)
Identifying the Causal Contribution of Pluvial Dust to Local PM2.5: A Particle Hours Exposure Framework for the Bonneville Basin	Steven Wilcox (Utah State University) Logan Haviland (Utah State University)* Sherzod Akhundjanov (Utah State University) Wei Zhang (Utah State University) Kylie Hansen (New Mexico State University)
Evaluating Rancher Preferences and Policy Design for Grassland Conservation in the Northern U.S. Great Plains	Md Faizul Kabir (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Elliott Dennis (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Simanti Banerjee (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Gwendŵr Meredith (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Mitchell Stephenson (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Craig Allen (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Monday, June 22nd, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Community and Regional Economics — Colorado River

Moderator: Bridget Guerrero (West Texas A&M University)

Constraints and Opportunities Affecting Patient Flow in Maternal Care Deserts	Mardee Sadowsky (Oklahoma State University)* Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University) Mckenzie Boyce (Oklahoma State University)
Factors Affecting Households' Food Insecurity Resilience Capacity: A Case Study of Tennessean Perceptions	James Clay, II (Tennessee State University) Doc Lap Tran (Tennessee State University)* Kimberly Pettigrew (United Way-Greater Knoxville) Prabodh Illukpitiya (Tennessee State University) Myles Bolton (Tennessee State University) Santosh Kafle (Tennessee State University)
Conserving Groundwater, Sustaining Economies: An Assessment of Wichita County Groundwater Policy	Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University) Bill Golden (Kansas State University) Bridget Guerrero (West Texas A&M University)* Lixia Lambert (Oklahoma State University)
Economic Development in Remote Areas: The Impact of Mobile Broadband in the Amazon Forest	Ana Karolina Acris Melo (University of Paraíba)* Pedro Jorge Alves (University of Paraíba) Jevuks Araujo (University of Paraíba)

Monday, June 22nd, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

International Trade and Development — Kachina

Moderator: Akinbode Okunola (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Potential Effects of Chinese Retaliation on U.S. Soybean Exports and the U.S. Meat–Feed Supply Chain	Margarida Noelia Aguiar C Souza (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Lilyan Fulginiti (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Richard Perrin (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Trade Effects of Preferential Tariff on U.S. Beef Exports to Africa	Akinbode Okunola (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Elliott Dennis (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Tit-for-Tariff: Cross-Commodity Spillover Effects of Mexican Tomato Trade Policy on U.S. Pork Exports	Trell Amoss (Oklahoma State University)* Hannah Shear (Oklahoma State University) Aleks Schaefer (Oklahoma State University)
Livestock Productivity, Trade, and Nutritional Security in Low- and Middle-Income Countries	Akinbode Okunola (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)*

Paper Session V
Tuesday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Agricultural Marketing, Demand, Price Analysis 2 — Humphreys

Moderator: Kishore Joseph (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)

The 2025 China–U.S. Soybean Export Disruption and Local Market Responses: Evidence from Illinois Counties	Kishore Joseph (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)*
Quantifying Changes in Market Valuation of Feeder Calf Attributes Over Time	Shelby Sumner (Oklahoma State University)* Kellie Curry Raper (Oklahoma State University) Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University) Derrell Peel (Oklahoma State University)
Knowledge, Risk Perceptions, and the Adoption Gap in Grain Marketing	Sanjay Kandel (University of Idaho)* Andres Trujillo-Barrera (University of Idaho) Xiaoli Etienne (University of Idaho)

Tuesday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Experimental and Behavioral Economics 2 — Mt. Elden

Moderator: Dikshya Aryal (University of Tennessee)

AI vs. Dietitian Recommendations in Food Away from Home Choices: Evidence from a Discrete Choice Experiment	Sushil Sapkota (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Christopher Gustafson (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Evaluating the Impact of Information Structure on Consumer Choices: Evidence from a Breakfast Cereal Experiment	Bruno Felipe Lenin Souza Bezerra (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Christopher Gustafson (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Imperfect Produce, Food Waste, and Food Retailing	Ekaterina Stoliarova (Arizona State University) Carola Grebitus (Arizona State University) Hazera Akter (Arizona State University)*
Impact of EPD Ranking During Decision-Making Behavior in Seedstock Bull Purchases	Dikshya Aryal (University of Tennessee)* Charles Martinez (University of Tennessee) Troy Rowan (University of Tennessee) Parker Wyatt (University of Tennessee) Eli Mundy (University of Tennessee) Max Richardson (University of Tennessee) Mason Collins (University of Tennessee) Hayden Rhea (University of Tennessee)

Tuesday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Production and Farm/Ranch Management 5 — Coconino

Moderator: Jada Thompson (University of Arkansas)

Simulating Profitability and Environmental Performance in Fed Cattle Methane-Reduction Markets	Nathan DeLay (Colorado State University)* Bishal Bista (Colorado State University) John Ritten (Colorado State University)
Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems: Barriers Preventing Integration among Nebraska Crop and Livestock Producers	Omid Tarashtwal (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)* Simanti Banerjee (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) Kelly Grogan (University of Wyoming)
Modernizing Collective Action: Adoption Drivers of Digital Platform in Specialty Crop	Besuthu Nkambule (University of Arkansas) Jada Thompson (University of Arkansas)*
Using Interpolated Weather Station Data as Crop Yield Predictors Introduces Measurement Error	Saugat Khanal (Oklahoma State University)* Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University)

Tuesday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Food and Agricultural Policy — Colorado River

Moderator: Logan Britton (Kansas State University)

Economic and Emissions Implications of Alternative Feeding Strategies for Methane Mitigation in Beef Cattle Production	Moses Katta (Texas Tech University)* Shaikh Mahfuz Rahman (Texas Tech University)
U.S. Processor Participation, Risk Tradeoffs, and Policy Design in Foreign Animal Disease Response Programs	Carissa Dalquest (Kansas State University) Logan Britton (Kansas State University)*
Digital Food Access and Consumer Welfare: Price Dispersion Effects of the SNAP Online Purchasing Program	Emily Parker (Texas A&M University)* Senarath Dharmasena (Texas A&M University)
Evaluating the Effects of SNAP Participation across the Distribution of Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Purchases	Owen Gibson (Texas A&M University)* Pourya Valizadeh (Texas A&M University) Joe Outlaw (Texas A&M University) Bart Fischer (Texas A&M University)

Tuesday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Environmental and Resource Economics 4 — Kachina

Moderator: Patrick Hofstedt (University of Wyoming)

Using a Bioeconomic Model to Inform Streamflow Management for Trout Production in Angling Dependent Economies	Patrick Hofstedt (University of Wyoming)* Kristi Hansen (University of Wyoming) Christopher Bastian (University of Wyoming) Annika Walters (University of Wyoming) David Finnoff (University of Wyoming) Jeff Baldock (Oregon State University)
Extreme Weather Adaptation & Perceptions in Western U.S.	Sawssan Boufous (New Mexico State University) Tullaya Boonsaeng (New Mexico State University) Brian Hurd (New Mexico State University) Abdul Khaliq (New Mexico State University)*
Landowner Decisions under Uncertainty and Irreversibility: Incorporating Option Value into Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment	Rita Khadka (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)*

WAEA Business Meeting and Presidential Address (Canyon/Kaibab)
Tuesday, June 23rd, 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

WAEA President Elect Kynda Curtis

Utah State University

Title: Evolving to Meet Today's Professional Challenges: Strengthening Association Relevance and Value

Bio: Kynda Curtis is a Professor and Extension Food Systems Specialist in the Department of Applied Economics at Utah State University (USU). She received her PhD in Economics from Washington State University in 2003, an MS in Financial Services from The American College in 1998, and a BA in Economics from Whitman College in 1993. Prior to obtaining her PhD she served as a corporate trainer and financial advisor. Her research interests include international agriculture/food marketing, consumer demand for specialty foods, and behavioral economics. As an Extension Specialist, Dr. Curtis assists small-scale growers in developing new markets for their products and assessing the feasibility of new food products and value-added processes.

Lunch and WAEA Awards Ceremony (Canyon/Kaibab)
Tuesday, June 23rd, 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Western Extension Committee (WEC) Tour
Tuesday, June 23rd, 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tour bus will be at the front entrance of the hotel.

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