



The Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics

C-FARE serves both (a) the public good and (b) the agricultural and applied economics profession, by bridging the chasm between research and real-world impact.

- Without the good research that our profession does, policymakers and business people would be flying blind while making important decisions that affect the food system.
- Without attention to policymakers and civil society, our researchers run the risk of talking to each other in a vacuum.

Now is a critical moment in the history of food, agriculture and natural resource issues. You can make all the difference.



C-FARE Mission and Organization

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) dedicates itself to strengthening the national influence and presence of the agricultural and applied economics profession. C-FARE disseminates economic analyses and informs opinion leaders and policy makers of the results, emphasizing the importance of public funding for such research. C-FARE also promotes continued public support for the basic statistical series widely utilized by government, university and private sector researchers, analysts and policy makers.

Seeking Sponsors

The C-FARE mission has become even more critical in this time of severe fiscal restraint when important choices must be made. But, as we are asked to play an even greater role, we must substantially expand our resources and funding base to successfully grow and accomplish this important mission.

C-FARE currently receives funding from agricultural economics departments around the country, from professional societies, and through projects. We seek to expand that base with greater support from companies and other organizations in the food and agricultural industry.

Friends of C-FARE will be invited to annual half-day Washington events on timely issues, receive brief overviews of C-FARE's accomplishments, and be invited to provide input in prioritizing the important issues to address in the annual program of work to achieve C-FARE's goals. Friends will also receive information on other Washington activities, webinars, publications, etc. in which C-FARE participates. We appreciate your consideration of our invitation to join this Friends of C-FARE group.

- We seek organization sponsorships from a "Friends of C-FARE" group:
- \$500-\$2,999 Bronze level
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C-FARE's Approach

C-FARE organizes educational programs and opportunities each year that target agricultural, food, natural resource, and rural stakeholders; policy makers; and the agricultural and applied economics profession.

The challenges currently facing the agriculture and food sectors, now more than ever, require objective economic analyses and strengthening the statistical databases that underpin such analyses. Ready access to objective, credible analysis of topical issues is critical to better inform the policy process. Continued provision of data series by public agencies that characterize the industry is fundamental to policy analyses. These data are critical to private sector, government, and university analysts who provide basic information widely utilized by market participants and policy makers.

C-FARE works closely with both the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)—USDA agencies, which provide basic data on the agricultural and food industry and related economic analyses of issues and trends.

C-FARE's events, programs and products provide value to the agricultural and food industries as can be seen by these stakeholders participation and use of C-FARE's offerings. Here are five examples of recent activities.

1. Organized a Registry of Experts on Timely National Topics. This registry provides policy makers and others with access to economics expertise. The registry integrated scientific input from across disciplines on a given topic (e.g., food safety, climate change and conservation).

This access results in highly-informative and distinctive programs and projects to address science-based policy questions.

2. Facilitated Objective Economic Analyses. C-FARE facilitates independent, third-party, objective analyses of policy or economic issues. Recently:

- C-FARE reviewed two NASS programs, the Census of Agriculture and Agricultural Prices, working with teams of experts having strong data and statistical analysis backgrounds and of users such as policy analysts. These experts and users represented universities, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations.
- An expert team identified by C-FARE provided a timely analysis of how current and future trends will impact the feed industry. The Feed Education & Research (IFEEDER), on behalf of the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), provided funding for the study.
- C-FARE completed a project on "Agricultural Cooperatives: Economics, Opportunities and Structure in a New Era of Food, Fiber and Fuel," with contributions by academic researchers, cooperative managers, cooperative members, and other stakeholders. This initiative identified critical issues and opportunities facing cooperatives and the agricultural community that they serve. The program focused research attention on the future of cooperatives.

3. Managed Training Seminars and Conferences. C-FARE has a long history developing webinars and workshops to train an organization's personnel

on specific areas of applied economics relevant to policy issues or legislative and regulatory initiatives. C-FARE develops exceptional seminars and conferences with a multi-disciplinary focus.

4. Intern Training on Policy Decision Making

C-FARE mentors interns who work both for C-FARE and government agencies simultaneously. These opportunities support C-FARE's program while enabling students to gain experience with policy institutions and establish valuable linkages to them.

C-FARE also sponsors briefings for undergraduate and graduate interns in Washington, DC interested in the application of agricultural and applied economics to policy decision making. These briefings also provide invaluable networking and employment opportunities in the federal arena.

5. Educating About the Importance of Public Statistics

C-FARE has provided briefings for Congressional staff, interacted with industry and nongovernment organizations, and mobilized input from the academic community emphasizing the critical importance of continuing support for comprehensive statistical series which undergird policy analyses.

C-FARE also emphasizes the necessity of ongoing analysis of the industry data to provide critical interpretative information on key characteristics and trends to support decision making. Attention has been given to understanding the meaning and implications of the trends reflected in the statistics.

