



2008 Annual Report

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What is C-FARE?

The Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the application of economics to food, agricultural and resource issues at the national level. Incorporated in 1993, C-FARE's governing board includes applied economists representing a wide range of public and private sector interests.

The four primary goals C-FARE outlined to complement the agricultural, natural resource, environmental, and applied economics profession include:

1. To identify key economic issues, establish priorities, and seek support for applied economics research, extension, and academic instruction;
2. To help applied economists contribute more effectively to public and private sector decisions;
3. To work with other professional organizations to foster support for food, agricultural, and resource research;
4. To publicize applied economics contributions to solving important societal issues.

C-FARE Successes in 2008

- **Provided 24 newsletters on items of interest at the federal level.**
- **Conducted 40% more educational and informational opportunities for policy makers and stakeholders than in 2007.**
- **Reduced travel expenses and time for event participants by offering 3 webinars on various topics.**
- **Experienced a 100% increase in the number of students with an interest in agriculture and economics reached with information on opportunities in Washington, DC.**
- **Met with 43 Congressional Offices to provide economics information.**
- **Attendance and representation from C-FARE at six professional society meetings.**

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Contributing to Public and Private Sector Decisions

Appropriations Testimony

Providing testimony allows the profession's priorities in federal funding to be heard. C-FARE prepared testimony jointly with the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) for the House and Senate Appropriations Chairs regarding key research programs for the FY 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

“Environmental Choices: Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as It Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources”

On April 1 and May 20 C-FARE and AAFA sponsored symposiums addressing the impacts of climate change on agriculture entitled, “Environmental Choices: Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as It Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources.” - [More than 200 policy makers, stakeholders and others attended at combined events.](#)

April 14 Multi-Disciplinary Briefing on Biofortification

“Designer Crops: Building Health and Nutrition from the Ground Up” was developed to explore the nutrition, agronomic, and economic tools and technologies that can be applied to understand and overcome chronic hunger, malnutrition and the diseases resulting from these problems in both developed and developing nations. The multi-disciplinary briefing was held on April 14 on Capitol Hill and Dr. Alex Winter-Nelson (University of Illinois) participated on behalf of C-FARE. - [40 policy makers, stakeholders and others in attendance at combined events.](#)

July 9 Multi-Disciplinary Briefing “After the Fire: Approaches to Revitalizing Ecosystem Resources”

Three scientific experts addressed what science knows about managing lands after the fires have burned. Dr. Stephen Swallow (University of Rhode Island) participated on behalf of C-FARE. - [Over 100 Congressional staff and stakeholders were in attendance. Met with five Congressional Offices.](#)

August 5 Meeting with OSU Delegation and Scientists

Congressional staff met to discuss the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to researching food policies. Dr. Neal Hooker (The Ohio State University), and C-FARE Intern, Deb Van Camp represented C-FARE. - [Met with five offices from the Ohio Congressional Delegation.](#)

Input to CSREES on AFRI Program

C-FARE attended the public hearing and provided written comments to CSREES regarding the new Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) which was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

Communicating Within Our Profession

Council Caller

C-FARE produces three Council Caller newsletters a month focusing on issues of interest to agricultural economists from the federal level.

Industry Economists Luncheon

Starting in 2008, C-FARE held a series of lunches for industry economists. Speakers and topics include:

- March 3 we welcomed Dr. Joe Glauber, USDA Chief Economist, for a trade update. [13 individuals attended.](#)
- June 2, we were pleased to welcome Dr. Clay Ogg from EPA to discuss environmental implications of biofuels. [8 individuals attended.](#)
- September 8, Dr. Jeffrey Harris, Chief Economist with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, discussed futures markets. [20 individuals attended.](#)
- December 8, Steven Koenig from USDA'S FSA discussed the market and credit situation for agriculture. [13 individuals attended.](#)

Intern Briefings

During Summer 2008, C-FARE held three intern briefings for students interning in Washington, DC with an interest in agricultural and applied economics. - [The briefings combined reached about 60 students from across the country.](#)

Working With Other Professional Organizations

BESC/CoFARM April 8-9 Congressional Visits Day Event

C-FARE invited Dr. H.L. Goodwin (University of Arkansas) and Dr. Hayley Chouinard (Washington State University) to participate in the Coalition on Funding Agricultural Research Missions (CoFARM) and Biological and Ecological Sciences Coalition (BESC) Annual Congressional Visits Day (CVD) on April 8-9, 2008. Participants received a review of the federal budget from key leadership working with research issues, including the leadership of the USDA REE Mission area. - [The economists representing C-FARE met with 10 Congressional offices.](#)

The National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research (National C-FAR)

National C-FAR is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, consensus-based and customer-led coalition that brings food, agriculture, nutrition, conservation and natural resource stakeholders together with the food and agriculture research community, serving as a forum and a unified voice in support of sustaining and increasing public investment at the national level in food and agricultural research, extension and education.

- A congressional briefing on Climate Change was held on March 31 with C-FARE sponsored speakers, Dr. Bruce McCarl (Texas A&M University) and Dr. Brent Sohngen (The Ohio State University) - reached over 50 Congressional staff and stakeholders and met with three Congressional offices.
- On Monday, September 29, 2008 Dr. Parke Wilde (Tufts University) participated on behalf of C-FARE in a multi-disciplinary briefing on food prices. Dr. Ephraim Leibtag (USDA ERS) moderated the question and answer portion of the presentation. Over 60 Congressional staff and stakeholders and four Congressional offices visited.

2008 C-FARE Board of Directors

C-FARE's governing board includes applied economists representing a wide range of public and private sector interests. We appreciate their time and expertise. These members also provide their own travel expenses to our board meetings.

Soji Adelaja
Michigan State University

Helen Jensen
Iowa State University

Walter Armbruster
Farm Foundation

Steven Kraft (Secretary/Treasurer)
Southern Illinois University

Nicole Ballenger
University of Wyoming

Gene Nelson
Texas A&M University

Jon Brandt (Chair)
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Auburn University

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Damona Doye
Oklahoma State University

Sally Thompson
Purdue University

Jerry Fletcher
West Virginia University

Steve Turner
Mississippi State University

Arne Hallam
Iowa State University

Bob Yonkers (Vice Chair)
International Dairy Foods Association

Dana Hoag
Colorado State University

Bob Young
American Farm Bureau Federation

2008 C-FARE Volunteers

In addition to our Board of Directors, C-FARE's active year and successes can be attributed to the many volunteers who participated in various projects.

Volunteer Name	Organization	Activity	Date
Dr. Richard Adams	Oregon State University	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Soji Adelaja	Michigan State University	Meeting with Congressional Staff	May 21, 2008
Dr. John Antle	Montana State University	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources - PART II"	May 20, 2008
Dr. Walter Armbruster	Farm Foundation	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Walter Armbruster	Farm Foundation	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources - PART II"	May 20, 2008
Dr. Jon Brandt	North Carolina State University	Meeting with Government Agencies	March 5, 2008
Dr. Bill Chambers	USDA Farm Service Agency	Intern Breakfast – Agency	July 23, 2008
Dr. Hayley Chouinard	Washington State University	CoFARM/BESC Congressional Visits Day	April 8-9, 2008
Dr. Timothy Cohn	Hydrologist - U.S. Geological Survey Office of Surface Water	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Roger Conway	Office of Energy Policy and New Uses - USDA Office of the Chief Economist	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Joe Glauber	USDA Chief Economist	Industry Luncheon Speaker on Trade	March 3, 2008
Dr. H.L. Goodwin	University of Arkansas	CoFARM/BESC Congressional Visits Day	April 8-9, 2008
Dr. Karen Hamrick	USDA Economic Research Service	Intern Breakfast – Agency	July 23, 2008
Dr. Jeffrey Harris	Chief Economist with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission	Industry Luncheon Speaker to discuss futures markets	September 8, 2008
Dr. Joy Harwood	USDA Farm Service Agency	Intern Breakfast – Agency	July 23, 2008
Dr. Sandra Hoffmann	Resources for the Future	Intern Breakfast for Private Sector	June 18, 2008
Dr. Neal Hooker	The Ohio State University	Congressional Visits on Food Policy	August 5, 2008
Dr. Craig Jagger	US House Ag Committee	Intern Breakfast for Hill	July 8, 2008
Dr. Carol Jones	USDA ERS	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources - PART II"	May 20, 2008
Dr. Steven Koenig	USDA'S FSA Industry	Luncheon Speaker to discuss the market and credit situation	December 8, 2008
Dr. Steven Kraft	Southern Illinois University	Meeting with Government Agencies	March 12,

Volunteer Name	Organization	Activity	Date
Dr. Steven Kraft	Southern Illinois University	Meeting with Congressional Staff	2008 May 21, 2008
Dr. Steven Kraft	Southern Illinois University	Meeting with US DOE	November 14, 2008
Dr. Ephraim Leibtag	USDA ERS	NCFAR Lunch-n-Learn on Food Prices	September 29, 2008
Dr. Ruben Lubowski	Environmental Defense	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Bruce McCarl	Texas A&M University	NCFAR Lunch-n-Learn on Climate Change	March 31, 2008
Dr. Bruce McCarl	Texas A&M University	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Mr. Antonio McLaren	USDA Cooperative, State, Research, Education and Extension Service	Intern Breakfast – Agency	July 23, 2008
Mr. Antonio McLaren	USDA Cooperative, State, Research, Education and Extension Service	Conference call with students on USDA Outlook Forum Diversity Program	October 31, 2008
Dr. Linda Mearns	National Center for Atmospheric Research	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Stephanie Mercier	US Senate Ag Committee	Intern Breakfast for Hill	July 8, 2008
Dr. Jim Monke	Congressional Research Service	Intern Breakfast for Hill	July 8, 2008
Dr. Gerald North	Texas A&M University - Department of Atmospheric Sciences	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Clay Ogg	US EPA	Industry Luncheon Speaker on Biofuels	June 2, 2008
Dr. Dannele Peck	University of Wyoming	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Michael Phillips	MJ Phillips and Associates, LLC	Intern Breakfast for Private Sector	June 18, 2008
Dr. Alan Randall	The Ohio State University	Meeting with US DOE	November 14, 2008
Dr. Marc Ribaud	USDA ERS	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Steven Rose	US EPA	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources - PART II"	May 20, 2008
Mr. Joe Schultz	Office of Senator Brown – OH	Intern Breakfast for Hill	July 8, 2008
Dr. Brent Sohngen	The Ohio State University	NCFAR Lunch-n-Learn on Climate Change	March 31, 2008
Dr. Brent Sohngen	The Ohio State University	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008

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Ms. Allison Specht	American Farm Bureau Federation	Intern Breakfast for Private Sector	June 18, 2008
Dr. Stephen Swallow	University of Rhode Island	"After the Fire: Approaches to Revitalizing Ecosystem Resources"	July 9, 2008
Dr. Steven Turner	Mississippi State University	Meeting with Congressional Staff	May 21, 2008
Dr. Utpal Vasavada	USDA ERS	"Outlook and Investigation on Climate Change as it Relates to Agriculture and Natural Resources"	April 1, 2008
Dr. Parke Wilde	Tufts University	NCFAR Lunch-n-Learn on Food Prices	September 29, 2008
Dr. Alex Winter-Nelson	University of Illinois	"Designer Crops: Building Health and Nutrition from the Ground Up."	April 14, 2008

C-FARE's 2008 Financial Summary

C-FARE appreciates the support in 2008 of many individuals and organizations to help us succeed at our mission.

Government Agency Funding Sources

- USDA Economic Research Service (ERS)
- USDA Grain Inspectors, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA)
- USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Non-Government Funding Sources

- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Foundation
- Farm Foundation
- Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA)
- Departments of Agricultural Economics Across the Country
- American Farm Bureau Federation for providing meals for several C-FARE lunches.

2008 Individual Contributions

Name	Affiliation	Contribution Level
Cary "Bill" Herndon, Jr.	Mississippi State University	Bronze
Gary Blumenthal	World Perspectives Inc	Bronze
Gail Cramer	Louisiana State University	Bronze
Omar Da'ar	University of Minnesota	Bronze
Harold Harris	Clemson University	Bronze
Larry Janssen	South Dakota State University	Bronze
Barry Krissoff	USDA ERS	Bronze
Jay Noel	California Polytechnic State University	Bronze

Name	Affiliation	Contribution Level
Michael Olson	USDA ERS	Bronze
Colin Rawls	University of Florida	Bronze
Thomas Stafford	USDA Rural Development	Bronze
David Zilberman	University of California, Berkeley	Bronze
Phillip Eberle	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale	Silver
Steven Kraft	Southern Illinois University	Silver
James Novak	Auburn University	Silver
Jon Brandt	North Carolina State University	Gold
Stanley Fletcher	University of Georgia	Gold
John Nichols	Texas A&M University	Gold
Katherine Smith	USDA ERS	Gold
Spiro Stefanou	Penn State University	Gold
Eric Wailes	University of Arkansas	Gold
Robert "Bob" Yonkers	International Dairy Foods Association	Gold
Damona Doye	Oklahoma State University	Platinum
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