



## FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### President's Greeting

I send my warmest greetings to the members of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society - Société canadienne d'agroéconomie (CAES-SCAE).

I want to thank the CAES-SCAE for allowing me to serve as President and be part of an organization that not only gives back knowledge but also allows networks to be created within our profession. I am humbled, honoured, and privileged to assume the role of President of the CAES-SCAE (2022/23). When I joined CAES-SCAE in 2002 (as a graduate student), I found it provided me with great networking and educational opportunities and new friends throughout the Society. Volunteering with CAES-SCAE on committees, organizing workshops, the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics/Revue canadienne d'agroéconomie (CJAE), and the Board gave me a greater appreciation of what our society offers.



As I reflect on the past two years, the word resilience keeps coming to mind. The past two years were challenging and full of uncertainty. Yet, together, we navigated multiple waves of the pandemic, and our resilient leadership team took on the responsibility to keep us connected by pivoting to virtual conferences and webinars. I am grateful to my predecessors, Ellen Goddard and Emmanuel Yiridoe, for their leadership and outstanding contributions to the CAES-SCAE during their presidency and to the members of the Board over the last two years. I am encouraged by their commitment to the CAES-SCAE and their accomplishments. Indeed, the success of CAES-SCAE is driven collectively by the members and



all the past presidents of the CAES-SCAE Board. I look forward to continuing this important work towards fulfilling the mission of CAES-SCAE.

Talking about success, our journal—the CJAE—was ranked #1 in Agricultural Economics and Policy (1/21), and #5 in Economics (5/380) with an impact factor (2021) of 11.353. This was only possible with a stellar, diligent, and committed editorial team—i.e., Managing Editor and Editors—and the fantastic research of our authors who have published in the CJAE. A heartfelt congratulations and thank you to everyone!

I am excited to welcome the new and returning board members/councillors, and editors, who I am confident will successfully contribute to our mission. Thanks to members for your continued participation and enthusiasm in our professional community. A huge thank you goes to everyone who joined the 2022 CAES-SCAE Virtual Annual Meeting, August 9-11, 2022. We had record attendance for the three-day virtual event! I would also like to thank the selected papers' organizers, session chairs, organized symposia organizers, and reviewers. I congratulate you on a successful meeting.

The preparations for the 2023 Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference and the 2023 CAES-SCAE Annual Meeting are underway. The 2023 CAES-SCAE Annual Meeting will be held jointly with the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) at the Hilton Hotel in Whistler, British Columbia, from July 17-20, 2023. We look forward to seeing what our committees prepare for the 2023 joint annual meeting with the WAEA. Please mark your calendars and save the CAES/SCAE-WAEA Joint Annual Meeting dates. A reminder to renew your CAES membership for 2022/23 on the CAES website (<https://caes-scae.ca/become-a-member/>). We hope to see you in person in Whistler next year!

If you have any suggestions or comments or are interested in volunteering/contributing to the mission of the CAES/SCAE, please contact me or any of our leadership team. (See details below in the Connect with Us section on page 4). I look forward to a productive presidency and invite each of you to participate and, most importantly, become involved.

Best wishes,

Getu Hailu

President

### Recap of the 2022 CAES Annual Meeting

On behalf of the entire CAES Board, thank you to all the presenters, moderators, and participants who helped to make another year of the CAES Annual Meeting a success. If you have feedback that you would like to share with the CAES Board please take time to fill out the [post conference survey](#) or send an email to [contact@caes-scae.ca](mailto:contact@caes-scae.ca).

The three-day conference featured the Presidential address from incoming CAES President, Getu Hailu, an informative Keynote address on repurposing agricultural policies by William J. Martin, an inaugural graduate student session, awards ceremony, and many paper sessions and organized symposiums. There was something for everyone as the diversity of topics ranged from consumer perceptions of food labels, to land use, productivity, climate change, labour, and COVID-19. It is amazing to see all the great work being done by researchers within Canada and around the world to advance our discipline.



A special congratulations to all award winners and a warm welcome to Elwin Smith and Scott Jeffrey as the most recent Fellows of the CAES.

Plans are already underway for the 2023 CAES Annual Meeting so mark July 17-20, 2023 on your calendars as we join the Western Agricultural Economics Association in Whistler, BC.

### Upcoming Events

2022 CAES Fall Webinar – more details to come.

2023 CAES Policy Conference – more details to come.

2023 Joint CAES/SCAE-WAEA Annual Meeting

  WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

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JOINT ANNUAL MEETING  
**CAES/SCAE-  
WAEA  
2023**

 **JULY 17-20  
2023**

 **WHISTLER RESORT  
BC**

<https://caes-scae.ca>  
<https://waeonline.org>



### CJAE Spotlight

Be sure to check out the great research in the [Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics](#), free for CAES members.

Inflation is making headlines around the world, so a look at Lester D. Taylor's note titled "[Analysis of impacts of inflation on the distribution of household consumption expenditures](#)" is a must-read for anyone interested in the impact of inflation on household consumption expenditures. At the other end of the supply chain Jean-Paul Chavas, Doris Läßle, Bradford Barham, and Emma Dillion investigate the economics of production efficiency on Irish dairy farms through the lens of agricultural policy in their article titled "[An economic analysis of production efficiency: Evidence from Irish farms.](#)"

### CAES Student Chapter

Are you a graduate student who would like to get involved with the CAES? This is your chance ! The CAES is looking for students interested in organizing a student chapter within the society. This group would organize events at conferences, hold seminars, and collaborate on research. This is a great opportunity to meet other students, network with professionals, and learn about the CAES. If this sounds interesting to you, please reach out to [contact@caes-scae.ca](mailto:contact@caes-scae.ca) for more details.

Also, keep a look out for student events at the upcoming 2023 CAES Policy Conference.

### Remembering Michael Trant

Michael John Trant (January 14, 1950 – September 20, 2022)



The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) and the agricultural economics profession were saddened to learn of the passing of Michael John Trant on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at age 72. Mike passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

Mike grew up in Toronto as the eldest of four children to Patrick and Eira Trant. He received his BA from Waterloo Lutheran (Wilfrid Laurier), where he met his wife of 51 years; then his MSc in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph in 1976, and moved to Ottawa shortly thereafter to begin his long career with Agriculture Canada and Statistics Canada.

He served as CAES president-elect in 2001/2002, CAES president in 2002/2003, Canadian Agricultural Economics and Farm Management Foundation president and on the CAES executive committee. Mike worked closely with many members of the CAES throughout his time at AAFC and Statistics Canada. Mike is described by close colleagues and friends as a consummate professional and humanitarian. His willingness to support his friends and colleagues at AAFC was greatly appreciated over the many years Mike worked at Statistics Canada. He is praised for always seeing data and statistics from the perspective of supporting policies and programs which was invaluable to economists at AAFC. One of his many contributions during this time was facilitating researchers affiliated with universities to come to Ottawa and access data that was traditionally not open access.



This data was instrumental to advancing research in the agricultural economics discipline. After retiring from the public service, Mike undertook work as part of a contract with FAO focusing on the World Census of Agriculture. His work on helping countries to re-establish sustainable agricultural practices following civil disruption, took him to countries including Indonesia, Mozambique, South Sudan, Morocco, and Italy. Much of this work was in Mozambique where he helped the National Statistics Institute set up a pilot survey for the 2010 Census. The CAES extends our sincere condolences to all those who had the privilege of knowing Mike.

Mike is survived by his devoted wife Airi, sons John (Dana) and Tim (Rachael), and four granddaughters (Alice, Quinn, Heidi, and Rosemary), as well as his siblings Moira, Jenny, and Fred. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ottawa Food Bank.

### Connect with Us

#### *CAES-SCAE Member Feature on Twitter*

Do you want to be featured on the official CAES-SCAE Twitter as a Featured Member? The CAES-SCAE Communications Committee is seeking to highlight the incredible people that are members of the society and showcase the work, research, and achievements of our network. It is an excellent opportunity to increase the impact of your work and build a network! If you are interested, please contact us at [contact@caes-scae.ca](mailto:contact@caes-scae.ca) and we will be available to assist you, provide you with a template and examples, and answer any questions you may have.

#### *Society Events*

If you are hosting or know of events that would be interesting to CAES-SCAE members we would love to promote them through our social media channels and newsletter. Please reach out to us through one of the methods below with the date, time, and brief event summary to be included.

#### *Note from the Communications Committee*

We would like to hear from you ! We are always looking for new ways to improve the newsletter and provide you with the most relevant news. Please send us your feedback and comments!



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