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Presidential Greeting

Tristan Skolrud

It's hard to believe that my term as CAES President is fast approaching its conclusion and that our annual meeting is just around the corner. For this year's meeting we have a great set of speakers, including CAES Fellow and Past-President Ellen Goddard delivering the Fellows' Address, and President-Elect Yu Na Lee delivering her presidential address on nutritional inequality and how food policy can promote healthy eating. We're also so fortunate to have Madhu Khanna, the ACES Distinguished Professor in Environmental Economics at the University of Illinois, deliver the keynote address. Between our plenary sessions, organized symposia, opening reception and awards dinner; I'm confident that our attendees will have a positive experience in Winnipeg! And if you have a moment, please give a special thanks to Xiaoli Fan of the University of Alberta for volunteering her time to serve as program chair for this year's meeting.



Before attending the meeting, I hope that you have the time to peruse our Spring Newsletter. We shine a well-deserved spotlight on a recent paper in the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics* written by Tim Richards, Zachariah Rutledge, and Marco Castillo on the connection between labour shortages and agricultural trucking rates. Also, for our members interested in food price inflation, note that we're still soliciting papers for our upcoming special issue, "Global Dynamics, Food Markets and the Determinants of Canadian Food Price Inflation." This is a crucial, timely, and policy-relevant issue, and it will be great to see what our members have to offer to this discussion.

Finally, I would like to extend my utmost congratulations to my colleague Jill Hobbs for being named a Distinguished Professor at the University of Saskatchewan. Her service to our field is truly incredible and I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Jill on this well-deserved honour.

I look forward to seeing you in Winnipeg!



Society News

2024 CAES Annual Meeting July 7-9

We are looking forward to seeing you at the CAES Annual Meeting at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, July 7th-9th, 2024. There is still time to [register](#) and join us for a great lineup of speakers, organized symposia, business meeting, and awards banquet. Check the [website](#) for the final program.

CJAE Spotlight Article

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

Labor shortages and agricultural trucking rates

Richards, T. J., Rutledge, Z., & Castillo, M. (2024). Labor shortages and agricultural trucking rates. *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. May 07, 2024

<https://doi.org/10.1111/cjag.12358>

Following increases in truck rates for perishable food in the post-COVID-19 pandemic era, Richards, Rutledge, and Castillo explored the relationship between labor shortages, rising truck rates, and the availability of trucking services. Using data from the US Bureau of Census and the USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service, the authors found that the COVID-19 pandemic led to a notable rise in trucker wages and average truck rates. This resulted in a persistent disequilibrium in the trucker market and truckers enjoying higher bargaining power. Their findings and theoretical framework contribute significantly to the emerging literature on agricultural supply-chain resilience, logistics concerning trucking shortages and costs, labor search and bargaining, and regulation and pricing in the trucking industry.

CJAE Special Issue: Global Dynamics, food markets and the determinants of Canadian food price inflation

Thank you to everyone who submitted proposals for the CJAE special issue to explore our understanding of food price inflation, its causes, and its impact on Canadian households. A reminder of a few key dates on the next steps.

August 1st, 2024: Submission deadline. Authors will submit the paper through the Journal's submission platform and indicate that their submission is for a special issue. Papers will enter a normal review process, so rejection remains a possibility for abstracts that were preliminarily accepted.

November 1st, 2024, first round of reviews due • February 1st, 2025, revised paper due.

April 1st, 2024, second round of reviews due.

June 1st, 2025, final paper due



Reminder: CJAE page charges

No page charges or open-access fees in CJAE for authors from participating institutions. The Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics (CJAE) is party to an agreement between the Canadian Research Knowledge Network and Wiley that allows authors from participating institutions to publish their papers in CJAE as open access articles at no cost. Most Canadian universities are member institutions (list of participating institutions is at [here](#)). This satisfies the open-access requirements of many granting agencies, including SSHRC. Once a manuscript is accepted in the CJAE, the author will be notified to sign their license for publication, at this point, they will be prompted to confirm their affiliation and will need to choose the open access option. Details about the agreement can be found [here](#), and a list of participating institutions is [here](#). This agreement eliminates a significant barrier for authors, and we hope the opportunity to publish as open access with no cost will encourage more authors to submit their research to the CJAE.

Member Updates

Jill Hobbs Named Distinguished Professor by the University of Saskatchewan

Warm congratulations to long-time member and a contributor to the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, Jill Hobbs, for being awarded the title of distinguished professor by the University of Saskatchewan. The University recognizes professors who have made a significant impact locally, nationally, and internationally through their outstanding research, scholarly, and artistic work. This accolade is a testament to Jill's unwavering dedication to academic excellence and outstanding research encompassing a broad range of critical topics, including supply chain resilience, the economics of food safety and quality assurance and traceability, supply chain relationships in the agri-food sector, and consumer behaviour.



Jill is a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, 2017. We greatly appreciate Jill for her ongoing support and outstanding contributions to the Society.

Connect with Us

CAES-SCAE Member Feature on X

Do you want to be featured on the official CAES-SCAE X 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 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.

Become a member

Join many of your colleagues who embrace the value of a CAES-SCAE membership.

Whether you are a current member or joining the CAES-SCAE, our society can provide important resources to students, economists, policy experts, and scholars in the field of food, agricultural, resource and environmental economics. CAES-SCAE members gain access to the latest research, publish and present their work, find job openings, and collaborate with peers and scholars.

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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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