



SPRING/SUMMER 2026 PRESIDENTS' GREETINGS



**OUTGOING CAES
PRESIDENT,
Warren Goodlet**

Massive thanks to Yu Na for all of her incredible work over the past 3 years. It's been an honour to serve as President and I am looking forward to us gather together at the annual meeting. I'm very pleased to pass the baton to Peter for next year and am keen to work with him and the rest of the Board to continue to advance the Society.



**INCOMING CAES
PRESIDENT,
Peter Slade**

A huge thanks to Warren and Yu Na for their leadership over the past year. I'm very excited to step into the role of President for the coming year. This year's annual meeting program is packed with exciting presentations and is sure to generate lively discussion in the halls of the Lord Elgin and beyond. I look forward to seeing everyone there.



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RECAP: 16th ANNUAL CANADIAN AGRI-FOOD POLICY CONFERENCE

Navigating Change in Canada's Agri-Food Systems: Policy, Trade, and Food Security, January 22-23, 2026

The 16th Annual Agri-Food Policy Conference (CAPC) was held on January 22-23 2026 in Ottawa. The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) organized topical sessions that touched on global uncertainty, shifting geopolitical and trade dynamics, and rapid advances in technology—from breakthroughs in artificial intelligence to innovation across supply chains. Presenters discussed the challenges and opportunities related to these issues.

We were honoured to welcome two distinguished keynote speakers: Dr. Joseph Glauber of the International Food Policy Research Institute and Dr. Trevor Tombe of the University of Calgary. The McCain Family Chair in Food Security sponsored the first session on Understanding and Addressing Food Security in the Twenty-First Century which featured William Kerr (University of Saskatchewan), Jamie Naylor (University of Guelph), and Erin Kropac (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada). We also had sessions on trade, Ricardian economics, and Canola demand dynamics. Later in the day, we had a session on Implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Agri-Food Industry and Policy, chaired by Elise Bigley (CAPI). The panelists connected their work on AI adoption to the agri-food sector. Later that evening, we hosted the reception and student poster competition, organized by Dr. Mary Doige.

We opened the second day with a session on Supply Management, chaired by Tyler McCann from the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI). Speakers from Dairy Farmers of Canada (Annie AcMoody) and University of Manitoba (Ryan Cardwell) shared their perspectives. Later in the day, Dr. Trevor Tombe shared his presentation on Internal Trade and Productivity in Canada's Food System (sponsored by Grain Farmers of Ontario). Then the poster and policy brief competition winners were announced. Dr. Derek Brewin chaired an interactive session on Farm Management Research and Extension: Mapping Canada's Farm Business Management Research Landscape and Path Forward which featured a mix of speakers from academia and Farm Management Canada. The lightning session featured presentations from all along the supply chain. Lastly, Warren Goodlet (AAFC) shared his closing remarks.

Thank you to all sponsors, presenters, organizers, and all who joined us!

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Student Poster Competition Organizers: Jill Smilestone, Jennifer Syme, and Laura Stortz (not pictured) AAFC



Dr. Mary Doige, Student Poster Competition Organizer McGill University

CAPC 2026 Award Winners



Poster Competition Winners:

First place: Minghao Pan, University of Alberta
Second place: Neslihan Donmez, University of Guelph
Third Place: Gerald Van Tassell, Michigan State University

Policy Brief Competition Winners:

First Place: Enock Desmond Opoku, University of Guelph
Second place: Alison Manness, University of Manitoba

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS



Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics/Revue canadienne d'agroéconomie: Volume 74, Issue 1. March 2026.

The March issue of the CJAE includes articles that cover land ownership (2025 CAES Fellows Lecture), crop insurance subsidies, willingness to pay for wetland restoration, and economics of wetland conservation.

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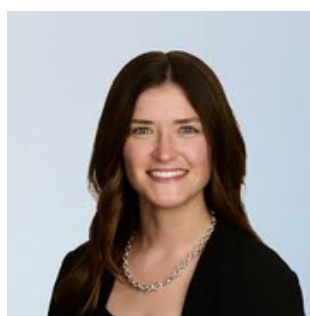


MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Dr. Alfons Weersink Retires! May 2026

Dr. Alfons Weersink, Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph, was recognized upon his retirement after a distinguished career spanning decades of teaching, research, and service. Dr. Weersink made significant contributions to understanding farm management, policy, and sustainability, and is widely acknowledged for his impact on students, colleagues, and the broader agri-food sector. See more [here](#).



2026 Food and Beverage Report: Are higher selling prices enough to support the industry? April 1, 2026

Amanda Norris, Senior Economist at FCC, contributed to analysis showing Canada's food and beverage sector faces ongoing pressure from tariffs, high input costs, and weak consumer demand, with price increases masking weaker sales volumes. ([Farm Credit Canada](#)).

Focus on Farmland

2025 Rental rates outpaced by cultivated farmland values yet again, April 29, 2026

FCC released their latest [Farmland values](#) report which showed that average farmland values rose another 9.3% last year - matching the pace seen in 2024.

Ontario to limit foreign ownership of farmland in bid to boost food sovereignty, April 21, 2026

Dr. Brady Deaton, Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph, was quoted in [The Globe and Mail](#) discussing Ontario's proposed legislation to limit foreign ownership of farmland.

Ontario farmland, foreign ownership and the Clay Belt, April 22, 2026

Dr. Glenn Fox, a former professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph, was cited in [The Globe and Mail](#) discussing foreign ownership of farmland and agricultural development in northern Ontario.

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