

*Department of Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics
University of Guelph*

**Advanced Topics in Agricultural Economics
AGEC 6400**

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Course Outline

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Course Objectives

The purpose of the course is to acquaint students with the fundamental concepts for research economists in the economics of food, agriculture, and natural resources.

The specific objectives are to:

- a) familiarize students with classic contributions in economics and recent applications of the contributions;
- b) interact with students and faculty over the merits and importance of fundamental papers;
- c) understand the process of publishing in academic journals; and
- d) systematically review the concepts and empirical applications of a specific subject matter of the student's choice in the field of agricultural economics, natural resource economics or agribusiness economics;

Organization

The first part of the course involves students selecting a paper of interest from the special issue of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics Commemorating the Centennial of the AAEA. Each student prepares will lead a discussion on the paper in class. The second part will be devoted to presentation of an article of interest in a journal issue less than a year old.

Student Evaluation

Course grades will be assessed on the basis of the following components:

Commemorative AJAE issue presentation	35%
Recent journal article presentation	35%
Participation	30%

Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lead Discussant</u>	<u>Topic</u>
May 13	Weersink	Course introduction
May 17	Weersink	The Publishing Process
May 19	Weersink	Ted Schultz's Nobel Prize Lecture
May 26	Weersink	McCalla, Castle, and Eidman "The AAEE: Ever Growing and Changing Research Challenges"
June 2	Weersink	Chavas, Chambers and Pope "Production Economics and Farm Management"
June 9	Slade	Barrett, Carter and Timmer "A Century-Long Perspective on Agricultural Development"
June 11	Bates	Unevehr, Eales, Jensen, Lusk, McCluskey, and Kinsey "Food and Consumer Economics"
June 14	Beechey	King, Boehlje, Cook and Sonka "Agribusiness Economics and Management"
June 17	Ramada	Bessler, Dorfman, Holt and LaFrance "Econometric Developments in Agri and Resource Economics"
June 21	Li	Myers, Sexton and Tomek "A Century of Research on Agricultural Markets"
June 24	Slade	?
June 28	Bates	
June ?	Beechey	
June ??	Ramada	
June ??	Li	