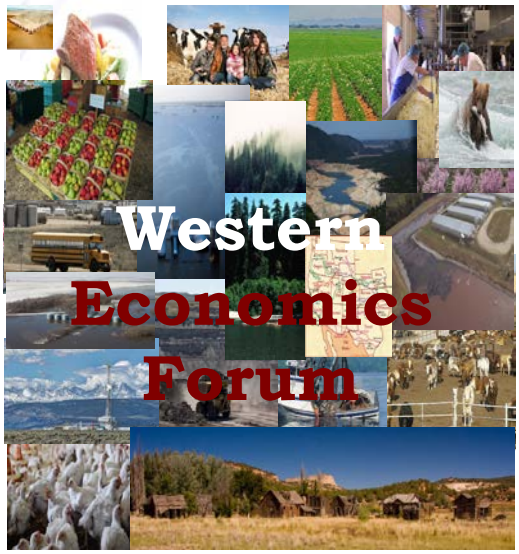

The Western Economics Forum

An electronic peer-reviewed publication from the Western Agricultural Economics Association. (WEF)
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Purpose: The Agricultural Sector is increasingly complex, especially in the areas associated with the interaction of the biological, ecological and economic systems and disciplines. *WEF* focuses on issues with relevance and/or importance to the Western United States. To this end, the *WEF* provides a forum for economists in the western U.S. to participate in such discussions with articles related to food, farms, ranches, resources, institutions, communities and other related topic areas.

Audience The forum organizes peer-reviewed economic research and cutting-edge thinking and ideas about contemporary issues. The content and presentation are intended to be accessible to economists, professionals and stakeholders region and nationwide. The forum is emailed to a diverse list of multidisciplinary scientists.

Structure and Distribution: The ***Western Economics Forum*** will be published twice annually, March 1 and September 1. Each issue is organized around a selected contemporary theme, with 2-5 articles. Also included is an invited discussion piece from a guest editor. The team of *WEF* editors selects a theme, which will be announced on the WAEA website with ample time for prospective authors to contribute before publication. The editorial team selects guest editors based on their demonstrated leadership in the subject matter field, and invites authors to write articles relevant to that the issue's theme. Suggestions and ideas for themes and guest editors are welcomed, as well as unsolicited articles that address the theme. Also welcome are articles on relevant topics areas that fit the more general purpose and focus of the *WEF*.

Submissions: Authors are invited and welcome to email article submissions to WEF Editorial Team Leader Matt Stockton, or any of the co-editors at any time, and are encouraged to discuss ideas for articles with editors prior to submission as appropriate. Submissions will only be accepted in MS WORD, with at least two recommendations for potential referees including their contact information. Authors should generally follow the formatting guidelines for the Journal of Resource and Agricultural Economics, http://www.waeaonline.org/publications/jare/submission-guidelines). Articles should be approximately 2,500 words (maximum 3,500) and there is no fee for submission or publication.

Generally, articles cover any issue related to natural resources and agriculture, including but not limited to farming, food, policy, community, stakeholders, advisors or the ecosystem with relevance to the western United States. The articles are to written to appeal to the audiences described above. The work is expected to be original, professional and defendable based on current scientific standards. Articles should generally be understandable to any practicing economist and to other professionals with a working knowledge of the issue being focused upon.

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