

Call for Papers on
The World Food Crisis – Causes, Consequences and Policy Responses

Deadline for submission: August 22, 2008

The cost of food and other commodities has risen sharply in recent years, triggering a range of policy responses. The agricultural economics profession is uniquely positioned to analyze the present food crisis, explain price changes and assess the consequences of alternative actions. Indeed you may have already written papers about the food crisis, or have a pipeline of research that is directly relevant to present events.

To accelerate the formal publication of current work explaining the price rise and evaluate possible responses, the editors of *Agricultural Economics* invite you to consider submitting a paper on this topic by Friday, August 22nd. We will then provide accelerated reviews and the best of these papers will be published in a supplement to issue 39(3), appearing online and in print before the end of December 2008.



The special section of papers was initiated by Shenggen Fan and Derek Headey, and will feature overview papers with background data and analyses of the food crisis and its incidence around the world. In addition to these overviews, we would welcome articles on individual country experiences, or targeted research of any kind concerning the causes and consequences of recent changes in world food prices. We encourage prospective authors to read and refer to initial work that is already online at www.worldbank.org/foodprices and www.ifpri.org as well as www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation.

In addition to the anchor papers, we would welcome articles on individual country experiences, or targeted research of any kind concerning the causes and consequences of recent changes in world food prices. Articles published in this section will be subject to the same high standards as any of our articles, except for accelerated review and simultaneous publication in issue 39(3s). Submissions which cannot be accepted for immediate publication in the supplement issue may be considered for possible publication at a later date.

To qualify for accelerated review and possible publication by the end of 2008, papers must be submitted on or before Friday, August 22nd through our website at <http://editorialexpress.com/agecon>. Manuscripts should follow the general guidelines posted online here: <http://www.iaae-agecon.org/ageconjournal.asp>.

In particular, manuscripts should be uploaded in PDF format, with a first page that contains title and abstract but no authorship information. Authors of papers with estimation or simulation results are encouraged to upload a data appendix as well, to help readers replicate those findings. These data appendices appear alongside accepted articles on the publisher's website: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/agec>.

We hope you can take advantage of this opportunity, and look forward to hearing from you soon.



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