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This special issue presents 6 selected papers that participated in the 2017 IFAMA best paper competition, among which the three finalists. The papers cover different subjects representing the broad interests of our agribusiness and food management community. All papers were double blind reviewed, in several review rounds, before being selected for publication:

- Sector blending: evidence from the German food bank, by: Meike Rombach and Vera Bitsch (**IFAMA 2017 Best Paper competition winner**).
- Determinants of corporate cash holdings in times of crisis: insights from Brazilian sugarcane industrial companies, by: Aviner Augusto Silva Manoel, Marcelo Botelho da Costa Moraes, David Ferreira Lopes Santos and Marcos Fava Neves (**IFAMA 2017 Best Paper competition finalist**).
- Job preferences of agricultural students in Germany – A choice-based conjoint analysis for both genders, by: Stephan G.H. Meyerding (**IFAMA 2017 Best Paper competition finalist**).
- Allocating production risks through credit cum insurance contracts: the design and implementation of a fund for small cotton growers to access market finance, by: Mauro Alem and Julio Jorge Elias.
- Governance of market-oriented fresh food value chains; export chains from New Zealand, by: Jacques Trienekens, Mariska van Velzen, Nic Lees, Caroline Saunders and Stefano Pascucci.
- Social sustainability in the ready-made garment sector in Bangladesh: an institutional approach to supply chains, by: Laura A. Carlson and Vera Bitsch.

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