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A Statement from the Editors

We welcome you to the 3rd Quarter, 2008 issue of *Choices*. You will find two timely themes and an interesting individual article which present analyses of current importance to agricultural, food and environmental issues and policy. The first theme addresses bio-fuels issues starting with what has been learned over the past several years, environmental issues, a European perspective and food-fuel relationships. The second theme focuses on the 2008 Food, Conservation and Energy Act features beyond the traditional commodity titles. It covers average crop revenue insurance, conservation, specialty crops and trade. A final individual article addresses consumer's response to food safety issues. We trust that you will find these articles informative and insightful.

In addition to these quarterly *Choices* issues, AAEA has recently posted another in its *Policy Issues* series designed to present timely topical policy analyses. We hope that you will find the article on the proposed entry of the world's largest meatpacker, Brazil's JBS, into the U.S. meatpacking and cattle feeding with antitrust implications, informative and valuable in your work. If you have not seen it, please access it at <http://www.aaea.org/outreach>.

We encourage submissions of proposals for future themed sets of papers, individual articles and timely policy issues analyses. Submit theme proposals and policy issues propos-

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