

Food, Agricultural, Resource, and Trade Policy Centers (and Rural Development)

University Centers

Arizona

[Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy](http://udallcenter.arizona.edu) - University of Arizona -
udallcenter.arizona.edu

Established in 1987, the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy sponsors policy-relevant, interdisciplinary research and forums that link scholarship and education with decision-making. The Center specializes in issues concerning American Indian governance and economic development; environment, natural resources, and public lands; the U.S.-Mexico border; and related topics.

[National Food and Agricultural Policy Project](http://nfapp.east.asu.edu) - Arizona State University -
nfapp.east.asu.edu

The National Food and Agricultural Policy Project (NFAPP) is designed to help meet the increasingly critical information needs of policy makers and the public by supplying timely research and analysis of the implications of proposed policy changes and market developments. While the USDA and private sector research groups routinely prepare short term, ad hoc forecasts for different fruit and vegetable products, NFAPP is the only research group which prepares medium to long term forecasts for these products with equilibrium market models estimated with historical data. Within Arizona State University, NFAPP has close ties with faculty in the Morrison School of Agribusiness and interacts with faculty in other schools and colleges.

[Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology](http://www.law.asu.edu/?folderid=2720) – Arizona State University -
www.law.asu.edu/?folderid=2720

Since its founding in 1984, the Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology has sought to contribute to the legal system's response to the pervasive and increasing challenges posed by new scientific discoveries and their technological applications. The Center seeks to improve the quality of law and public policy affecting science and technology and supports work in an important reciprocal vein: the scientific study and understanding of law, legal institutions and legal process.

Arkansas

[Global Rice Marketing and Policy Research Program](http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/ricersch) - University of Arkansas -
www.uark.edu/campus-resources/ricersch

The purpose of the Global Rice Marketing and Policy Research Program is to provide information and analysis to support public and private decision making related to rice marketing and trade. This research program was established in 1991 by a grant from the U.S. Congress. This research program is part of a special research consortium of universities including FAPRI-Missouri and FAPRI-Iowa State. The program is part of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at the University of Arkansas.

[National Agricultural Law Center](http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org) – University of Arkansas - www.nationalaglawcenter.org

In 1987, Congress recognized the University of Arkansas School of Law for its "unique expertise in the area of agricultural law" and called for the creation of the National Center for Agricultural Law Research and Information at the Law School. The National AgLaw Center is the only agricultural and food law research and information facility that is independent, national in scope, and directly connected to the national agricultural information network. The Center conducts objective legal research and provides timely, accurate, and non-partisan agricultural and food law information to those in the agricultural community.

California

[Agricultural Issues Center](http://aic.ucdavis.edu) - University of California, Davis - aic.ucdavis.edu

Because of today's more intense competition for resources, continuing environmental concerns and broader global linkages, public policy decisions impacting California agriculture are more complex than ever before. The UC Agricultural Issues Center's mission is to provide broadly-based and objective information about these issues and their significance for California's economy and natural resources. For 15 years, the Center has served as a forum where important and often controversial trends and issues involving California agriculture---ranging from water transfers to international trade---have been identified, studied and debated. The Center makes its findings available to policymakers, to government agencies, to interest groups and to individuals through a continuing series of conferences, workshops, in-depth and popular publications, videos and its website. The Center is at the [University of California, Davis](http://www.ucdavis.edu).

[Center for Water Resources](http://www.waterresources.ucr.edu) - University of California, Riverside - www.waterresources.ucr.edu

The mission of the Center for Water Resources is to stimulate and support water and water-related research both within and among the various academic departments and research organizations of the University. The broad research focus includes the conservation, development, management, distribution, and utilization of water resources with a view to the optimum present and future use.

[Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics](http://giannini.ucop.edu) - University of California - giannini.ucop.edu

The Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics was founded in 1930 from a grant made by the Bancitaly Corporation to the University of California in tribute to its organizer and past president, Amadeo Peter Giannini of San Francisco. Members and associate members of the Giannini Foundation are University of California faculty and Cooperative Extension specialists in agricultural and resource economics on the Berkeley, Davis and Riverside campuses. The broad mission of the Foundation is to promote and support research and outreach activities in agricultural economics and rural development relevant to California.

Connecticut

[Food Marketing Policy Center](http://www.fmpc.uconn.edu) – University of Connecticut - www.fmpc.uconn.edu

The Food Marketing Policy Center conducts research on food and agricultural marketing and related policy questions. The general intent is to provide information that can contribute to improved performance of the food production and marketing system. The Center's research agenda includes work in industrial organization, strategic marketing, food safety economics, agricultural cooperatives, and public policy related to these subject areas including antitrust and regulatory policies.

Florida

[International Agricultural Trade and Policy Center](http://www.iatpc.fred.ifas.ufl.edu) – University of Florida - www.iatpc.fred.ifas.ufl.edu

The International Agricultural Trade and Policy Center (IATPC) was established in 1990 in the Food and Resource Economics Department of the Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences at the University of Florida. Its mission is to provide information, education, and research directed to immediate and long-term enhancement and sustainability of international trade and natural resource use. Its scope includes not only trade and related policy issues, but also agricultural, rural, resource, environmental, food, state, national, and international policies, regulations, and issues that influence trade and development.

Georgia

[Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development](http://www.agecon.uga.edu/~caed) – University of Georgia - www.agecon.uga.edu/~caed

The Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development has three major objectives. The first objective is to provide feasibility and marketing services. The second is to provide agricultural and demographic data for private and public decision makers. The final objective is to conduct analysis related to policy issues in Georgia agriculture and provide that information to relevant decision makers.

Hawaii

[Public Policy Center](http://www.publicpolicycenter.hawaii.edu) - University of Hawaii at Manoa - www.publicpolicycenter.hawaii.edu

The University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center (“Center”) brings together expertise, commitment, and a strong and continuing desire to enhance the quality of community life through teaching, research, and civic engagement. The establishment of the Center as an ongoing and important unit of the College of Social Sciences and the University of Hawaii at Manoa will strengthen the University’s work beyond its borders. It symbolizes and makes a strong statement that public policy analyses are critical to sound public policy decision-making and that teaching and scholarly work are intertwined and should be continually linked to the community beneficiaries.

Illinois

[Institute for Environmental Science and Policy](http://www.uic.edu/depts/ovcr/iesp) – University of Illinois at Chicago - www.uic.edu/depts/ovcr/iesp

The mission of IESP is to advance multidisciplinary research and scholarship within the environmental and health sciences, engineering, economics, and the social sciences among UIC’s faculty and students, to prepare the next generation of environmental scientists and decision-makers, and to transmit workable solutions for environmental problems to the public sector. IESP’s core theme is to advance understanding of the relationship between anthropogenic impacts and environmental health.

[Institute of Government and Public Affairs](http://www.igpa.uiuc.edu) – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - www.igpa.uiuc.edu

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs serves society by disseminating research on public policy issues and the public decision-making process, and by facilitating the application of that research to the issues and problems confronting decision makers and others who address public issues. The institute was created in 1947 with a resolution in the Illinois General Assembly. That resolution urged the University of Illinois to establish "a curriculum in government which would give its students the opportunity to major in the study of public service and home and abroad and thereby supply persons trained to seek and serve in local, state and national elective offices, and in all branches of our foreign service."

Indiana

[Global Trade Analysis Project](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu) – Purdue University – www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu

The Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) is coordinated by the Center for Global Trade Analysis, which is housed in the Department of Agricultural Economics. The Center for

Global Trade Analysis undertakes applied general equilibrium (AGE) modeling, and provides services to other AGE modelers as well as public agencies using AGE-based analysis. The Center's main activity is contributing to and coordinating the GTAP.

Iowa

[Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute-Iowa State](#) - Iowa State University - www.fapri.org

The mission of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Center (FAPRI) is to provide objective analysis of food, agricultural, and environmental issues. Their primary role is to evaluate policy options before the enactment of legislation or establishment of regulations. FAPRI estimates the likely consequences of options; however, the institute does not make any policy or regulatory recommendations. Established in 1984 by a grant from the U.S. Congress, FAPRI is a unique, dual-university research program. Participants are the Center for National Food and Agricultural Policy (CNFAP) at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and the Trade and Agricultural Policy Division of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD/TAPD) at Iowa State University, Ames. FAPRI-Missouri's research consortium includes Texas A&M University, Arizona State University, the University of Arkansas, and Texas Tech University. FAPRI-Iowa State's collaborators include Texas A&M University, Arizona State University, University of Arkansas, and North Dakota State University.

[Midwest Agribusiness Trade Research and Information Center](#) – Iowa State University - www.matric.iastate.edu

MATRIC (Midwest Agribusiness Trade Research and Information Center) was created as a research center to expand opportunities for international trade and investment by small and mid-sized agribusiness firms in the U.S. Midwest. The MATRIC program leverages existing knowledge and research at Iowa State University by funding interdisciplinary research projects that address a range of trade topics relating to economic potential, food safety, marketing, branding, transportation, and trade barriers.

[Center for Agriculture and Rural Development](#) - Iowa State University - www.card.iastate.edu

An early innovator of complex statistical and mathematical policy modeling systems, the mission of the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD) now extends to multidisciplinary programs addressing contemporary policy issues. CARD conducts interdisciplinary research on the impacts of policy alternatives for trade and agricultural policy, resource and environmental policy, food and nutrition policy, agricultural risk management policy, and science and technology policy. CARD has conducted policy research using innovative analytical systems and provided graduate training and outreach activities since its founding in 1958 at Iowa State University.

[Agricultural Law Center](#) – Drake University – www.law.drake.edu/centers/agLawCenter

Drake's Agricultural Law Center, founded in 1983, is an internationally recognized center that provides opportunities to study how the legal system shapes our food system and influences the ability of the agricultural sector to produce, market, and utilize agricultural products. The Center supports an array of courses, publications, conferences, research initiatives and a recently created certification program in food and agricultural law. Students learn about legal issues involving the full scope of food and agriculture, including marketing and finance; biotechnology; international trade; tax planning; soil and water conservation; land use and environmental issues; food safety; and federal farm programs.

Maryland

[Center for Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy](http://www.arec.umd.edu/AgNRPolicyCenter) – University of Maryland – www.arec.umd.edu/AgNRPolicyCenter

The Center for Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy is located in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Center's purpose is to facilitate policy-relevant applied research and outreach by faculty in the Department and elsewhere in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In pursuit of this purpose, the Center brings visiting scholars to Maryland, sponsors conferences, administers a program of competitive research grants for applied policy topics, and helps coordinate cooperative efforts among faculty members. The primary focus is on policy issues in the state of Maryland, but with interest also in national and international issues.

[Maryland Center for Agro-Ecology](http://www.agroecol.umd.edu) – University of Maryland - www.agroecol.umd.edu

The Maryland Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc, represents the culmination of over a year of cooperative discussions between the University of Maryland, leaders of the agricultural, business, educational, government communities and other diverse interest groups throughout Maryland. Located at the University of Maryland's Wye Research and Education Center and operating under a Memorandum of Understanding with the University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the private, nonprofit Center's principal activities include several efforts. Competitive grants support critical interdisciplinary research, such as an integrated agriculture resource assessment to determine the critical mass of agricultural and forest lands. Developing and encouraging innovative public policy initiatives at the state and federal levels protects and enhance the profitability of open space-based industries and increase understanding by key leaders of the aesthetic, environmental and economic value of our farms, forests and other open spaces. Sponsoring workshops, national symposia and forums educates the public about the value of open space, the interrelationship among agricultural and forestry production and profitability, natural resource protection and open space preservation, the true costs of sprawl development, and "the sense of place" so vital to our rural communities and the character of our state.

Michigan

[Elton R. Smith Endowment in Food and Agricultural Policy](http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/smith_endowment/alternatehome.htm) – Michigan State University - www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/smith_endowment/alternatehome.htm

The Elton R. Smith Endowment in Food and Agricultural Policy was established by Michigan State University Department of Agricultural Economics and the Michigan Farm Bureau to carry on Elton R. Smith's commitment, leadership, and global vision of policy education and research. The Elton R. Smith Chair in Food and Agricultural Policy is dedicated to research, extension and teaching in policy issues.

Minnesota

[Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy](http://www.apec.umn.edu/cifap) – University of Minnesota - www.apec.umn.edu/cifap.

The Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP) focuses its work on a number of important policy issues related to food and agriculture. With its interdisciplinary approach, the Center uses its research and education activities to increase international understanding about food, agriculture, nutrition, natural and human resources, and the environment, and to positively impact the policies of both developed and developing countries.

[Center for Political Economy](http://www.apec.umn.edu/cpe) – University of Minnesota - www.apec.umn.edu/cpe

The Center for Political Economy was established in May, 1995 to forge stronger links between the two disciplines of economics and political science. The Center seeks to promote scholarship in political economy by linking more formally the ongoing teaching and research programs of faculty and graduate students in the area of economics, economic policy and governance.

[Economic Development Center](http://www.apec.umn.edu) – University of Minnesota – available at link from www.apec.umn.edu

The Economic Development Center was established in the 1960's and combines a number of resources and activities to focus on the areas of development, trade and growth.

[The Food Industry Center](http://foodindustrycenter.umn.edu) – University of Minnesota - foodindustrycenter.umn.edu

The Food Industry Center (TFIC) is a community of scholars that develops and disseminates knowledge and analysis about how food reaches consumers. Established in January, 1995, The Retail Food Industry Center (TRFIC) is a member of The Sloan Industry Centers, a group currently comprised of 19 Centers, each dedicated to a single industry. In 2001 the Center dropped the word 'Retail' from its name to reflect its work across the food supply chain. TFIC draws upon key academic disciplines to bring new

insights to the industry. The Department of Applied Economics, in which TFIC is housed, brings expertise in food consumption studies, business management, agribusiness marketing, international trade and the economic implications of public policy.

[Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs](http://www.hhh.umn.edu) – University of Minnesota - www.hhh.umn.edu

The Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs is dedicated to excellence in education for public responsibility. As a living memorial to the public life and ideals of Hubert H. Humphrey, it seeks to enhance Minnesota's contribution to public and political life. The Institute is widely recognized for its role in examining public issues and shaping public policy at the local, state, national, and international levels, and for providing leadership and management expertise to public and nonprofit organizations. Several centers within the institute focus on issues relevant to food, agricultural, resource, and trade policy, including the Freeman Center for International Economic Policy.

Missouri

[Food and Agricultural Policy Research Center-Missouri](http://www.fapri.missouri.edu) - University of Missouri - www.fapri.missouri.edu

The mission of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Center (FAPRI) is to provide objective analysis of food, agricultural, and environmental issues. Their primary role is to evaluate policy options before the enactment of legislation or establishment of regulations. FAPRI estimates the likely consequences of options; however, the institute does not make any policy or regulatory recommendations. Established in 1984 by a grant from the U.S. Congress, FAPRI is a unique, dual-university research program. Participants are the Center for National Food and Agricultural Policy (CNFAP) at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and the Trade and Agricultural Policy Division of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD/TAPD) at Iowa State University, Ames. FAPRI-Missouri's research consortium includes Texas A&M University, Arizona State University, the University of Arkansas, and Texas Tech University. FAPRI-Iowa State's collaborators include Texas A&M University, Arizona State University, University of Arkansas, and North Dakota State University.

[Contracting and Organizations Research Institute](http://cori.missouri.edu) – University of Missouri - cori.missouri.edu

The Contracting and Organizations Research Institute is an interdisciplinary research institute dedicated to the study of the organization and structure of economic enterprise and of the effects of legal, political, social, and economic institutions on the structure and performance of economic organizations. CORI was founded to encourage and enable empirical research on contracting and organizational structure, drawing on such fields as economics, law, business, and related social sciences.

[Center for International Trade Studies](http://www.agecon.missouri.edu/Cits) – University of Missouri -
www.agecon.missouri.edu/Cits

The Center for International Trade Studies is located in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Missouri.

Montana

[Agricultural Marketing Policy Center](http://www.ampc.montana.edu) - Montana State University -
www.ampc.montana.edu

The purpose of the Agricultural Marketing Policy Center is to provide applied research and education, including extension education on agricultural marketing and related policy issues for informed decision-making by farm and ranch managers, public decision makers in rural communities and in local and state agencies, state legislators, and congressional delegations in Montana and the Northern Plains and Rockies Region.

Nebraska

[Center for Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization](http://cafio.unl.edu) – University of Nebraska-Lincoln - cafio.unl.edu

Founded June 1, 2001, the Center for Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization (CAFIO) is a Web-based center dedicated to impartial economic analysis of the structure, conduct, and performance of the agricultural and food industry. Its global mission is to bring together scholars from around the world who share an interest in the analysis of horizontal and vertical relationships within the food supply chain and their implications for competition and welfare. Its local mission is to conduct and disseminate timely economic analysis of agricultural and food industrial issues of critical importance to farmers and ranchers in Nebraska, train students and other professionals in agricultural and food industrial organization, and serve as a point of contact between research faculty and the public at large.

New Jersey

[Food Policy Institute](http://www.foodpolicyinstitute.org) – Rutgers University - www.foodpolicyinstitute.org

The Food Policy Institute is a research unit of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, that addresses food policy issues. Their role in food policy research is in supporting public and private decision makers who shape aspects of the food system within which government, agriculture, industry and the consumer interact. The mission of the institute is to bring the depth of academia's knowledge to bear on pressing issues and challenges facing the food system by providing timely and relevant research that is responsive to the needs of government, industry and the consumer.

New York

[Cornell Program on Dairy Markets and Policy](http://dairy.cornell.edu) – Cornell University - dairy.cornell.edu

The Cornell Program on Dairy Markets and Policy is an applied research and extension education program of the Department of Applied Economics and Management in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. It builds on a history of leadership and excellence at Cornell University in the area of dairy marketing that dates to the early 1920s.

[Cornell Commodity Promotion Research Program](http://commodity.aem.cornell.edu) – Cornell University - commodity.aem.cornell.edu

The mission of the Cornell Commodity Promotion Research Program (CCPRP) is to conduct and sponsor research to improve the overall understanding of the economic impacts of commodity promotion programs. Approximately \$1 billion is spent annually on domestic commodity promotion programs and export promotion programs in the United States. Because of the large amount of money invested in generic promotion, the research conducted by the CCPRP provides crucial information to policy makers, who decide whether or not to continue authorization for domestic commodity checkoff programs and whether or not to fund export promotion programs.

North Carolina

[Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy](http://www2.ncsu.edu/unity/lockers/users/v/vksmith/index.html) – North Carolina State University – www2.ncsu.edu/unity/lockers/users/v/vksmith/index.html

The Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy (CENREP) was established to provide research leadership in addressing these and other important environmental and resource problems. By combining economic research and outreach programs, and fostering cooperation among natural scientists and other social scientists in the UNC system, the Center seeks to provide an information source for state policy makers. CENREP develops new economic analyses of local and national environmental issues to improve both the general public's understanding of these issues and the private and public decisions concerned with management of environmental resources.

North Dakota

[Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies](http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/capts) - North Dakota State University - www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/capts

The primary mission of the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies (CAPTS) is to enhance net farm income through in-depth trade and agricultural policy research for decision makers in private and public sectors. The center focuses on economic research and outreach activities for the Northern Plains region and publishes annual outlooks for the North Dakota farm economy, the United States and world wheat industries, and the

United States and world sugar industries. The Center is in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at North Dakota State University.

Ohio

[Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy](http://aede.osu.edu/programs/Swank) – The Ohio State University - aede.osu.edu/programs/Swank

The role of the Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy is to develop and lead a diverse research and outreach program focused on public policy challenges at the rural-urban interface and the economic, environmental, resource, legal and human issues that affect rural-urban communities. Swank Program research has a problem-solving focus, seeking to clarify and answer questions that matter in local, state and national policy design and implementation.

[Anderson Program in Marketing, Trade, and Policy](http://aede.osu.edu/programs/Anderson) – The Ohio State University - aede.osu.edu/programs/Anderson

The Andersons Program focuses on developing a greater understanding of the policies that impact agriculture in its broadest sense. Traditional farm policy, food policy, trade, conservation and environmental policy all have an impact at the local, national and world levels. The Andersons Program features the work of a leading scholar in the field and supports the research, teaching and public outreach efforts of the department in this area of interest.

Tennessee

[Agricultural Policy Analysis Center](http://agpolicy.org) - University of Tennessee - agpolicy.org

The Agricultural Policy Analysis Center (APAC) provides timely research, analysis, and communication as issues emerge. From national farm policy to state and regional issues, APAC examines policies, regulations and conditions that affect how farmers operate their business and how the agriculture sector performs. The Agricultural Policy Analysis Center (APAC) was created in 1992 at the University of Tennessee around the newly-established Blasingame Chair of Excellence in Agricultural Policy. The Center resides in the [Department of Agricultural Economics](#) at the [University of Tennessee](#).

Texas

[Agricultural and Food Policy Center](http://www.afpc.tamu.edu) - Texas A&M University - www.afpc.tamu.edu

The Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) conducts analyses of the impacts of government policy proposals and/or implementation procedures on farmers, agribusiness's, taxpayers, and consumers. Its primary constituency is the U.S. Congress, particularly the Agricultural Committees. The AFPC also conducts research and/or educational programs for government agencies, farm and agribusiness organizations, and

agricultural leadership throughout Texas and the nation. The AFPC was created by the [Texas A&M University](#) System Board of Regents in 1983 and is part of the [Department of Agricultural Economics](#).

[Center for Consumer and Food Marketing Issues](#) – Texas A&M University - ifse.tamu.edu/centers/cfmi.html

The Center for Consumer and Food Marketing Issues was established in 1990 to conduct research and provide information on marketing, economic and policy-related issues related to food processing and manufacturing, distribution and retailing. The Center is an integral part of the Institute of Food Science and Engineering and studies the marketing, economic, and public policy implications of emerging food processing systems and technologies and emerging issues related to safety and nutrition of food products on producers, food processors, manufacturers, distributors, retailers and consumers.

[Center for North American Studies](#) – Texas A&M University - cnas.tamu.edu

The mission of the Center for North American Studies (CNAS), which involves faculty from the Texas A&M University System, Louisiana State University, New Mexico State University, and Texas Tech University, is to promote strong agricultural ties between the United States, Mexico, and Canada, to expand trade relationships among the three countries, to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture, and to foster greater cooperation in resolving critical agricultural issues of common interest.

[Cotton Economics Research Institute](#) – Texas Tech University - www.aeco.ttu.edu/CER-Institute/index.htm

The Cotton Economics Research (CER) Institute serves as a unit to coordinate and foster economics research activities on all aspects of cotton across units within Texas Tech University and with research units outside the University. It focuses on economic research, but also coordinates and cooperates with other research efforts, both economic and non-economic in their primary intent.

Virginia

[Research Institute on Livestock Pricing](#) – Virginia Tech University - www.aaec.vt.edu/rilp

The Research Institute on Livestock Pricing (RILP) was founded in 1987 to increase knowledge in the livestock markets. The institute contributes to research and information for decision makers and government officials involved in policy formulation and market regulation in the livestock industry. Many researchers have produced studies for RILP on a sub-contract basis, including projects in price discovery, market analysis, vertical market structure, coordination, captive supplies, formula pricing, and many other current topics. The Institute is supported by grants from private and public entities interested in research and education in pricing and price-related topics for the livestock/meat industry.

[Institute for Innovative Government](http://www.uap.vt.edu/newIIG/index.htm) – Virginia Tech University - www.uap.vt.edu/newIIG/index.htm

The Institute for Innovative Governance (IIG) conducts applied social science research concerning the effective leadership, governance and management of non-profit and public organizations. The Institute's mission is to discover and disseminate innovative ideas in the fields of economic development, community development, civic engagement, public policy, the nonprofit/nongovernmental sector and democratic institutions. IIG works with existing University research, public service and outreach units and programs to enable these entities to respond more effectively to demands for their services. The Institute also provides research and research-driven programming directly to a broad array of clients.

[Center for Food and Nutrition Policy](http://www.ceresnet.org) – Virginia Tech University - www.ceresnet.org

The Center for Food and Nutrition Policy is an independent research and education center affiliated with Virginia Tech and located in Alexandria, VA. The mission of CFNP is to advance rational, science-based food and nutrition policy. Through its research, outreach, and teaching programs, the Center examines complex, and oftentimes contentious, issues facing government policymakers, regulators, agribusinesses, and food manufacturers. CFNP is recognized as a center of excellence in food and nutrition policy by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Washington

[International Marketing Program for Agricultural Commodities and Trade](http://impact.wsu.edu) - Washington State University - impact.wsu.edu

The IMPACT Center's goal is to use science and technology to improve the competitiveness of Washington and Pacific Northwest agriculture in the world market place. IMPACT utilizes the expertise of university scientists in research, education and communication to solve marketing problems and transfer technology to agricultural exporters.

Wisconsin

[Food System Research Group](http://www.aae.wisc.edu/fsrg) – University of Wisconsin-Madison - www.aae.wisc.edu/fsrg

The Food System Research Group (FSRG) was created in 1976 under North Central regional research project 117. The FSRG supports and conducts research on emerging issues regarding the economic performance of U.S. and global food and agricultural markets.

[BASIS Collaborative Research Support Program](http://www.basis.wisc.edu) – University of Wisconsin-Madison – www.basis.wisc.edu

Since its inception in 1996, the BASIS Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) has focused on the interactions and inter-relationships of land, water, labor, and financial markets and the impacts of policy or policy reform in helping improve access to and efficiency of factor markets in multiple regions around the world. Supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development, BASIS CRSP targets global constraints by undertaking and disseminating collaborative, policy-oriented research.

[Dairy Marketing and Risk Management Program](http://www.aae.wisc.edu/future) – University of Wisconsin-Madison - www.aae.wisc.edu/future

The Dairy Marketing and Risk Management Program focuses on market information and price risk management principles relevant to the dairy industry. The program includes a substantial number of publications analyzing various aspects of federal dairy programs and policies.

[Land Tenure Center](http://www.wisc.edu/ltc) – University of Wisconsin-Madison - www.wisc.edu/ltc

The Land Tenure Center serves as a global resource institution on issues relating to land ownership, land rights, land access, and land use. Our focus is on the relationship of land to economic development, socio-political organization, and environmental sustainability. Established in 1962 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, LTC has evolved into the leading university-based institution on land policy in the world.

Non-University Organizations

[Agtrade.org](http://www.agtrade.org) - www.agtrade.org

The purpose of Agtrade.org is to educate the interested public about current agricultural trade policy issues, presenting the results of relevant research on recent issues in a way that is understandable to a general audience. Financial support for Agtrade.org is provided by the [Farm Foundation](http://www.farmfoundation.org) and USDA's [Economic Research Service](http://www.ers.usda.gov) (ERS). This

site is maintained by the [Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology](#) at [Penn State University](#), in cooperation with the [International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium](#) (IATRC).

[International Food and Policy Research Institute](#) - www.ifpri.org

The mission of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) is to identify and analyze policies for sustainably meeting the food needs of the developing world. Research at IFPRI concentrates on economic growth and poverty alleviation in low-income countries, improvement of the well-being of poor people, and sound management of the natural resource base that supports agriculture. IFPRI seeks to make its research results available to all those in a position to use them and to strengthen institutions in developing countries that conduct research relevant to its mandate. IFPRI is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

[National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy](#) - www.ncfap.org

The National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy (NCFAP) is a private non-profit non-advocacy research organization. Originally established in 1984 at Resources for the Future with a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, the Center became an independent organization in 1992. NCFAP researchers conduct studies in four program areas: biotechnology, pesticides, international trade and development, and farm and food policy.

[Mackinac Center for Public Policy](#) - www.mackinac.org

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy is a nonpartisan research and educational organization devoted to improving the quality of life for all Michigan citizens by promoting sound solutions to state and local policy questions. The Mackinac Center assists policy makers, scholars, business people, the media and the public by providing objective analysis of Michigan issues. The goal of all Center reports, commentaries and educational programs is to equip Michigan citizens and other decision makers to better evaluate policy options.

Rural Policy Centers

[Rural Policy Research Institute](#) - University of Missouri - www.rupri.org

The Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) conducts policy-relevant research and facilitates public dialogue to assist policymakers in understanding the rural impacts of public policies and programs. RUPRI's comprehensive approach to rural policy analysis involves scientists from founding member institutions at Iowa State University, the University of Missouri, and the University of Nebraska and researchers from affiliate member institutions at the Community Policy Analysis Center at the University of Missouri and the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland.

[Rural Poverty Research Center - www.rprconline.org](http://www.rprconline.org)

RPRC is a community of policymakers, practitioners and researchers seeking to understand how policy and practice can reduce poverty across the rural-urban continuum. Center activities are directed out of two offices: Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and the Department of Agricultural Resource and Economics at Oregon State University

[North Central Regional Center for Rural Development](http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu) - Iowa State University - www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu

The mission of the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) is to initiate and facilitate rural development research and education programs to improve the social and economic well-being of rural people in the region. The NCRCRD also provides leadership in rural development regionally and nationally by identifying, developing and supporting programs on the vanguard of emerging issues. The NCRCRD, located at Iowa State University, is one of four regional centers coordinating rural development research and education throughout the United States. It is supported by land-grant universities of the North Central region, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and grants and contracts from private foundations.

Western Rural Development Center – Utah State University - extension.usu.edu/wrdc

The Western Rural Development Center (WRDC) is one of four USDA-sponsored regional rural development centers in the country. WRDC participates in rural development research and extension projects cooperatively with universities in the West. Program themes and activities include civic capacity in the rural west, natural resources and land use, and the capacity of land grant universities.

[Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development](http://www.cas.ncrcrd.psu.edu) – Penn State University - www.cas.ncrcrd.psu.edu

The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development is one of four regional rural development centers in the nation. The Northeast Center specifically focuses on rural problems of the Northeast region. The Northeast Center serves as a unique regional and national network to catalyze, initiate, facilitate, and evaluate research and educational programs that have the potential to improve the social and economic well-being of individuals in small towns and rural places.

[Southern Rural Development Center](http://srdc.msstate.edu) – Mississippi State University - srdc.msstate.edu

The Southern Rural Development Center seeks to strengthen the capacity of the region's 29 land-grant institutions to address critical contemporary rural development issues impacting the well-being of people and communities in the rural South. Priorities of the center include strengthening the engagement of rural people and organizations in the civic life of their communities; promoting sound rural economic and workforce

development strategies that improve job quality and the competitiveness of workers in the rural South; assisting rural communities in developing sound strategies for addressing the challenges associated with the expansion of urban and suburban localities into rural areas; expanding efforts to improve health care access in the rural South and explore strategies for reducing the prevalence of food insecurity and hunger among the region's most vulnerable rural populations; and exploring the prevalence of a "digital divide" among various populations and communities in the South and assist in the development of educational programs that advance the information technology capacity of rural people and places.

[Community Policy Analysis Center](http://www.cpac.missouri.edu) - University of Missouri - www.cpac.missouri.edu

The Community Policy Analysis Center (CPAC) is committed to providing research, outreach, and training that supports improved policy decisions in Missouri communities. CPAC is developing various community decision support tools for use in Missouri, and collaborating with social scientists across the country and in Europe to make these tools more accessible. The Community Policy Analysis Center brings together expertise from the Social Sciences Unit in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and University Outreach and Extension (Missouri).

[Community Vitality Center](http://www.cvcia.org) – Iowa State University - www.cvcia.org

The mission of the Iowa Community Vitality Center (CVC) is to serve as a catalyst for innovative projects and initiatives designed to improve the vitality of Iowa communities. The CVC facilitates networking among small and medium size rural communities, sponsors policy analyses, engages communities in dialogue, and fosters discussion among rural and urban interests.

[Center for Rural Development](http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/crd) – Purdue University - www.agecon.purdue.edu/crd

The Center for Rural Development was established in the School of Agriculture at Purdue in 1989. The Center for Rural Development was established to: 1) bring University resources together to assist public and private sectors as they work toward solving rural development problems; 2) provide a broad range of educational programs which contribute to the development of Indiana's human and physical capital; 3) coordinate and support research that improves our understanding of economic and community development issues, problems and opportunities; and, 4) provide issue-relevant information to individuals and groups interested in rural development.

[Center for Applied Rural Innovation](http://cari.unl.edu) – University of Nebraska-Lincoln - cari.unl.edu

The Center for Applied Rural Innovation (CARI) focuses on leadership, sustainable agriculture, economic, and community development through education and research. CARI was created in 2000, the efforts of the former Center for Rural Community Revitalization and Development, the Center for Leadership Development and the Center for Sustainable Agricultural Systems.

[Rural Economic Analysis Program](http://www.reap.vt.edu) – Virginia Tech University - www.reap.vt.edu

The Rural Economic Analysis Program (REAP) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech grew out of a recommendation in the broad based future of agriculture study in Virginia in the mid-1980s. That study identified the need for a center or some other type of organization to do economic analysis and to provide economic information and intelligence to private sector decision makers and state level policy makers to help in strategic planning for the future of our agriculture and rural economies. REAP is providing the results of economic analyses and conducting educational programs to help ensure competitiveness, economic viability, and quality of life in rural communities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. REAP has three areas of emphasis: competitiveness, rural and community development, and natural resources and environmental issues.

[Center for Rural Studies](http://crs.uvm.edu) – University of Vermont - crs.uvm.edu

The Center for Rural Studies (CRS) is a nonprofit, fee-for-service research organization that addresses social, economic, and resource-based problems of rural people and communities. Based in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Vermont, the Center provides consulting, research, and program evaluation services in Vermont, the United States, and abroad.