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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Food Economics; Applied Economics

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, GPA (3.8/4.0), May 2022 (Expected)

- **Dissertation:** Essays on Food Safety and Private Food Safety Certification in the United States

M.S., Economics, University of Kentucky, GPA (3.8/4.0), May 2022 (Expected)

M.S., Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, GPA (4.0/4.0), August 2014

B.A., Agricultural and Forestry Management, Beijing Forestry University, June 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, Spring 2018

- Agribusiness Management

**Primary Instructor**, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, Fall 2017

- International Agriculture, World Food Needs and U.S. Trade in Agriculture Products

**Primary Instructor**, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky, Fall 2016

- Introduction Level of Microeconomics

## GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Prof. Yuqing Zheng, Dep. Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, 2015-2020

Research Assistant, Prof. Andrew G. Stainback, Dep. Forestry, University of Kentucky, 2012-2014

## PUBLICATIONS

**Hu, L.**, Zheng, Y., Woods, T.A., and Kusunose, Y. 2022. The Market for Private Food Safety Certifications: Conceptual Framework, Review, and Future Research. *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*.

Catron, J.F., Stainback, G.A., Lhotka, J.M., Stringer, J., and **Hu, L.** 2013. Financial and Management Implications of Producing Bioenergy in Upland Oak Stands in Kentucky. *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry* 30:164-169.

## WORKING PAPERS

**Hu, L.** and Zheng, Y. Within- or Cross-Brand Substitution? Quantifying the Impacts of Similac Infant Formula Recall (Under review, *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*).

Nemati, M., Zheng, Y., Zare, S., and **Hu, L.** U.S. Organic Operations' Choice of Certifiers: Inertia and Neighbors Effect (Under review, *Food Policy*).

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

**Hu, L.** and Zheng, Y., “The Impact of Food Safety Certification on Producer’s Safety Outcomes”

**Hu, L.** and Zheng, Y., “The Choice of Private Food Safety Standards in the United States”

## **PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS**

Agricultural and Applied Economic Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2019

- **Hu, L.** (Presenter) and Zheng, Y., “The Impacts of Food Safety Certification on Producers’ Safety Outcomes.” Paper Presentation.

Agricultural and Applied Economic Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., 2018

- Nemati, M., Zheng, Y., Zare, S., and **Hu, L.** (Presenter), “U.S. Organic Operations’ Choice of Certifiers: Inertia and Neighbors Effect.” Poster Presentation.

Southern Agricultural Economic Association Annual Meetings, Jacksonville, FL, 2018

- **Hu, L.** (Presenter) and Zheng, Y., “Measure the Impact of Similac Recall on Sales.” Poster Presentation.

Southern Agricultural Economic Association Annual Meetings, San Antonio, TX, 2016

- **Hu, L.** (Presenter), Stainback, A. G., and Dillon, C., “Economics Analysis of Carbon Sequestration and Bioenergy Production Under Catastrophic Risk and Price Uncertainty.” Paper Presentation.

## **SERVICES**

Graduate Student Representative of Diversity Advisory Committee, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, 2019

- Serve as a resource for the Office of Diversity as it works towards fostering equity and inclusiveness

President of Graduate Student Organization, Department of Agricultural Economics, 2018

- Advocated for current and future students whenever and wherever it becomes relevant and important

Abstract Reviewer, Agricultural & Applied Economic Association Meetings, 2018/2020

- Section on Food Safety and Nutrition

Seminar Coordinator, Department of Agricultural Economics, 2017

- Worked with faculties to contact speakers and coordinate seminars

## **AWARDS AND GRANT PROPOSALS**

University of Kentucky Conference Travel Awards, 2019

Proposal to USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Competitive Grants (Unfunded), RA, 2018

Proposal to Food Connection at the University of Kentucky (Unfunded), Student PI, 2018

## **SKILLS**

**Languages:** English (fluent), Chinese (native)

**Computer Skills:** Stata, R, SAS, SQL, GAMS, Web Scrapping

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of American Economic Association

Member of Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

Member of Southern Agricultural Economics Association