The Food Distribution Research Society is seeking papers on food marketing and food economics for presentation at its annual meeting on October 16-20, 2010 in Destin, Florida. The papers selected will be presented in concurrent sessions following a general session on Tuesday morning, October 19, entitled “Setting the Agenda for Food Marketing and Economics Research” organized by the Agribusiness, Food, and Consumer Economics Research Center (AFCERC) at Texas A&M University. The keynote speaker in the general session will be Dr. Laurian Unnevehr, Director of the Food Economics Division of the Economic Research Service at USDA. Mr. Robert Norberg, Deputy Executive Director of Research and Operations at the Florida Department of Citrus will provide an industry viewpoint on “Economic Research Priorities for the Food Industry with an Emphasis on Citrus.” Papers on any of the following or related topics are of particular interest:

- Pricing strategies and the price discovery process
- Supply chain management and analysis
- Strategic management and planning
- Concentration and industrialization in agribusiness, food, and fiber industries
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Food and fiber marketing and distribution
- Globalization, international trade & trade policy
- Food and fiber sector implications of environmental and resource issues
- Food advertising
- Health and nutrition economics
- Food safety economics
- Consumer economics and behavior

Interested authors should submit the following to Dr. Gary W. Williams, Texas A&M University at gwwilliams@tamu.edu by June 30, 2010:

1. Name, institutional affiliation, and contact information for paper presenter and co-author(s); and
2. A one-page abstract of the proposed paper.

Presentations of research reports will be limited to 20 minutes each. Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters. Notices of acceptance will be sent out by no later than August 15, 2010.