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## A Statement from the Editors

Welcome to our eleventh issue of *Choices* (Q1 2007).

In this issue of *Choices*, we offer two collections of papers. One theme covers the topic of the rapid emergence of global food chains and how it has changed the strategic investment, marketing, and production decisions of food companies and farmers, as well as food and agricultural policy. The other theme addresses the impact of immigration on the U.S. farm sector. The included papers examine various facets of this issue, especially the impact of legal and illegal immigration on farm labor supply, wage rates, agricultural production, and rural communities. Useful policy implications are provided. This issue also contains an article on Defending America's Food Supply Against Terrorism.

Look for our final issue where we plan coverage on Water Quality. See our thematic coverage page at [www.choicesmagazine.org](http://www.choicesmagazine.org) for a complete list and planned schedule.

In light of the AAEA Board's decision regarding *Choices'* funding and the uncertainty as to whether another funding source will allow continuation, the editors will no longer accept new thematic proposals. Our schedule is full through June 2007 when our editorship ends. **Proposals currently in process will be moved through to publication.** This policy continues unless funding conditions change. **Grab bag submissions will**

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