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EDUCATION

Michigan State University	Expected Dec 2025
<i>Ph.D., Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics</i>	
<i>Dissertation Title: Essays on Farmer Well-Being, and Urbanization Effects on Farm Size and Wildlife-Livestock Disease</i>	
<i>Committee: Frank Lupi (Chair), David Ortega, Jason Rowntree, Songqing Jin</i>	
Zhejiang University	June 2020
<i>M.S., Agricultural Economics Management</i>	
<i>Outstanding Graduates of Zhejiang Province, Overall GPA: 3.90/4.00, Ranking: 1/13</i>	
Zhejiang University	June 2018
<i>B.S., Economics and Management of Agriculture and Forestry</i>	

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI	Aug 2020 - Present
Graduate Research Assistant	
Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)	Feb 2021, Feb 2024, Feb 2025
Abstracts Reviewer for the AAEA Annual Meeting	
Zhejiang University – Hangzhou, China	Aug 2018 - Jun 2020
Graduate Research Assistant	

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Livestock industry, Farm management, Food trade, Food policy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

(* denotes corresponding author)

Dong, Z., & Shaefer, K. A. *, “Urbanization and the Industrialization of Agriculture.” Accepted by the *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, [Manuscript available here](#)

McKendree, M. G., Tonsor, G. T. *, & **Dong, Z.** (2024) “Price pass-through in the US beef industry: Implications of feedlot capacity utilization”. *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics/Revue canadienne d'agroeconomie*. [\(LINK\)](#)

Lin, B., Du, R., **Dong, Z.**, Jin, S. *, & Liu, W. (2020) “The impact of foreign direct investment on the productivity of the Chinese forest products industry.” *Forest Policy and Economics*, 111, 102035. [\(LINK\)](#)

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Dong, Z., McKendree, M.G.S., & Lupi, F., “Financial Well-Being of Rural Households: A Theoretical Framework and Application”, Under review at the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, [Manuscript available here](#)

Dong, Z., Shaefer, K. A., Lupi, F., & Jin, S., “Urbanization and Livestock Disease: Evidence from Bovine Tuberculosis in Great Britain”, Working paper, [Manuscript available here](#)

Dong, Z., Ning, Y., & Zhang, Y., “Formal Credit Accessibility and Productivity Resilience to Natural Disasters: Evidence from the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau of China”, Working paper, Manuscript in in preparation

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(* denotes presenting author)

Dong, Z.*, & McKendree, M.G.S., “Financial Well-being of Rural Households: A Theoretical Framework and A Case Study.”, Selected Presentation at Society for Range Management (SRM) Annual Meeting, Sparks, NV., Jan 2024

Dong, Z.*, & McKendree, M.G.S., “Financial Well-being of Rural Households: A Theoretical Framework and A Case Study.”, Selected Presentation at Michigan Agricultural Credit Conference, East Lansing, MI., Oct 2023

Dong, Z.*, & McKendree, M.G.S., “Financial Well-being of Rural Households: A Theoretical Framework and A Case Study.”, Selected Poster at Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., July 2023

McKendree, M.G.S., Tonsor, G.T., & **Dong, Z.***, “Price Pass-Through in the U.S. Beef Industry: Implications of Feedlot Capacity Utilization.”, Selected Presentation at Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA., August 2022

Dong, Z., & Shaefer, K. A.*, “Urbanization and the Industrialization of Agriculture.”, Presented at 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE), New Delhi, India, August, 2024

Dong, Z., & Shaefer, K. A.*, “Urbanization and the Industrialization of Agriculture.”, Presented at Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (AARES) Annual Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand, February, 2023

Dong, Z., & Shaefer, K. A.*, “Urbanization and the Industrialization of Agriculture.”, Selected Presentation at Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA., August 2022

Dong, Z., & Shaefer, K. A.*, “Urbanization and the Industrialization of Agriculture.”, Presentation at Agricultural Economics Society (AES) Annual Conference, K U Leuven, Belgium, April 2022

PROJECTS

Metrics, Management, and Monitoring: Linking Grazing Management, Soil Health, and Producer Wellbeing

Research Assistant

Main Sponsors: Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR USDA) and Noble Research Institute

Grant amount: \$20,000,000

Values and adoption in regenerative grazing practices and associated well-being outcomes for cow-calf producers

Research Assistant

Sponsor: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE USDA)

Grant amount: \$250,000

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- 2025** Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University
- 2022/2023/2024** Conference Travel Grant, Michigan State University
- 2020** Outstanding Graduates of Zhejiang Province
Outstanding Master's Thesis, Zhejiang Province
Outstanding Graduates of Zhejiang University
Outstanding Master's Thesis, Zhejiang University
- 2019** National Scholarship, Zhejiang University
Merit Graduate Student Awards, Zhejiang University
- 2017** Wanglaoji Scholarship, Zhejiang University
Third-Class Scholarship for Outstanding Merits, Zhejiang University
Outstanding Student Leader Awards, Zhejiang University
- 2016** Da Bei Nong Scholarship, Zhejiang University
Outstanding Student Leader Awards, Zhejiang University
Excellent Social Work Scholarship, Zhejiang University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Spring 2019 & Spring 2018

Poverty Alleviation and Development for Developing Countries Workshop

The Ministry of Commerce of China & China Academy for Rural Development

SKILLS

Language skills: English (fluent), Chinese (native)

Computer skills: Stata, LATEX, QGIS, SAS, SPSS(basic), R(basic), MATLAB(basic), Mathematica(basic), Python(basic)

REFERENCES

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