

Applied Economics (APEC)

Student Seminar

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***Sweet and Timely Insurance: The Role of Honey
in Reducing Coffee Producer Food Insecurity
Exposure in Mexico***



Time:

Wed. Nov. 29th, 2-3PM CT

Place:

119 Ruttan Hall

Zoom Option:

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/98749918936>

Details:

<https://apecseminar.github.io/>

ABSTRACT:

Smallholder coffee producers face a combination of pre- and post-harvest risk factors that leaves them particularly vulnerable to food insecurity. A popular form of on-farm diversification is honey production through beekeeping, that has both nutritional and commercial value. This study investigates the role of honey production as means of food security management due to the heightened pollinating activity during the coffee flowering stage that follows the annual coffee harvest provides an additional non-contemporaneous source of income. Using primary data collected in coffee-producing regions of Chiapas, Mexico, I find that during the honey harvest months, which occurs during the early stage of the lean season, beekeeping coffee producers are less exposed to food insecurity over coffee producers who don't diversify into honey.