

**2018 Call for Research Reports, Updates, and Outreach Writing  
National Direct Ag Marketing Summit  
Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference  
September 15-18; Arlington, VA**

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, and Outreach Writing for the 2018 Annual Conference to be held in conjunction with the National Direct Ag Marketing Summit in Arlington VA from September 15-18, 2018. Work related to any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail to the consumer is welcome at FDRS.

For more information on the conference, check under “Conferences” at the FDRS website <http://www.fdrsinc.org>. Address and Questions & Correspondence regarding research submissions to Research VP Dawn Thilmany at the following address: [\*\*FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com)

**Research Reports** are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts. Reports will be evaluated and accepted on the basis of one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. Conference presentations of research reports are limited to 20 minutes each.

**Research Updates** are synopses of research or educational work either (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. To give an update, submit a maximum one-page description of the update. Presentations of updates will be limited to 15 minutes each.

**Outreach Writing** is a relatively new category for the conference. We seek to recognize the kinds of technical communication of food industry issues that is key to the Extension/Industry Outreach work done by the Society’s founders and is core to many members’ work today. Some call these articles “industry outlook” or it may be something contributed to publications such as *Choices* ...materials that communicate food supply chain and marketing issues to an intelligent, highly-involved but non-academic audience. Submissions will consist of the actual article and the submission form. At the conference, the author will have 15 minutes to present a summary of the article’s key points and how it was used in outreach/Extension efforts.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST USE THE ATTACHED SUBMISSION FORM.**

Email submissions to Dawn Thilmany, at [\*\*FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com), by June 18, 2018. Authors will be notified of acceptance by July 13, 2018.

Research reports, updates and posters are eligible for publication in the proceedings issue of the Journal of Food Distribution Research. However, submission of a food distribution research update, report or poster does not preclude submission of a full manuscript on the topic for consideration in a refereed volume of the Journal of Food Distribution Research or other scholarly publication.

**2018 Research Submission**  
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Complete all sections as indicated and email as MS Word document or pdf file attachment to **FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com**

**Submission Deadline is June 18, 2018**

**This submission is for a (check one)**

- Research Update
- Research Report
- Outreach Writing

**Title of submission:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authors of submission: (list all names and school/affiliations in order they should be published in the program)**

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**Presenting Author Name:**

**Corresponding Author Name (If different than presenting author):**

**Corresponding Author email address:**

**Author planning to make presentation (must be finalized by August 17, 2018):**

**Abstract:** (300 word maximum. Must include significance of research to industry/academia) ***NOTE: Entries in the Outreach Writing category must also include a pdf copy of the actual article or printout from online source.***