

*Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference*  
*2020 Call for Research Reports, Updates and Outreach Writing*

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**Deadline extended to August 31, 2020**

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, and Outreach Writing for the 2020 Annual Conference. Work related to any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail to the consumer may be submitted.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Concurrent sessions will be held on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will meet in Dallas, TX in 2021.*

***Research Reports*** are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts. Reports will be evaluated and accepted based on one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. *Presentations of research reports are limited to 12 minutes each, with 3 minutes for Q&A.*

***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 8 minutes each, with 3 minutes for Q&A.*

***Outreach Writing*** is a relatively new category for the conference. We seek to recognize the types of technical communication of food industry issues that are key to the Extension/Industry Outreach work done by FDRS founders and that are central to many members' work today. Some refer to these articles as "industry outlook" or they may comprise content that may be contributed to publications such as *Choices*, i.e., content that communicate food supply chain and marketing issues to a non-academic audience. Submissions will consist of the actual article and the submission form. *Authors will have 8 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 Lurleen Walters, at [FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com](mailto:FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com), by August 31, 2020.

Authors will be notified of acceptance by September 7, 2020. Presenters must be registered for the conference. Given the virtual format this year, registration fees will be considerably lower. As information is available, it will be posted under "Conferences" at the FDRS website <http://www.fdrsinc.org>.

Please address any questions & correspondence regarding research submissions to Research VP Lurleen Walters at the email: [FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com](mailto:FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com)

**2020 Research Submission**  
**Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference**

Complete all sections as indicated and email as MS Word document or pdf file attachment to **FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com** by **August 31, 2020**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Research Report

\_\_\_\_\_ Research Update

\_\_\_\_\_ 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's name:**

**Corresponding author's name** *(if different from presenting author):*

**Corresponding author's email address:**

**Presenting author** *(must be finalized by September 18, 2020):*

**Abstract:** *300 word maximum; the significance of the research to industry and/or academia must be clearly stated.*

**NOTE:** *Entries in the Outreach Writing category must also include a pdf copy of the actual article or printout from online source.*