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Dear Colleagues,

The global transformation from rural economies, in which most people worked on farms, to urban economies, in which most people work in industry or services, began 2 centuries ago. That change is, broadly, an expansion of the traditional professional concerns of profitability and technical change to encompass newer themes of: (1) the role of agriculture in an industrial and services economy, notably as it affects human welfare; (2) the role of agriculture in a global economy in which a much larger share of farm goods is traded internationally; (3) the role of the small, family farm; (4) the environmental benefits and costs of agriculture, especially problems of long-term sustainability and, more recently, climate change; (5) consumer and worker safety; (6) human nutrition, both over and under nutrition; (7) the shift to higher value crops and livestock with related changes in technologies, such as precision mechanization, digital agriculture, and value chain management.

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