

## **Tesfalidet Asfaha, PhD**

*A research assistant with comprehensive knowledge of international agricultural economics and econometric modeling.*

### ***EXPERIENCE***

#### ***2008 – present***

##### ***Research Assistant, George Morris Centre, Guelph Ontario***

Responsibilities include providing research support for Senior Associates, collecting, analyzing and organizing economic data and conducting literary reviews.

#### ***2008***

##### ***Research Consultant, United Way, Toronto Ontario***

- Reviewed and prepared summaries of research relating to Leadership Development Programs in the non-profit sector.

#### ***2007***

##### ***Teaching Assistant, University of Free State, South Africa***

- Taught econometrics (practical class) to graduate students.
- Evaluated and marked econometric course assignments.

#### ***2004 – 2007***

##### ***Researcher, University of Free State, South Africa***

- Developed and evaluated the forecasting and policy simulation performance of alternative econometric models for the South African Corn Industry.
- Conducted research on various aspects related to agricultural economics and constructed forecast on production, consumption, prices and exports of South African corn.
- Developed models to analyze, explain and forecast economic behavior and patterns and devised methods for collection and analysis of data.
- Published articles in accredited journals.
- Contributed articles and poster in conferences and seminars.

**1999 – 2002**

***Assistant Credit Officer, Department of Credit Office, Eritrea***

- Identified the needs of emerging and small-scale farmers.
- Reviewed agricultural asset to be financed or leased.
- Performed micro-credit analysis, identified risk factors, and prepared credit write up and recommendations according to credit guidelines.
- Supported the documentation team and review document packages for final approval and funding.
- Ensured credit decisions are made on a timely manner and adhere to credit policies.

## ***EDUCATION***

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| 2008 | PhD, Agricultural Economics, University of Free State, South Africa<br>Thesis: Econometric modeling of the South African maize market: a focus on the forecasting and policy simulation performances of models. |
| 2004 | Master of Commerce Degree, Economics, University of Free State, South Africa                                                                                                                                    |
| 2003 | Honours Commerce Degree, Economics, University of Free State, South Africa                                                                                                                                      |
| 1999 | Bachelor of Arts Degree, Economics, University of Asmara, Eritrea                                                                                                                                               |