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Aslihan Spaulding is the Interim Chair of the Department of Agriculture and a Professor of Agribusiness & Food Industry Management at Illinois State University. She received a bachelor's degree in Economics from Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey, an M.S. in Economics and Agricultural Economics, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky. She taught strategic agribusiness sales, food industry marketing and strategic management, computer applications in agriculture, research methodology, and agriculture and the environment courses.

Aslihan's research has extended the body of knowledge across the food supply chain with work that contributes to our understanding of how farmers and consumers make decisions and how students' personality traits and learning styles impact their performance. Much of her work utilizes survey methodology. One of the reasons her impact is so pronounced is that she not only does the research but uses the findings to help professionals improve their careers and students gain up-to-date

insights. She is an effective communicator and a lifelong learner whose presentations at academic and professional meetings with professional audiences have as much impact as her extensive published works.

Aslihan has been selected for LEAD21, a program aimed at developing leaders within the colleges of agricultural, environmental, and human sciences. She joined a cohort of 90 selected individuals from institutions across the nation. Aslihan is also serving on the board of directors of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and the Illinois State University Foundation Board.