

Oliver Ward

13welton@gmail.com • <https://www.oloward.com> • www.linkedin.com/in/oliverjward

Professional Experience

Agri-Pulse, Washington, D.C.

Trade editor

November 2024 - Present

- Cover U.S. agricultural trade policy for a digital publication, splitting my time between Capitol Hill and the White House each week, and attending events across Washington.
- Write multiple stories a week, from breaking news items, news analysis, features and short newsletter entries.
- Edit and assemble *Agri-Pulse*'s Daybreak newsletter one day a week, the organization's flagship product that goes out at 5 a.m. daily and sets the stage for the most pressing policy issues for the day ahead.
- This year, I was the first to report that the Trump administration was assembling a list of ag products not grown in the U.S. to exempt from tariffs. I also broke news on a rift between lawmakers and the Trump administration over a forthcoming report on a North American trade pact and revealed how proposed EU deforestation rules are already shaping timber contracts.
- Participate, and moderate, panel discussions, including interviewing Trump's pick for U.S. chief ag trade negotiator, Julie Callahan live on stage at *Agri-Pulse*'s annual summit.
- Earned an honorable mention at the 2024 North American Agricultural Journalists awards for an explainer series I worked on about the future of U.S. ag exports.
- Worked on some of the publication's most-read stories and special projects of the year, including a graph tracking China's purchases of U.S. soybeans against its purchase commitment.

Inside U.S. Trade, Inside Washington Publishers, Washington, D.C.

Trade policy reporter

June 2023 – November 2024

- Covered U.S. trade policy for a daily digital and weekly print publication, including reporting on the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Congress and the Commerce Department.

The Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE), Washington, D.C.

Senior digital producer, Digital content producer

2020 - 2023

- Produced and pitched ideas for timely and relevant short and long-form web content on economic issues and wrote the institute's weekly PIIE Insider and quarterly Educational Resources newsletters.
- Part of a small team responsible for updating Chad Bown's widely cited tracker monitoring China's purchases of U.S. products under the Phase One Agreement.

ASEAN Today, Singapore (remote)

Editor, Staff writer

2016 - 2020

- Reported on economics, the environment and human rights for a Singapore-based news and commentary website.
- Managed a team of six writers and reporters across Southeast Asia, including assigning stories and editing content.

Hill Reporter, Washington, D.C. (remote)

Part-time staff writer

2019

Parlia, London, United Kingdom (remote)

Part-time editor

2018 – 2020

Freelance writing and reporting

2012 - 2020

- Wrote news stories and essays for publications in the UK and abroad, including for openDemocracy, The London Economic, and International Policy Digest, among others.

Education

American University, Washington, D.C., United States

- M.A. Journalism and Digital Storytelling

2022 - 2024

University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom

- B.A. History & Sociology

2014