

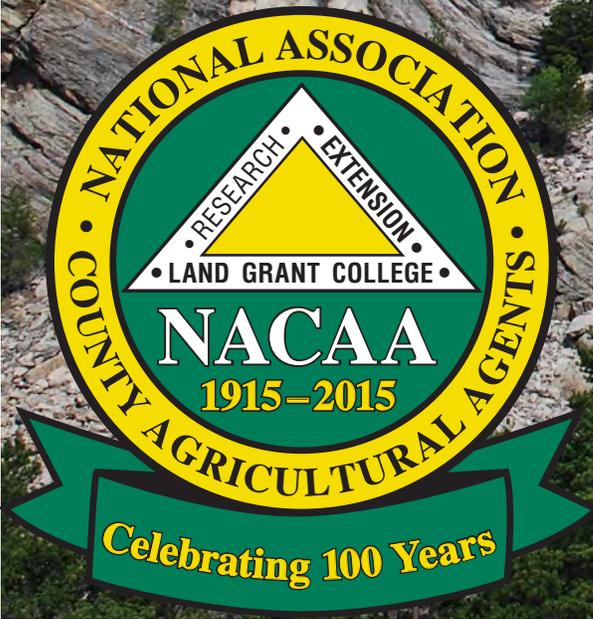
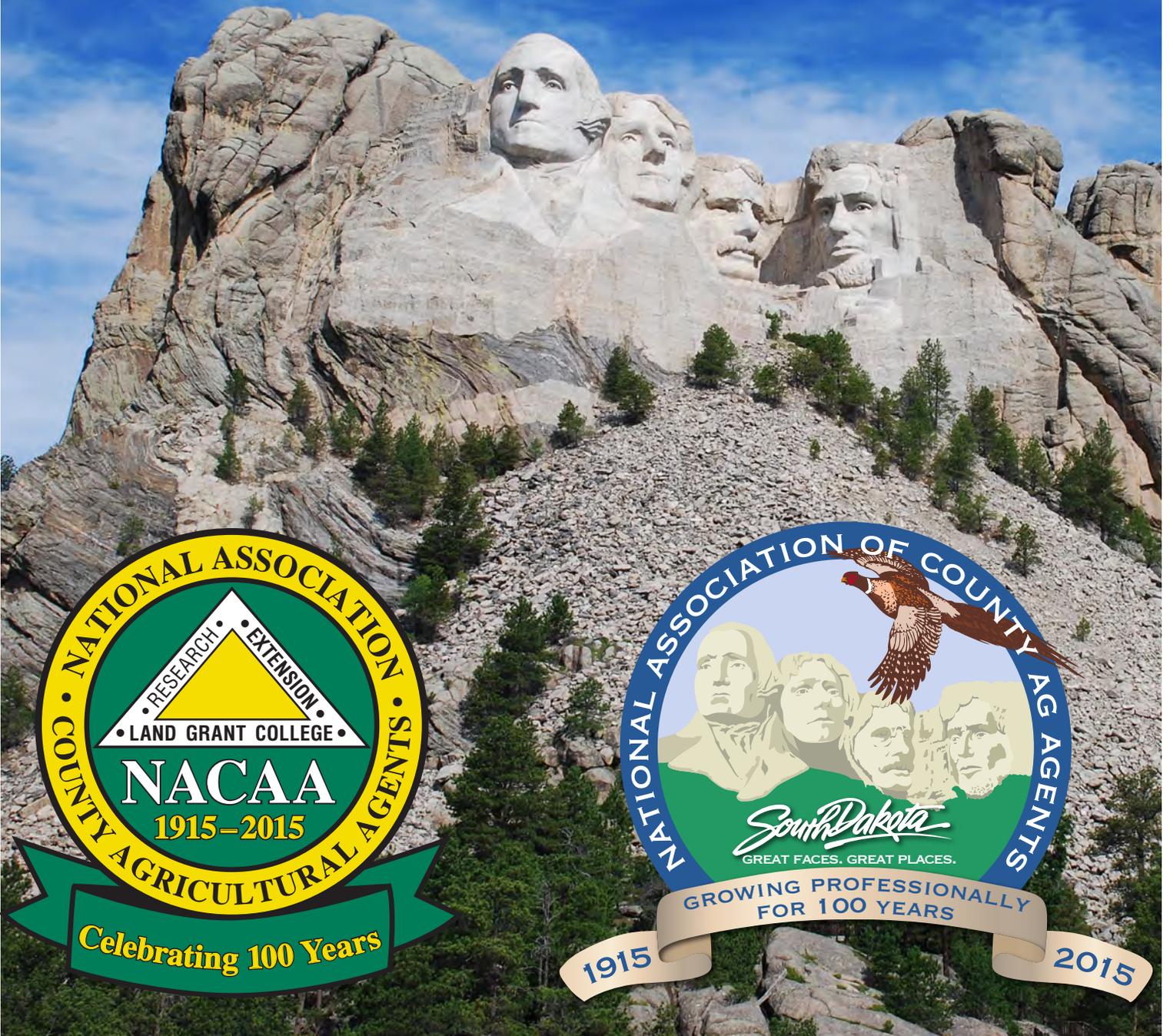
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Welcome to South Dakota!



SIGHTS OF SOUTH DAKOTA



President's Corner

You're Invited to the Birthday Party in South Dakota!

Birthdays are special occasions, and 100th birthdays are especially so. From July 12 -16, 2015, NACAA will celebrate its 100th birthday at the Centennial AM/PIC in Sioux Falls, SD. The celebration will include birthday cake, or fifty cakes to be exact. Each state association will have its own birthday cake at the AM/PIC, and state associations and their families will be asked to decorate their state's birthday cake however they choose on Sunday. The cakes will be on display Sunday afternoon and evening, and then will be used for the cake and ice cream social following the opening ceremonies. (Ask your state president how you can help decorate your states cake!).

The Centennial AM/PIC will feature a large portion of the North Central Region, with several states actively working with host state South Dakota to plan the program. Members from Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, and Wisconsin are serving in leadership roles to plan and present the Centennial AM/PIC along with members from South Dakota. Additionally, several other states in the North Central Region are financially supporting the AM/PIC in South Dakota.

The celebration will begin early with three outstanding pre-conference tours, two of which will originate in western South Dakota near Mt. Rushmore, and travel across South Dakota to arrive in Sioux Falls for the start of the AM/PIC. The Animal Science and Horticulture/Turfgrass tours will both highlight South Dakota from west to east. The Soil Health pre-conference tour will offer outstanding professional development at sites in both North Dakota and South Dakota.

The General Sessions will feature speakers who will note the rich history of NACAA and challenge us to create the future for our profession for the next 100 years of agricultural Extension work in the United States. The oral presentations and poster presentations by NACAA members are sure to give you fresh ideas to take home, and super seminars and special topic presentations on topics such as the use of unmanned aerial vehicles and climate change in agriculture will stretch your thinking about the future of your work.

You may choose from 28 different Professional Improvement Tours which will visit five different states. An unparalleled diversity of agriculture, history, natural resources, and culture awaits you on tour day, which will be held on Thursday at this year's AM/PIC.

You will find excellent facilities for the AM/PIC when you arrive in Sioux Falls, complete with FREE parking, and the airport just a \$5 cab ride away! (But you won't need a taxi to get to the airport, as the South Dakota members have arranged for free shuttles!).

Be sure to bring the entire family, as there will be plenty of educational, recreational, and cultural activities and opportunities for everyone.

For many years now, I have personally been involved with planning various components of our NACAA AM/PIC. And as a member of the NACAA Board the past few years, I have had the opportunity to visit and learn about annual meetings of our sister associations and other organizations. It has become clear to me that without a doubt, the NACAA AM/PIC provides both the best value and the best product when it comes to professional development and quality, family-focused activities for county agents and their families.

So pack the birthday candles and your cake decorating supplies and bring the entire family to the party in South Dakota this July.



Mike Hogan
NACAA President

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AM/PIC Pre-Tour Options

Soil Health Pre-Tour Description

Participants will gather in Fargo, ND on Thursday July 9. There are several restaurants and shopping opportunities within a few blocks of the hotel.

Friday, July 10

The tour will begin at the Soil Health and Agriculture Research Extension Farm (SHARE Farm). Here participants will learn about saline/sodic soils and water management strategies. The tour will travel to the Conservation Cropping Systems Project (CCSP). The CCSP is a no-till research farm where Kelly Cooper (CCSP manager) will share his experiences of no-till, cover crops, and a soil pit. The next stop will be at the Prairie Road Organic Farm. Dan and Teresa Podoll have been practicing organic farmers since 1977 and are the 2014 MOSES Organic Farmers of the Year. They will dole out their knowledge and show you their seed business. The day will conclude in Cresbard, SD at the Pheasant Fest Hunting Lodge. Attendees will learn about the balance of agriculture, wildlife, and tourism. There will be an opportunity to see wildlife as we visit a habitat creation project.

Saturday, July 11

This day's first stop will be at a livestock operation where cover crops are used to extend the grazing season and for soil health. The next stop will be at a saline soil site where producers are using cropping systems to manage their saline soils. This stop will be a great train the trainer event where attendees will learn about various soil health demonstrations. The final stop before Sioux Falls will be at the USDA Soil & Water Farm in Brookings. USDA researchers will share their work on soil health issues facing the farmers of the northern plains. The tour will conclude with the bus dropping off participants at their respective hotels.

Flying into Fargo

It is important to note, the tour will begin in Fargo, ND which is 250 miles north of Sioux Falls, SD. For those flying, Fargo has an international airport and attendees will be shuttled from the airport to the hotel.

Registration Process & Cost

A large portion of the costs associated with this tour are being covered by sponsorship, however not all costs are covered and there will be a \$150 fee per person attending. Registration for this Pre-Tour will be handled through the AM/PIC Registration. During your on-line registration (or by selecting the section on the registration form found on page 28) you can select how many people will be registering and pay the appropriate fees with your registration. Tour registration fee's will be refunded if the tour is canceled. Registration will take place **April 1-May 15**.

Horticulture & Turfgrass Tour - July 10-12

While full details for this exciting tour are not yet available, here is what our National Committee has planned to stimulate your plant science senses and kick off a wonderful NACAA Conference.

First fly into **Rapid City, SD** on Friday and lodge for about \$ 120./person and maybe double occupancy before 3:00. We then bus to Prairie Berry Winery for dinner and afterwards proceed to Mt. Rushmore for the Lighting Ceremony and a special tour.

Saturday morning, we bus to breakfast around the famous old west Wall Drugstore, cruise thru the Badlands and stop at the Lakota Tribe Gardens where native plants, medicinal species and permaculture are demonstrated by tribal members. The afternoon has us possibly visiting a fruit tree plantation/sweet cherries and melon production before we overnight at Pierre -the Capitol- or Chamberlain, SD. At about \$ 80./room. Approximately 150 miles travel.

Sunday morning, we bus to Anderson's tree nursery and maybe a Scottish Links golf course before we arrive at Sioux Falls around 2:00 or maybe earlier if possible for NACAA Committee Chairs luncheon. About 150 miles travel. Of course, horticultural discussions en route are to be expected and strengthened by SD University forester Dr. John Ball.

Members and their spouse are invited. We ask members to submit a 2 paragraph explanation of their extension roles and interest in this tour with this application for selection due to limited capacity. Since seating may be limited to either a 25 or 50 seat bus, expected costs of the tour will vary and children are not invited at this time. Member fees are expected to be \$ 100 or less while non-members may be \$ 200 or more. To submit your on-line application for this tour - please go to:

<http://www.nacaa.com/awards/apps/> - then select the Horticulture Pre-AM/PIC Workshop & Tour. You will be notified before June 1st if you have been selected for the tour - and will be invoiced at that time. All payments for the tour must be paid prior to the tour.

For more detailed information please contact Bill Sciarappa, Ph.D., National Horticulture Committee Chair at 732-431-7260 Ext. 7278 or by emailing sciarappa@njaes.rutgers.edu.

Animal Science Committee Pre-AM/PIC Seminar & Tour

PURPOSE

This program is designed to provide the opportunity for NACAA members to study and analyze livestock systems in the AM/PIC host state of South Dakota. Topics to be featured on the tour will include beef cattle production and forage utilization. Tour sites also include Mount Rushmore, range sheep production, Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation and a pheasant hunting operation. Participants will also have a chance for one on one exchange of ideas with local producers, industry personnel, and peers from around the country. For additional information, contact any of the Animal Science Committee Regional Vice-chairs.

ELIGIBILITY

NACAA members in good standing with responsibilities in livestock and/or alternative markets are eligible to participate in this Pre-AM/PIC tour. The event will take place Thursday-Saturday, July 9-11, 2015. We will depart from the Rapid City area on Friday morning July 10th traveling across South Dakota and arriving in Sioux Falls Saturday evening. We will not be returning to Rapid City to recover vehicles or extra luggage. Plan accordingly.

ENTRY & JUDGING CRITERIA

Complete the "General Application Form" found on page 1 or on the NACAA web site (<http://www.nacaa.com/awards/apps/>). Within this online application - you will be asked to answer the following questions:

1. Why you wish to attend the tour.
2. How you intend to use the tour information in your educational programs.
3. Describe your major animal science program emphasis.

AWARDS

The plan is to offer the tour to Extension educators on a scholarship basis, with the only cost to the participant being transportation to Rapid City. Donor support is pending, please contact the Animal Science Committee Chair to confirm the availability of scholarships (contact information listed below).

Each successful applicant is responsible for their transportation to **Rapid City** and should arrive on Thursday, July 9th by 5pm MT. Two nights of double occupancy lodging (Thursday & Friday) will be included in the tour scholarship as well as tour transportation and meals. Submit entries by May 15, 2015 online or to Ron Graber, Animal Science Committee Chair, 7001 W. 21st Street N., Wichita, KS 67205 or email to rgraber@ksu.edu.

Animal Science Pre-Tour Details

Livestock production is economically important in South Dakota. South Dakota is national leader in Bison production, #5 in calves born, #6 in Sheep and lambs, #9 in Cattle and calves, #5 in Alfalfa production and #9 in Hay. Within South Dakota, 50% of the farms raise beef cattle and the average cow/calf herd size is 235 head.

The Animal Science Pre-Conference Tour will begin in Rapid City on July 9th. The climate, and soils change dramatically from the arid western side of the state to the humid eastern side, thus, the tour starts in Rapid City and ends in Sioux Falls so participants can see the dramatic change from primarily range based grazing livestock on the western edge to corn, soybeans, feedlots, dairy and swine on the eastern edge. This year's tour will have a modified format. The tour will begin in Rapid City, SD and end in Sioux Falls, SD. We will NOT be returning to Rapid City to recover vehicles or extra luggage. Participants, please plan your travel accordingly.

The group will assemble at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites (1416 N. Elk Vale Road, Rapid City) by 5:00 p.m. MDT and travel into the Black Hills to experience a relaxing evening with supper and the lighting ceremony at Mount Rushmore.

The tour will depart Rapid City on Friday morning for Blair Brothers Angus Ranch near Vale, SD. Blair Brothers is a multi-generational family operation that retains ownership of their cattle and focuses on carcass quality genetics. A large portion of their cattle are marketed through U.S. Premium Beef. They also sell bulls as a way to market their carcass genetics. Marketing, artificial insemination and industry leadership in the SD Beef Industry Council and SD Cattlemen's Association are some of the keys to their success. Blair Brothers have been key partners in Extension Programming for several decades.

From Vale, we will be travelling through the heart of range beef and sheep production in western South Dakota. Dave Ollila, Extension Sheep Field Specialist will provide commentary about range and sheep industry topics as we travel north. Also joining us will be Bureau of Land Management and Natural Resource Conservation Employees to discuss public land grazing.

The next stop will be to visit Jack Orwick to learn about western range sheep production, with a barn lambing system. The Orwick Family provides key industry leadership to American Sheep Industry (ASI). Also at this stop will be a discussion by Larry Prager on wool and the importance of wool quality to the sheep industry.

[Animal Science continued on Page 31](#)

AM/PIC Super Seminars:

Ag Economics - Wednesday, July 15th **“How to Survive the Roller Coaster Markets”**

Ed Esset, Univ. of MN, Dr. Laurence Crane NCIS.
Sponsored by NCIS

Agronomy - Wednesday, July 15th

The Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) in Agricultural Production and Extension

Summary: This *three* hour seminar will provide an overview of the issues related to the emerging use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs; drones) in agricultural production and opportunities for extension programming and research. Topics will address the types of hardware platforms (drones) used and their appropriate applications, issues of data processing, considerations for becoming licensed to fly drones including the current state of FAA regulations for UAVs. The seminar will also present potential uses for drone technology in field crop and animal agriculture, include review of experiences from a two year “proof of concept” project with North Dakota State Extension.

Dr. Nolte will have six different UAVs for participants to view at the super seminar. In addition to seeing these at the super seminar, the NACAA Agronomy and Pest Management committee is working to *offer a time and place for participants to see these UAVs flown live.*

Speakers:

Kurt Nolte, PhD, - University of Arizona - Agriculture Agent - The School of Plant Sciences, Yuma County Extension Director, Yuma Agricultural Center Interim Director, Regional Vegetable Production Specialist

Topic: UAV hardware platforms and Image processing

John F. Nowatzki, MS; North Dakota State University - Agricultural Machine Systems Specialist, Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

Topic: Potential Uses for UAV technology in crop and animal agriculture: The ND State UAV “Proof of Concept” project.

Bill Verbeten, MS; Cornell University Cooperative Extension – Regional Field Crops Specialist – Northwest NY Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team; Project Principle; Northwest NY UAS Crop Project.

Topic: Considerations for getting started using UAVs in agriculture and agricultural extension

Wednesday, July 15th **Climate and Agriculture** **Technical Sessions**

Extreme weather events from droughts to ice storms in recent years have resulted in costly impacts throughout many aspects of agriculture. To help Extension educators better address these issues, the 2015 NACAA AM/PIC will feature general technical sessions on Climate and Agriculture Professional Development. Programs and research will potentially address: Risk Management and Weather Extremes, Manure Management, Communication Strategies, Climate Adaptation Practices, and Climate Decision Support Tools.

Member presentations will take place on Monday, July 13 and the Super Seminar will be on *Wednesday, July 15.*

Sunday, July 12th **USDA’s Organic Literacy Initiative** **and eXtension Community of Practice**

Betsy Rakola (USDA Organic Policy Advisor) is Secretary Vilsack’s organic policy advisor at the USDA, and coordinates the Organic Working Group, pulling in key staff from all 14 agencies.

On Sunday July 12th at 2:30 pm Betsy will be giving a joint seminar with Danielle Treadwell (eXtension - eOrganic steering committee member) on “USDA’s Organic Literacy Initiative and eXtension Community of Practice”

Based on the 2014 USDA Economic Research Service report, consumer demand for organically produced products continues to show double-digit growth. Organic farmers, ranchers, and food processors follow a defined set of standards to produce organic food and fiber. Congress described general organic principles in the Organic Foods Production Act, and the USDA defines specific organic standards. These standards cover the product from farm to table, including soil and water quality, pest control, livestock practices, and rules for food additives. This seminar will outline/accurately explain about organic certification requirements and data regarding organic and non-genetically engineered agriculture. The seminar will focus on the USDA’s Organic Literacy Initiative – a whole package of training and outreach materials on organic agriculture. It’s got several pieces which are designed for field offices to explain what organic is, what programs and services USDA has for organic producers, and how field staff can connect people with those resources. The eXtension (eOrganic) folks will give an overview of the eOrganic - Community of Practice for organic agriculture, demonstrating how many tools are already available for those who are exploring the organic option.

Welcome to the Rushmore State

2015 marks the 100th Annual Meeting Professional Conference of NACAA. It is an honor for South Dakota and the surrounding states to serve as your host for this year's centennial celebration. This will be the second time South Dakota has hosted the AM/PIC. The first time was in 1979 on the far west side of the State in Rapid City. This year we will be on the east side of the State in Sioux Falls.

The history of South Dakota is an interesting one starting with the area being explored in 1742 by 2 French men who were exploring a route to the Pacific Ocean. It was part of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase, explored by Lewis and Clark 1804-06, became a Territory on March 2nd 1861 and joined the Union as the 40th State on November 2 1889. The State is 75885 square miles with a distance of 380 miles east to west and 245 miles north to south. The state population is 853,175 people with 23 percent of that population residing in Minnehaha County, the host County.

The AM/PIC will be held in the Sioux Falls Convention Center with the Sheraton, which is connected to the Convention Center and serving as the headquarter hotel, and the Ramada, across the road from the Convention Center and the Best Western Ramkota which is a short shuttle ride from the Convention Center providing your lodging accommodations. The Best Western Ramkota will serve as the Life Members Hotel. The hotels each have shuttle service from the Sioux Falls Regional Airport which is just minutes away from the hotels.

The Planning Committee has developed some great programs for the Sons and Daughters, Life Members and Spouses. The tours for these programs will be a nice mix of fun, educational and memorable experiences. The Thursday

Professional Improvement Tours will provide a chance to see agriculture production and processing common in the Tri State Corner of South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and also into Nebraska. Along with the educational component the tours will include historical and points of interest stops.



*Steven Munk
AM/PIC Chair*

Agriculture is the number one industry in South Dakota with a 20.9 billion dollar impact on the South Dakota economy. There are 43.7 million acres that are farmed by 31800 farms of which 98% are family owned. The agriculture in the state is very diverse involving fruit and wine production, forestry, small grain and row crop production, ethanol production, dairy production and manufacturing, poultry, swine and beef production, in fact the number of beef animals out number humans 4.7 to 1. Corn is the top commodity with over 4 million acres planted each year. South Dakota is 1st in planting genetically engineered plant varieties.

South Dakota which in Sioux means " friends or allies" has one of the largest Native American populations with 9 official tribes made up of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota which makes up the Sioux Nation.

We truly look forward to sharing our hospitality and the treasures of South Dakota with you. See you in Sioux Falls for the historic 100th AM/PIC .

Welcome - First Timers!

The 2015 NACAA Annual Meeting Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) First Timer Committee and the Early Career Development Committee would like to extend a special invitation and encourage you to attend the 100th NACAA AM/PIC in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are very excited about this year's event and confident that the program offers something for everyone. Another perk is that the registration fee for any first timer with less than 10 years of experience is FREE! Also, NEW in 2015 the first timer orientation and welcome will be fun, fast-paced, and energizing to learn more about NACAA AM/PIC. You will not need to worry about feeling confused or lost as a first timer as you will be matched up with an experienced mentor for the conference! Yes, you will meet a fellow Extension professional that will help you successfully navigate your first AM/PIC. Excited yet? I know we certainly are as these are new things previously never offered to first timers!! For someone new to the AM/PIC registration

process, we understand that there are many decisions that must be made. To aid in your registration process, there are various resources available. The County Agent magazine is a great place to start along with the Ag Agent's conference website (<https://agagents.wordpress.com/>). Another great resource available to you is a free webinar developed by the National Early Career Development Committee. An hour-long webinar will be held (date to be determined) and will highlight the benefits of attending an AM/PIC and what events and activities first timers can and should attend throughout the week. It will also take you through the steps of the registration process. Additional information about the webinar is being finalized and will be sent to all NACAA members via email. If you have specific questions about Sioux Falls, SD or about any of the events that are planned, please feel free to contact a member of the First Timers or AM/PIC planning committee. Contact information can be found on the conference website (<https://agagents.wordpress.com/>). We hope to make your first AM/PIC a memorable experience and are here to help in any way we can.

Opening Ceremony Will be a Great Kickoff to the Centennial AM/PIC

NACAA members will want to plan to attend this year's NACAA Opening Ceremony Sunday July 12th which will be an inspirational kickoff to this year's Centennial AM/PIC. The evening will be highlighted by BRULÉ - the award-winning Native American music group who has thrilled audiences for 19 years.



Brulé is one of the top-selling Native American adult/rock music groups and has impressive CD sales of over 1 million. Their concert ticket sales stand at well over 100,000 since national touring began in 2002. Brulé has released 17 titles in as many years and has been named "Group of the Year" three times by the prestigious Native American Music Awards (NAMMYS), earning seven NAMMYS since 2002. Their annual performance schedule takes them extensively throughout the US, touring the casino, performing arts theatres, arenas, corporate and festival circuits.

brings a multi-dimensional art form to this cultural rock opera. The musical journey of Brulé's founder, Paul LaRoche, adds an affecting story to audiences, and the result is Native America meets Pink Floyd in a spectacular theatrical stage production of sight, sound, and soul. Brulé is seen regularly on national PBS affiliates across the country. Their history-making concert filmed for PBS, "Brulé, Live at Mount Rushmore—Concert for Reconciliation of the Cultures", has become the longest running Native American concert special on national TV.

Through the years Brulé has pushed the boundaries of contemporary Native American rhythms and classic rock. Their electrifying show consists of a 5-piece rock ensemble augmented with an array of traditional Native American instrumentation. Paired with the stunning steps of one of the top Native American dance troupes, their authenticity

South Dakota 4-H Performing Arts Troupe Featured at 4-H Talent Revue

You won't want to miss some of the best 4-H talent South Dakota has to offer at this year's NACAA 4-H Talent Revue. The South Dakota 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is sure to entertain you as they sing, dance and feature talented 4-Her's from all across South Dakota. This year's 4-H Talent Revue will be featured Monday evening at 7:00pm.



The South Dakota 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is celebrating its 31st year of bringing 4-H youth from all across the state together to share and develop their theatre art skills in drama, music, dance, and technical theatre. Each year an average of 75 youth participate in the week long theatre arts preparation camp. The 4-Her's then make approximately 14 appearances across the state during the summer months performing their production including multiple performances at the South Dakota State Fair.

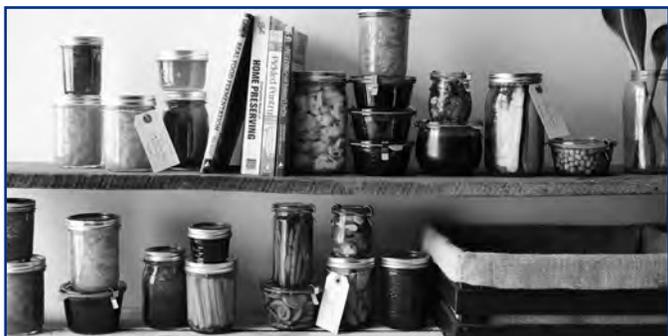
Be sure to catch some of South Dakota's great faces and great talent at this year's 4-H Talent Revue. The South Dakota 4-H Preforming Arts Troupe is sure to have you dancing and singing in your seat and will be a great way to spend your Monday evening at the 100th AM/PIC.

Be Sure to Visit the Trade Show



As always, the Trade Show is a highlight for attendees at the AM/PIC. This year's trade show will feature a mix of businesses, non-profits, and governmental agencies. We are sure you will find resources and information to help you do your job more efficiently. The trade show will be in operation Sunday afternoon and evening, and throughout the day on Monday and Tuesday. Remember, these vendors and exhibitors came specifically to talk to YOU.

Farmer's Market to Return



This year's AM/PIC is going to dust off an idea from a few years ago. A "Farmer's Market" area will feature cash and carry items sure to be of interest. Shop with vendors who specialize in value added enterprises including: food and preserves, arts and crafts, and other ventures of relevance to agriculture. The Farmer's Market will be in the concourse on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you as a member, spouse, or life member are engaged in some enterprise that you would like to showcase please contact Brad Carlson at bcarlson@umn.edu to see how you can become involved.

Bon Appetite



The South Dakota Association of Agriculture Extension Professionals is truly excited to be hosting the 2015 NACAA AM/PIC in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The conference will provide an opportunity for you to experience cuisine that comes from South Dakota produced fish, wildlife, livestock and crops.

The "Welcome to South Dakota" meal on Sunday evening in the Trade Show area will feature a Taste of Dakota Buffet, featuring beef, walleye and pheasant.

On Monday evening, the South Dakota Pork Producers Council will be providing the pork entree.

Sioux Falls has many restaurants to select from when planning your State's Night Out. Tuesday evening will be your opportunity to select the dining experience of your choice. Whether you are looking for fine dining, casual, or a restaurant specific to Sioux Falls, we will be happy to help you find what you are looking for. To find out more about the local dining, visit our website at <https://agagents.wordpress.com/>.

The Thursday Morning Tour Breakfast will be catered by Chris Cakes at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds. Come with an appetite as you will be able to enjoy pancakes hot off the griddle.

Thursday's After Tour Meal will have a variety of South Dakota vendors providing the opportunity to select South Dakota specific cuisine such as a lamb chislic entree.

Once again it will be our pleasure of introducing you to the variety of foods the great state of South Dakota can offer.

Information/Connecting with Us:

Looking for information about the AM-PIC? You can find all the information at our website: <http://agagents.wordpress.com>! Stay connected with us through our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NACAA2015> and also follow us on Twitter: @agagents. If you have any questions related to the website or social media please contact either Jenny Rees (jrees2@unl.edu) or Lindsay Chichester (lindsay.chichester@unl.edu)

Dustin Evans to Perform as Tour Night Entertainment

Dustin Evans grew up in Wessington Springs, SD, a town of almost 1,000 people, where his father, Kyle was already well-known for his cowboy and rodeo music.

Dustin became involved in music at a very young age and as a teen, taught himself to play guitar, drums, bass, and piano, and began writing his own songs.

Dustin joined the Good Times in 1995. Good Times is comprised of extremely talented musicians with a wide range of influences and experience that has spawned great friendships with some of the biggest names in country music.



\$100 for the 100th Fund Drive Update

Back in the October, 2014 issue of the County Agent Magazine, a special fund drive was announced to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of NACAA. The "\$100 for the 100th" fund drive has a goal of helping the NACAA Educational Foundation reach their financial goal of \$1 Million by 2025. The NACAA Educational Foundation is the organization which funds the NACAA Scholarship Program.

We have great news! Since the program has been announced, **we have received over \$2,100 towards this effort.** Donations have been recorded from both active and life members alike...although the life members are currently leading in the \$100 contributions! Thank you very much to those members who have already contributed to our special fundraising campaign.

The NACAA Educational Foundation has now issued a **special incentive** tied to the \$100 for the 100th. Here are the details:

- For every \$25,000 in donations received, the Foundation will reimburse (1) early-bird registration fee for the 2015 AM/PIC in Sioux Falls, SD!
- Up to 4 registration fees will be reimbursed: 1 reimbursement for \$25,000; 2 for \$50,000; 3 for \$75,000; and 4 for \$100,000 and over
- Incentive is open to both active and life members
- Only individuals donating at the \$100 level or above are eligible (no state association donations are eligible)
- Incentive is open to members who do not get their reimbursement through NACAA (ex: committee chairs/vice chairs already get registration fee waived)

Donations for the \$100 for the 100th will continue to be received through **June 1**. At that time, those who have contributed at the \$100 level will be entered into the drawing, and the NACAA Educational Foundation will select the winners. All levels of contributions are appreciated...from \$1 to \$100 or more; it all helps the Foundation reach their goal.

If you are not vested in the NACAA Scholarship program, this is a great way to become vested! A \$100 contribution means you are fully vested in the program, and are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 in scholarships....where else can you get that kind of return on an investment? Scholarships can be used for advanced education, attend specialized training or conferences, group tours, giving a presentation at a conference (both domestically and abroad), the list goes on and on.... With travel budgets being reduced in many states, this is one way for you to receive funds to receive your much needed professional development.

How do I make a donation? You can pay by either credit card or check. To pay by credit card, simply visit the NACAA homepage (www.nacaa.com) and click on "Donate to the NACAA Educational Foundation - Scholarship" at the bottom of the page. Checks should be made payable to the **NACAA Educational Foundation** and sent to:

Dwane Miller, NACAA Scholarship Chair
1202 Ag Center Drive
Pottsville, PA 17901

Please include **\$100 for the 100th** on the memo line of your check, so we can accurately track contributions toward this effort.

Thank you for being a special part of NACAA's 100th Anniversary!

Cynthia Gregg, NACAA President Elect
Frank FitzSimons, President, NACAA Educational Foundation
Dwane Miller, NACAA Scholarship Committee

Manny Scott to be Featured Capstone Speaker

An original Freedom Writer whose story is told in part in the 2007 hit movie, *Freedom Writers*, Manny Scott has energized over a million leaders, educators, volunteers, and students worldwide with his authentic, inspiring messages of hope.

By age 16, Manny's story was almost over: His father was incarcerated, he missed 60-90 days of school annually from 4th to 9th grade, he dropped out of school at age 14, he lived in 26 places by age 16, and his best friend was brutally murdered. Sensing that the end of his life was near, Manny sat down on a park bench, and considered how he would make others feel the depth of despair and anger roiling in his soul. He says, "When I look back, I now see that I was heading down a path that would have destroyed me."

Then, a man—a complete stranger—took a risk, and sat down beside Manny. That man connected with him, encouraged him, and inspired him to write a different story—to create a new life.

That day, on a park bench, Manny Scott turned the page. He returned to school with a new attitude and purpose, and ended up in the back of Erin Gruwell's English class—a group now known worldwide as the Freedom Writers, portrayed in the 2007 hit MTV movie.

In his journal, Manny began writing—and dreaming about—new, more fulfilling chapters in his life—chapters filled with healing, hope, perseverance, and possibility. Through very hard work, and with the help of others, Manny has achieved many of those journaled dreams. In 2007, he founded Ink International, Inc, an educational consulting team that is preventing thousands of suicides, raising student achievement, and improving teacher effectiveness. Through Ink's online Professional Speaker Academy, Manny is training people how to survive and thrive as professional speakers.

He is the author of two books: *Your Next Chapter*, a book that shows people, step-by-step, how to create the life of their dreams; and, *How to R.E.A.C.H. Youth Today*, a book that shares several proven practices and principles that engage, equip, and empower people everywhere to reach people who seem unreachable.



He is now happily married, a doting father of three, a successful entrepreneur, a Ph.D. student, and one of the nation's most sought after speakers. "I do not speak to impress people," Manny explains, "but to impress upon them some invaluable lessons that could literally change the quality of their lives forever. When I speak, I try to make sure audiences are crystal clear about how to 'turn the page'—to transform their lives. Whether I'm in Houston or Hong Kong, Kansas City or Cairo, Los Angeles or London, I carry a torchlight of inspiration into the recesses of dormant potential, and show the gems that are sparkling there." Manny Scott is helping people change their lives all over the globe.



100th Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 10

7:00 am - Pre-Conference Livestock, Horticulture & Soils Tours

8:00 am - 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 11

7:00 am - Pre-Conference Livestock, Horticulture & Soils Tours

8:00 am - 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

12:00 pm -7:00 pm Registration

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Commercial Exhibits & NACAA Educational Exhibits, Poster Set Up

9:00 am - Noon Regional Directors and Vice Directors Workshop

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Scholarship Selection Committee

9:00 am - Noon Nominating Committee Meeting

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Past National Officers and Board Luncheon

Noon - 2:00 pm National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Luncheon and Workshop

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Horticulture Super Seminar

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Life Member Hospitality Room

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Commercial Exhibit Trade Show and NACAA Poster Session Display - Open

2:30 pm -3:00 pm Break

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm State Officers Workshop

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Program Recognition Council Workshop

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Extension Development Council Workshop

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Professional Improvement Council Workshop

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting

2:30 pm -4:00 pm First Timer Orientation and Reception

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Welcome to South Dakota Dinner

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony

6:00 pm - 6:15 pm National Leadership Rehearsal

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Parents Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program

7:00 pm - 8:45 pm Opening Session and Inspirational Program

8:45 pm - 9:15 pm Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm State Pictures

9:30 pm - 11:30 pm Hospitality Rooms Open

10:00 pm South Dakota Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 13

6:30 am- 7:45 am Voting Delegates Breakfast

6:30 am- 7:30 am Life Members Breakfast and Program

8:00 am-5:00 pm Registration

8:00 pm-5:00 pm Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room

8:00 am- noon NACAA Poster Judging

8:30 am -4:30 pm 4-H Talent Revue Rehearsal

8:00 am-10:00 am General Session

9:00 am-5:00 pm Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits Open

10:00 am-10:30 am Break

10:30 am-11:40 am Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions

11:45 am-1:15 pm Agriculture Awareness & Appreciation Award Luncheon (Tickets Required)

11:45 am -1:15 pm Meet the Authors Poster Session

11:45 am -1:15 pm First Time Attendee Luncheon (Tickets Required)

11:45 am -1:15 pm Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons (Tickets Required) Crop, Farm and Ranch Management, Landscape Horticulture , Sustainable Agriculture (SARE)

11:45 am -1:15 pm Excellence in 4-H Programming Luncheon

11:45 am -1:15 pm Educational Luncheon Seminars

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Climate and Agriculture Session Presentations

1:30 pm-2:30 pm Committee Workshops for all NACAA Members

1:30 pm -3:00 pm Life Members Business Meeting

2:30 pm- 3:00 pm Break:

3:00 pm-5:00 pm Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations

5:00 pm -6:30 pm Dinner with South Dakota

7:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Talent Revue

8:00 pm-10:00 pm State Pictures

9:30 pm-11:30 pm Hospitality Rooms Open

10:00 pm South Dakota Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 14

6:00 am- 8:00 am Farmers Market Set Up

6:30 am- 7:45 am Administrators' Breakfast

6:30 am-7:45 am Poster Session Breakfast

7:00 am - 8:00 am Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast

8:15 am- 4:30 pm Load buses for Life Member Tours

8:00 am -5:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am- 5:00 pm	Farmers Market Open
8:30 am-11:30 am	Delegate Session
8:30 am-11:30 am	Excellence in 4-H Program Workshop
8:30 am- 11:30 am	Extension Development Council Seminar Administrative Skills Early Career Development Teaching & Educational Technologies Ag Issues & Public Relations
10:00 am- 10:30 am	Break
9:00 am- 4:00 pm	Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits Open
9:00 am- 4:00 pm	NACAA Poster Session Open
11:45 am-1:15 pm	State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Communication Awards Luncheon
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence in Livestock Production
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning or Small Farms/Rancher Program
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
11:45 am-1:15 pm	SARE Fellows Luncheon
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Professional Improvement Council Luncheon Seminar - Sustainable Agriculture
1:30 pm- 4:00 pm	Professional Improvement Council Seminars Agronomy and Pest Management Ag Economics Animal Science Natural Resources/Aquaculture/Sea Grant Horticulture and Turf Grass
2:30 pm-3:20 pm	Break
4:00 pm -6:00 pm	Commercial Exhibits close and take down
4:30 pm	States Night Out
7:00 pm	Silent and Live Auction Preview
8:00 pm	Live Auction
10:00 pm	South Dakota Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

6:30 am -8:00 am	National Committee Members Breakfast Recognition of Retiring Chairs, Vice Chairs and Special Assignments
8:00 pm-5:00 pm	Life Member Hospitality Room
8:00 am-4:00 pm	Farmer Market Open
8:30 am- 10:00 am	NACAA Policy Meeting
8:00 am- 11:00 am	General Session
9:00 am-10:00 am	Life Member Travelogue
9:00 am- 5:00 pm	Registration
11:00 am-11:30 am	Break
11:45 am- 1:30 pm	Search for Excellence Luncheon- Sustainable Agriculture (SARE)

11:45am- 1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Super Seminar - Agronomy
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Super Seminar - Agriculture Economics
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Super Seminar - Climate and Agriculture Session
4:00 pm-5:00 pm	Farmers Market Close and Take Down
4:30 pm-5:00 pm	Formal Picture Opportunity
5:00 pm- 6:30 pm	DSA & AA Recipients, Hall of Fame Recipients, NACAA Board Members, Region Directors, Past Officers, Special Assignments, Special Guests, Council Chairs, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Assemble for Banquet
6:30 pm- 9:00 pm	Annual Banquet
9:15 pm-11:00 pm	President's Reception
10:00 pm	South Dakota Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 16

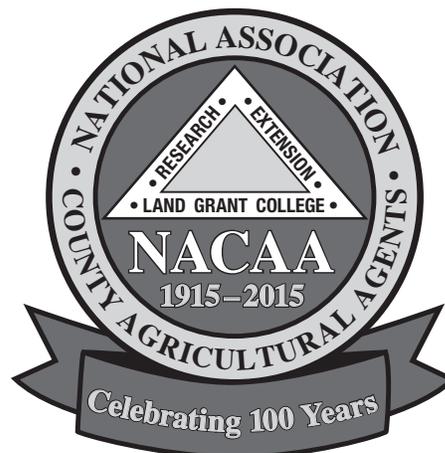
5:45 am -8:45 am	Breakfast – W H Lyon Fairgrounds
6:30 am- 9:00 am	Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours
8:00 am- 6:00 pm	Professional Improvement Tours
4:45 pm	Shuttle buses for South Dakota Dinner for non-tour participants
5:00 pm-7:30 pm	Dinner WH Lyon Fair Grounds
10:00 pm	South Dakota Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 17

8:00 am- 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:00 am- 12:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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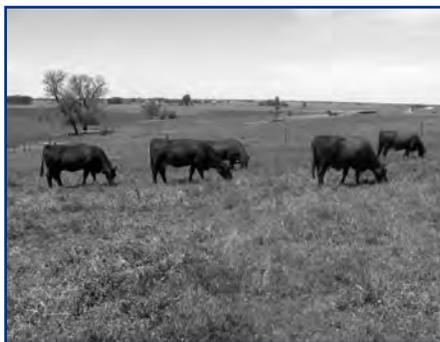
2015 NACAA AM/PIC Professional Improvement Tours

Note: All Tours this year will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2015 (final day of AM/PIC)

Tour 1: Down on the Farm

Improving efficiency while conserving the valuable resources of the land will be a major focus of this tour.

The Bones' family left Pennsylvania and homesteaded in Turner County in 1879. Currently the 4th and 5th generations are farming the land. The business has progressed and



evolved over the years to become a diversified family farm. The tour includes a visit to the Bones Ranch and Feedlot, Turner County dairy, an over view of Hexad Farms and their cropping systems, including a discussion about the conservation programs and initiative they have taken as they have a multitude of streams running through their operation, a visit to the Bones Elevator Company, JBH Farms and Forage Partners...all businesses created by members of the Bones family.

Schrag Shorthorn Farms is a 4 generation family owned purebred cattle operation. They are nationally known in the industry and sell show heifers, herd sires, steers, semen and embryo packages.

POET Ethanol Plant utilizes over 35 million bushels of locally grown corn and processes it into 110 million gallons of ethanol on an annual basis. Originally built in 2003 as a 45 million gallon plant, the Chancellor facility was expanded in March of 2008 to an annual production level of 100 million gallons of ethanol and 56,000 tons of POET's premium Dakota Gold® dried distillers grains with solubles (DDGS). This level of production makes it the largest of the POET plants. A unique aspect of the POET Chancellor facility is the ability to produce the energy used at the plant. POET's solid waste fuel boiler burns several hundred tons of wood chips each day and captures and burns methane gas from the Sioux Falls city landfill. These efforts represent an opportunity to produce green energy from recycled fuel sources creating a win-win for the city of Sioux Falls and the Chancellor facility.

Centrally located in the "heart of cattle country", Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Inc. (locally owned and operated) offers a state of the art facility to their customers to conveniently market their livestock through competitive bidding which only an auction can provide.

Down on the Farm Tour requirements: Must be 18 and wear closed toe shoes

Tour 2: Conservation on the Prairie

Sponsored by SARE



The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines conservation as "the careful use of natural resources to prevent them from being lost or wasted." Come see how southwestern Minnesota farmers are doing just that with their precious soil and water resources.

The tour will start with a brief stop at a restored prairie. Next stop will be the University of Minnesota Southwest Research and Outreach Center where research in ag drainage, water holding practices and innovative cover crop work is on-going.

Next the tour will journey to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Windom Wetland Management District. There we'll learn about prairie and wetland conservation efforts in the heart of corn and soybean country. The last stop will be Fish Lake which is home to a multi-agency/landowner ag water quality project. The local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and landowners will discuss the woodchip bioreactors installed for nitrogen reduction at the subsurface tile outlets which empty into the lake.

The tour will include some walking, standing, and time outside in the elements. Please dress according for the weather and conditions.

Tour 3: Conservation Practices of the Loess Hills

The Loess Hills of western Iowa have some of the deepest and best soils in the world. However, they aren't flat, and the loss of these soils from hillsides can greatly reduce their productivity.



This tour will offer participants the opportunity to see northwest Iowa farming in action and will show how farmers at these tour stops incorporate conservation practices into their operations. The tour will also stop for lunch and tour the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, which showcases permanent exhibits about the Corps of Discovery's time in the present-day Sioux City area from late July to early September 1804.

Tour stops include the farm of Nate Ronsiek, a young farmer who grows corn and soybeans using no-till and other conservation methods on his grain production operation. The other three farm stops will look at how farmers are incorporating conservation practices into their combination crop and livestock operations. These practices include grassland management on a beef cow operation, utilizing cover crops on corn and soybean acres in conjunction with cattle feeding, and the utilization of beef manure into a no-till cropping system.

Complete the tour at the "Ice Cream Capital of the World" in Le Mars, home of Wells Blue Bunny ice cream. Today, more ice cream is produced in Le Mars by a single company than any other city in the world.

Tour 4: A Little Corny

Sponsored by SARE

More than 400 million acres of corn are planted in South Dakota each year. Corn ranks as the # 1 grain commodity grown in the state in many forms such as: on the farm, as a tour stop, and in your gas tank. A South Dakota corn tour will not be complete without a stop at the World's Only Corn Palace.



Located in Central McCook County Stiefvater Farms is a traditional corn/soybean and beef operation, until you look behind the curtain at the technology and changes they have made to their operation.

Johnson Farms is an organic corn, soybean, oats and beef production operation located in Lake County. Being an organic producer in the middle of a state that has widely accepted advanced weed and insect control technologies, they will share with you the challenges and opportunities they face daily.

Carper Sweetcorn is your chance to see the sweetcorn industry in action. Having sweetcorn ready the end of June in South Dakota isn't always an easy task!

Dakota Ethanol is owned by Lake Area Corn Processors, LLC, a 1000 plus member company. Dakota Ethanol produces 48 million gallons of ethanol, and resulting distillers grains, annually from 17 million bushels of locally grown corn. Must be 18.

A Little Corny Tour requirements: Must be 18 and wear closed toe shoes.

Tour 5: Agriculture: Outside of the Box Thinking

New technologies allow agriculture to get more efficient by utilizing different tools.

Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center is a remotely sensed data management, systems development, and research field center for the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Climate and Land Use Change Mission Area.

Since 1978 Raven has helped define the concept of precision ag. They are dedicated to delivering groundbreaking new ideas and precision ag products to growers around the world that improve agriculture efficiency, productivity and stewardship of the land.



Ron Hefty founded Hefty Seed Company in 1969 as Hefty Farm Supply. As time went on, seed sales became a major focus for Ron, and led to the only name change in company history. Hefty Farm Supply became Hefty Seed Company in 1984. That same year, a seed cleaning facility was constructed at Baltic. Ag PhD TV began in April of

1998, and each week since, has had a new, half-hour show, packed with money-making ideas.

Using the highest standards for food safety, product quality, biosecurity, and innovation, Glanbia Nutritionals has designed and built the most sophisticated grain processing facility in the industry. The resulting 63,000 square foot facility exceeds the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act, with fully enclosed processing, concrete construction, and cutting-edge technology. Glanbia Nutritionals' unique range of grain solutions is food safe, with exceptional flavor and guaranteed stability. Glanbia processes everything from whole seed to advanced ingredient solutions. Whether you're looking to add nutrition, improve texture, or clean labels, Glanbia has a unique, specialized product to meet your needs.

Tour 6: All About the Beef!

From the breeder to the feeder, beef is a large contributor to South Dakota's economy. South Dakota is the source of some of the beef industry's leading genetics, which will be the foundation of this tour.



Genex Dakota Sire Service is one of three Genex custom sire collection facilities. At this location they house and collect over 100 bulls on a regular basis and handle additional numbers during the spring collection season.

The Wilkinson Ranch consists of 1,000 registered Angus cows and markets more than 100 bulls per year by private treaty. Cattle that don't make the cut for breeding stock are finished in the family's monoslopes finishing facilities, along with calves from their customers' herds. Carcass quality and performance are major points of emphasis for both the cowherd and feedlot enterprises.

Wienk Charolais Ranch is an internationally recognized herd of purebred Charolais cattle located on the rolling plains of eastern South Dakota. Founded in 1958 by Arnold & Carol Wienk, the operation is owned and managed by 3 generations of the WIenk and Eschenbaum families. The ranch consists of roughly 400 registered Charolais cows and will host their 46th Annual Bull Sale in April 2015.

**Tour 7: Sustainable Agriculture
– Diversified Family
Farming in the Heartland**

Sponsored by SARE

How do Iowans operate diversified family farms? This tour showcases examples of sustainable farms as models for alternative agriculture. Mulberry Grove is a family operation that produces pasture-raised beef and chickens, along with selected vegetables and fruit with a goal to build a multi-generational sustainable family farm enterprise. At Seven W Farm, participants will meet a multi-generational family raising organic row crops along with pasture-raised pork and lamb, free-range chickens and eggs, organic grass-fed beef and a variety of produce. Dairy operations will be showcased at Ten-Ayr Dairy, established in 1882, raising Ayrshire cattle housed in a free-stall barn. Cottonwood Farm is the final tour stop – a small farm raising heritage pigs, along with chickens and turkeys for both meat and eggs. Tour participants will learn about the process of raising herbs on the farm from which herbal lotions and oil blends are made.



Tour 8: Minnesota Grown

Corn and Soybeans are big business in Minnesota – the state ranks third nationally in soybean production and fourth nationally in corn production.



Visit French Agricultural Research, an insect-rearing laboratory by Lambertson, MN that produces millions of insects annually for agricultural research. The French's are also breeding for host plant resistance to pests and founded Suntava, a start-up company that works with Suntava Purple Corn®, a non-GMO corn known for its vibrant purple color and high level of antioxidants.

Tour MN Soybean Processors, a 2,350+ membership cooperative that owns and operates a soybean crush facility and bio-diesel operation by Brewster, MN.

Next, visit the University of MN Southwest Research and Outreach Center in Lambertson. Lean about and see on-going research dealing with pest resistance issues facing

farmers in the region and integrated pest management tactics. Ag drainage and water quality research will also be highlighted.

Last, visit an active farming operation in the region. Check out the farmer's 90,000 bushel storage facility and recently built air-flow grain handling system.

Tour 9: A Toast to Horticulture

Sponsored by SARE

Linda's Garden grows nearly three hundred varieties of vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruit and utilizes 4 high tunnels. They sell their produce through several venues which include farmer's markets, CSA's, restaurants and retail.



The Deuel Community Kitchen is an incubator kitchen that allows small scale food manufacturers access to a commercial kitchen facility. This kitchen was established in 2012 within an area school.

The wine industry in South Dakota has experienced steady growth over the past 15 years, and demand for locally grown, high-quality wine grapes is strong. The N.E. Hansen Research Center is home to SDSU grape research.

Wooden Legs Brewing Co. was started by a few friends who shared a passion for great tasting beer and wanted to create a flagship line of beers and an environment for craft beer enthusiasts. Here we will observe the inner workings of the brewery and enjoy lunch.

McCrary Gardens is a botanical garden operated and maintained by the Plant Science Department of South Dakota State University. The gardens have over 25 acres of formal display gardens featuring hundreds of different flowers, trees, shrubs and grasses in harmonious settings to display, educate, and further the development of new varieties.

Schadé Vineyard & Winery was the third farm winery in South Dakota. Their goal is to produce a wine that is made from SD grown products. Their winery is the very essence of South Dakota culture: relaxation, tranquil scenery and welcoming faces.

Important to note: there will be moderate walking on the A Toast to Horticulture Tour.

Tour 10: Sustainable Agriculture – Diversified Fruit and Vegetable Production

Sponsored by SARE

Throughout the Midwest, more families are considering small farming operations focusing on fruit and vegetable production. Participants on this tour will see



how four different family farms have sustainable lifestyles as they specialize in a variety of fruits and locally-grown vegetables. Bluebird Spring will showcase growing of the high antioxidant aronia berries along with production of aronia wines and jams. Apples and cherries are also grown on this farm. At both C Brown Gardens and Koch's Garden Market, participants will learn about high-tunnel vegetable production – and enjoy a luncheon made entirely of produce on one of these farms. Finally, at Gettings Gardens participants will enjoy the story of a multi-generational farm that produces strawberries, red and black raspberries – and enjoy their market with the opportunity to sample jams, jellies, salsas and more.

Tour 11: Bio-diesel, Ethanol, Wind, and Solar Energy

This tour features bio-energy production across the Minnesota landscape.

The first stop will be a visit to Gevo, Inc. at Luverne, MN. Gevo, the world's only commercial producer of renewable isobutanol (a next generation biofuel), has produced ethanol and isobutanol side by side at the Luverne facility.

Next, visit a wind energy farm, where the developer will share experiences with harnessing the wind resources of Southwestern Minnesota.

A Solar Panel farm by Slayton, which is the largest solar panel installation in Minnesota, will be the next stop. Over 7,000 solar panels are producing energy from this site.



The tour will end with a stop at the Minnesota Soybean Processors in Brewster. Minnesota Soybean Processors is a 2350+ membership cooperative that owns and operates the soybean crush facility and bio-diesel operation in Brewster, Minnesota. The Brewster facility started processing beans in the crushing facility in 2003 with the addition of the Bio-diesel refining facility in 2005.

Tour 12: A Look to the Past and a Glance at the Future

Remembering our history while we pave our way in the future.



Prairie Village is a living museum of the past. Located on 120 acres, Prairie Village has over 40 antique filled buildings reliving the days of an active turn of the century main street. Visit the Lawrence Weld Opera House, sod and log houses, country school, churches and one of the last remaining chapel railroad cars. The tour includes a ride on one of the world's last remaining steam-powered carousels and a 2-mile train ride around Prairie Village including one of America's newest turntables and roundhouse in action.

Laura Ingalls spent many years in DeSmet, SD and the Ingalls Homestead invites you to live like she did. In 1880 Pa Ingalls set claim to this quarter section of ground in Kingsbury, SD. Come for Covered wagon rides, visit an 1880's school in session, Ma's Little House and many hands-on activities included in this tour.

At the Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Facility you will see the production of Municipal Biosolids through the treatment of wastewater and how the City Of Sioux Falls then turns the Biosolids into fertilizer for local farmers. Attendees will also see how the Methane Gas that is produced provides the energy to generate electricity and heat for the facilities.

Important to note: There will be moderate walking on this tour.

Tour 13: Sioux Center, a Swine Mecca

Begin by experiencing a unique segment of the meat packing industry, Natural Food Holding's packing plant. They offer a large variety of quality products specializing in custom processing such as antibiotic free, natural organic and breed specific products.

Take a step back in time and have lunch at the Heritage Village, home to several historical buildings and attractions. These include a blacksmith shop, a sod house, the Vreeman barn, and more.



In the afternoon, travel to Sioux Pharm, Inc. Founded in 1998, Sioux Pharm's 40,000 square foot facility isolates natural products from animal tissues. Learn how chondroitin sulfate (a treatment of osteoarthritis) and trypsin (used in cell and tissue cultures) are extracted and refined.

End at Farmers Coop Society feed mill. This includes five mills with capacity to feed 850,000 head of livestock daily. The processing potential is 3,500 tons per day. See the day-to-day operations to understand the complexity and logistics of feeding livestock. Watch one of the world's largest pelleting processors in action.

The packing house floor may be slippery, and there will be stairs.

Tour 14: Machinery Junkies

This tour will feature Farm Machinery both old and new.

Attendees will first visit the AGCO factory in Jackson, MN. Here, Massey Ferguson® and Challenger® wheeled



and tracked high horsepower tractors, and Terra-Gator and Ro-Gator pesticide and fertilizer equipment is produced. Next we will visit Voss Park in Butterfield, MN, home of the Butterfield Threshermens Association, and visit Pioneer-era buildings and see antique tractors and other machinery. The noon lunch is sponsored by Environmental Tillage Systems of Faribault, MN, and will include a demonstration of their revolutionary strip-tillage equipment.

The afternoon will include factory visits to Balzer Inc. in Mountain Lake, MN, where manure handling equipment, grain wagons, and field shredders are produced, and Fast Sprayers in Windom, MN. Fast Sprayers is an international farm equipment supplier which builds pull-type liquid fertilizer applicators and pesticide sprayers.

This tour will require a moderate amount of walking. Attendees must be at least 16 years old and all attendees must wear close-toed shoes.

Tour 15: Value Added/Direct Marketing

Sponsored by SARE

Direct marketing through farmers markets is one way South Dakota producers reach out to their customers. Stops on this tour include:

Goosemobile Natural Meats was established in 1983 on a third generation Century Family Farm. They are Certified Organic and sell free range and grass fed livestock at the Falls Park Farmers market. They have an inspected poultry processing plant right on the farm. Also included is Dakota Down Company which offers down-feather pillows and comforters of any size.

Warners Produce farms ten acres, including several greenhouses in McCook County. They are a family farm and practice sustainable agriculture. While not certified organic they follow similar methods-no herbicides, biological or botanical grade pesticides and natural fertilizers. They offer a summer CSA and attend a farmers market where they sell 5-10 types of vegetables every week.

Valley Side Farm Cheese offers a selection of homemade, locally churned cheese straight from their farm just outside of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, SD.



Tucked away between a 100-year old barn, shelter belt and grape vines is a winery, Strawbale Winery, built from strawbales. This innovative building material marries the commitment to environmental sustainability and production of fine wine. Tasting is included with the tour.

Hackberry Hallow is the place to go for fruits fresh off the vine/tree in Eastern SD. The addition of a commercial kitchen allows the family to create and sell not only the fruit but homemade pies at the Farmers Market as well.

Tour 16: Milk, Cheese, and Ice Cream, Oh My!

From heifers to developed cows in parlor, all the way through processing different products. You will see all things dairy on this tour.

Middleroad Acres – Post Dairy – Farm Features: Milking 100+ Red & White Holstein Cows with Robotic Milkers in a newly constructed facility. Learn how



they are using technology to increase performance and enhance profitability.

Virtual Tour of Bel Brands, USA – this will be watched via the bus trip. Cheese Plant Features: Bel Brands, USA recently invested approximately \$100 million to build a new 170,000 square-foot Mini Baby Bel manufacturing facility in Brookings, SD. This new state-of-the-art plant is the flagship facility in terms of automation, equipment, processing and efficiency and is being built to meet LEED certification. Phase 1 began production July 2014, and has annual production capacity of 22 million pounds of Mini Babybel and will require more than 500,000 pounds of milk daily.

Hilltop Dairy – Farm Features: Milking about 2,100 Holstein, 1,200 acres (480 owned, the rest rented) and 25 full-time employees in a rotary parlor operating under a natural ventilated barn, utilizing sand for bedding. They are raising their own forages and heifers on site.

Hammink Dairy – Farm Features: This 1,400 head cross-ventilated barn features a 60 cow rotary parlor utilizing recycled & dried manure solids as bedding. The facility also strives to be energy efficient while considering cow comfort, utilizing Orion lighting fixtures for nighttime lighting giving the cows a level of light similar to a full moon along with evaporative coolers to cool cows during extreme heat.

SDSU Davis Dairy Plant - Plant Features: The SDSU Davis Dairy Plant constructed in 2011 is located adjacent to the Alfred Dairy Science Hall building on the SDSU campus. It processes approximately 18,000 pounds of milk a week. Dairy products manufactured include cheese, butter, beverage milk, and more than 60 flavors of ice cream and sherbet. SDSU students process raw milk into finished dairy products such as pasteurized milk, ice cream, cheese and butter. Dairy products are delivered to all food service venues on campus and various locations throughout the state. Tourists and alumni find the Dairy Bar a favorite attraction during their visits to SDSU. With the assistance of the plant manager and assistant plant manager, dairy students and student supervisors must make process control and management decisions in a real-life dairy-processing situation. They are also responsible for the marketing and retailing of all SDSU dairy products. The facility employs more than twenty part-time students.

Tour 17: Moo-ving Through the Beef Chain



Start your day touring Tyson Foods in Dakota City, Nebraska - one of the world's largest producers of meat and poultry and definitely the largest beef processor in the U.S. Tyson processes 135,000 head of cattle weekly at its 13 U.S. plants. You will tour the harvest floor, meat coolers, fabrication line and storage/load out areas and visit with their cattle buyers.

Travel to Sioux Center, Iowa, and dine at Heritage Village in the Nobel barn, which is a reconstruction of a "Peg Barn" where timbers are held in place with pegs only, no nails. Heritage Village is home to six other historical buildings and is connected to the Sioux County Youth Fair. Stroll over to the fair and watch 4-H members in competition!

Then head to K&D Feedlot, a 10,000 head feedlot west of Sioux Center. K&D houses cattle in several kinds of facilities - open lot, wide mono-slope barns, and wide mono-slope barns with an open front. Cattle are deep-bedded with chopped cornstalks, and manure and bedding are composted on-site. See how Iowa cattle feeders are adding value to manure.

Last but not least, tour Trans Ova Genetics - a leader in reproductive technologies and expertise to cattle breeders. Trans Ova offers state-of-the-art technology in embryo transfer, in-vitro fertilization, sexed-semen and cloning. Their on-going research and applied science is helping move the science of cattle genetic improvement forward.

This tour has considerable walking.

Tour 18: Hogs, Sheep, and the Original Bison!

Southwestern Minnesota has a rich history of native and domestic livestock. This tour provides insight into some of the livestock endemic to the region.

First stop is Pipestone Veterinary Services, which originated the "Pipestone System" of pig production. Pipestone Applied Research has led the industry in PRRS and PED virus research, and its internationally-known swine

veterinarians work throughout Minnesota and Iowa. Next stop is the Pipestone Sheep & Wool Program, which has provided education and management expertise to thousands of producers in 50 states and 10 foreign countries.

The tour will finish at Blue Mounds State Park where the Minnesota Zoo has collaborated with the Minnesota DNR to foster a genetically pure bison herd. The bison here are direct descendants of the original bison herd of the 1800s and part of the 1% of bison on earth who are genetically pure.



Tour 19: What Came First, the Turkey or the Egg?

One of South Dakota's least known agriculture commodities is poultry.

Dakota Layers housed its first hens in 2001. With 110 owners, 60 employees and 5 board members the LLP produces



more than 90,000 dozen eggs every day from 1.3 million hens housed on the farm. Dakota Layers is committed to doing what is right for their hens by exceeding government size and design requirement for the cages.

Dakota Provisions is a state of the art turkey processing plant that produces homegrown, world-class products. Dakota Provisions manufactures and produces poultry and protein products that are specially designed for retail and food service partners. Dakota Provisions was founded by a co-op of growers, most of whom are members of Hutterite communities.

Riverside Colony is a major source of turkeys for the Dakota Provisions processing plant. Farm Boss John serves on the board of directors for the plant. This will be a great farm to table experience.

What Came First, the Turkey or the Egg Tour requirements: Must be 18 and wear closed toe shoes.

Tour 20: Hutterite Experience

Step into a whole new culture and experience life on a Hutterite colony. Witness research in action at the SDSU Opportunities Farm.

SD is home to 62 Hutterite Colonies. As part of the culture and landscape of SD Oaklane Colony invites you to spend the morning with them as you experience their culture and way of life. The highlight of the day will be sharing a meal that was 100% grown by the members of Oaklane Colony.



The opportunities farm is a project of the SDSU Foundation. This gift to the university is a fully functional farming operation that provides a great location for resource and education for the University. Three types of feedlot systems (confined, partially confined and open) compare environmental impacts, livestock performance, physiological stress measurements and nutritional trails, as well as operating cost and performance data is collected.

Tour 21: The Prairie Heritage Tour

Visit Pipestone National Monument, where for countless generations, American Indians have quarried red pipestone. These grounds are sacred to many because the pipestone quarried here is carved into pipes used for prayer. The traditions of quarrying and pipe making continue here today. Pipestone National Monument includes a visitor's center and ¾ mile trail along the stone quarries and native prairie.

Next stop is the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Walnut Grove, Minnesota. The museum's collections are housed in a series of buildings, including an 1898 depot, a chapel, an onion-domed house, dugout display, little red schoolhouse, early settler home, and a covered wagon display.



Next, visit Lake Shetek State Park. Travel to a picnic shelter for lunch and hear a speaker on the Great Dakota uprising of 1862.

Finally, the tour will stop at The End-O-Line Railroad Park and Museum in Currie, Minnesota. The park and museum

collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets artifacts and stories of the Southwest Minnesota frontier experience. Currie marked the end of the line for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. A turntable here, built in 1901, is on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Tour 22: Community Food & Landscape

Efforts in the Sioux Falls region to increase sustainability through local food access and entrepreneurship as well as to implement environmentally conscious landscape approaches are the focus of this tour.



An urban agricultural taskforce came together to develop a school garden at Lowell MST elementary. This effort resulted in the development of the non-profit, Ground Works and additional gardens in the region. The Baltic School and Community garden, launched by 2nd graders, provides a place for education, food access and community gathering.

The Avera Hospital Prairie Cancer Research Center is designed as a 'green' building to promote healing, and to do no harm to patients, the community or environment. They have incorporated sustainable approaches with the building and landscape and have installed an employee community garden. The Cherapa Place is proud to be the catalyst for the river-front and expanded downtown development. This LEED certified building utilizes native grasses and low input watering and has a green roof.

The Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum is a newer addition to the community with wetlands, gardens, native plants, and a demonstration teaching garden, providing a place for recreation and education.

The New Roots for Refugees garden and farmers market is an incubator project that launched in 2014. The 102 community garden beds and educational program helped to train 38 gardeners, of which 17 became farmer's market vendors.

Tucker's Walk Vineyard and Winery is a farm winery that started in 2006. Learn about the successes and struggles of cold climate grape production and try their award winning wines.

Important to note: there will be moderate walking on the Community Food & Landscape Tour.

Tour 23: Northwest Iowa Crop Production and Research

If you want to see how crop production is done in an area that is as agriculturally productive as anywhere, you will want to interact with the farmers and researchers on this tour. The first stop of the day is at Mogler Farms, a multi-generational family farm that raises corn and soybeans, has a confinement swine operation, finishes cattle in outdoor feedlots, and started a grain merchandising business as an outgrowth of the need to purchase grain for their livestock operations.



Next travel to Dordt College in Sioux Center - a small, private college that offers undergraduate education for several majors in the agricultural field. Tour their research farm and campus and learn how this private college and local Iowa State University Extension and Outreach staff work together to help improve the productivity of local farmers. Depending on weather, you may see a demonstration of their unmanned aerial vehicle and learn how this technology is being used in agricultural production.

Enjoy lunch at the Northwest Iowa Research Farm and then tour the research being conducted at the site. A new project is an agriculture drainage study where multiple treatments will be monitored for nutrient losses to tile lines – a huge issue in the Mississippi River basin.

The final stop of the day is an Iowa organic farm belonging to third generation farmer Paul Mugge. Past leader of Practical Farmers of Iowa, Paul has been successfully farming organically in a region where organic production is rare. He conducts his own research on topics when he can't find his answer elsewhere.

Tour 24: MN Diversified Ag Tour

This tour travels to Southwest Minnesota to highlight crops, livestock, conservation, and wind energy.

Corn and cattle are big business in this part of the state and you will get to see both on this tour. Minnesota is ranked 4th



in the U.S. in corn production and 12th for all cattle and calves. One stop is at a 500 head slat beef barn facility recently built to house feeder cattle. This farm also has a cow/calf operation with rotational grazing.

Another tour stop will be at a farm utilizing no-till and strip tillage in corn and soybean production.

This area of Minnesota is known for wind towers and wind farms that harness wind on the Buffalo Ridge. You will get the opportunity to see and learn more about the wind towers and renewable energy production.

Tour 25: Ruminants are Us!

Eichacker Simmentals is a family operation which consists of about 4,000 acres, 2,500 of which are tillable. Their acreage utilization mainly consists of corn and soybeans and the remainder is used for alfalfa, hay, and pasture. The cowherd is maintained at about 300 spring calving cows, all of which are registered with 240 being Simmental and Sim/Angus and 60 Red Angus cows.



Freeburg Hay Farms runs 2500 acres of alfalfa every year, selling to the horse, dairy and livestock industries. Watch them in action as they make short work of a field (weather permitting) and tour their storage, weighing and trucking facilities.

Also on this tour will be artificial insemination and embryo transfer as well as covered sheep feeding and cattle feeding.

Tour 26: A Sheep Tour for "Ewe"

Join us for a great day viewing the sheep industry in South Dakota! Begin your day at Begalka Club Lambs. The Begalka's are a nationally recognized club lamb operation with numerous winning lambs in major shows such as the American Royal, Ak-Sar-Ben and Houston Livestock Exposition. Then venture on to Van Well Sheep Farm. This is a large commercial operation with more than 5,000 stock ewes and finishing more than 10,000 lambs!



Stop for lunch at the Terry Redlin Art Center, displaying over 150 of Terry Redlin's original oil paintings. Lunch will be on the patio overlooking the Terry Redlin Conservation Park, a 30-acre wildlife refuge. Your meal will be served in

a Terry Redlin keepsake tin, a memento you can keep. Take time to browse the paintings, watch a video about the artist or visit the gift shop.

After lunch, visit the Al and Seth Evenson commercial lamb to finish operation. The Evenson's were honored as the 2014 South Dakota Master Lamb Producers Award Winners in the Lamb to Finish Division. Starting with 200 ewes, they plan to expand to 1,000 ewes in the next five to seven years. Conclude your day at the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Sheep Unit. This facility houses 400 head of commercial Polypay and registered Hampshire ewes to support research, teaching and extension programming. The SDSU unit is nationally known for research projects ranging from techniques to enhance fall lambing to the use of ethanol co-products in sheep diets. The educational focus supports the American Sheep Industry's initiative to rebuild the U.S. sheep flock.

Tour 27: Diversified Ag Tour of Northeast Nebraska

Gill Hauling/Siouxland Ethanol – Gill Hauling is recognized as one of the nation's "greenest" landfills. Gill produces methane from decomposing waste and directly transports it to Siouxland Ethanol which uses it to power some of its ethanol production. Siouxland Ethanol Total Revenues have exceeded over \$150,000,000 annually in recent years with its state of the art facilities.

Beef Products Incorporated – Headquartered in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, BPI is a family-owned set of companies founded in 1976. For more than 30 years, BPI has provided consumers with safe, wholesome, and nutritious lean beef. Since their inception, BPI has been recognized as a meat industry leader for food safety innovations and their commitment to making the highest-quality lean beef. The International Association for Food Protection honored BPI with its most prestigious award, the Black Pearl Award, for BPI's efforts in advancing food safety and quality through consumer programs, employee relations, educational activities and adherence to standards. BPI was also recognized with the National Cattlemen's Foundation's Beef Industry Vision Award, the National Meat Association's E. Floyd Forbes Award and the Food Quality Award.

Cardinal Farms – Cardinal Farms has been producing greenhouse tomatoes hydroponically under organic methods for local markets for many years. Over 100,000 lbs of "Beefsteak" tomatoes are produced annually. Just last year Cardinal Farms expanded with a \$1,000,000 investment in commercial fish production. The fish chosen for this



enterprise are Australian Sea Bass, which some consider superior to tilapia.

Sioux City Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center – The Center opened in 2002 to commemorate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. It expanded in 2007 with the opening of the adjoining Encounter Center to fulfill a permanent mission of "commemorating a history of encounters" before, during, and after the expedition. The Center is home to exhibits, programs and activities about the people, land and rivers of this region.

Tour 28: Historic Treasures of the Loess Hills

Enjoy a scenic day in the Loess Hills of western Iowa and discover some of the historic treasures. First stop on this tour will be the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center



in Sioux City where history is all about seeing, hearing, touching and feeling. The center focuses on Lewis and Clark's experience in present day Sioux City and includes the "Garden of Discovery".

Next travel south to see treasures along the Loess Hills Scenic Byway. See the "Turin Mann", one of the oldest archeological sites in North America and the Ingemann Danish Lutheran Church, a little country church and cemetery built in 1884 tied to stories of the immigrants' trials and tragedies. Also see the Mann Country School House, an original country school house that has been completely restored in its beautiful Loess Hills setting.

Near Moorhead, enjoy a step back in time when the Native Americans stood watch from the tops of the Loess Hills from the Loess Hills Forest Overlook deck. Known locally as "The Spot", the deck offers a wondrous panoramic view of the majestic hills and valleys considered a geographic wonder. The deck is wheelchair accessible with a long, wide ramp winding up to the top. There are also several benches on the deck to sit and take in the majestic view. Travel to Moorhead for a hearty, homemade lunch and shop the Loess Hills Visitors Center and Gift Shop. Shop and enjoy the Moorhead Cultural Center featuring local artists and craftsmen works.

On the way back, stop at the Lewis and Clark State Park near Onawa, home of the Lewis and Clark keelboat replica. Listen to an interpretive presentation and, weather permitting, a step onto the keelboat and cannon shooting. For a perfect tour ending, stop at the Tucker Hill Vineyard by Hinton.

LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM

Life Members Breakfast to feature Jim Woester Monday - July 13 - 6:30 am- 7:30 am

Jim Woester is a native South Dakotan who grew up on a ranch/grain farm in Lyman County South Dakota. He graduated from South Dakota State University in Ruminant Nutrition and worked for 43 years at the Sioux Falls Stockyards as a buyer, the radio and television marketing announcer, and co-owner of Olsen-Frankman marketing firm. He also writes a column for the Tri Sate Neighbor since its beginning 31 years ago.

Jim was named SDSU Distinguished Alum in 1987, inducted into the SD Hall of Fame in 2001 and has been married to his wife Penny for 49 years and enjoys their three children and five grandchildren.

Jim's farm back ground, education and experiences gives him a genuine understanding of what it takes to produce the food and fiber we all enjoy and the importance it has in this world. Combining the knowledge with his wit, humor and communication skills will make his presentation an entertaining and special event at the breakfast.



NACAA Life Member Tours - 2015

Tour 1 - Butterfly House, Winery and Museums (moderate walking)

The Sertoma Butterfly House and Marine Cove will provide an outstanding start to your tour. You will see all types of butterflies in various stages of life and they will be surrounding you on our tour which includes an introductory video before touring the Marine Cove, Flight Room and Butterfly House.



Our next stop will be at the Wilde Prairie Winery, which is a family owned operation close to Sioux Falls. The winery started in 1997 when Jeff and Victoria Wilde planted their first vines and now includes six grape varieties. The home grown grapes, dandelions and honey are fermented to create their unique wines. The remodeled dairy barn serves as their processing plant and tasting room where we will have lunch and a taste of the bubbly.

The afternoon stops include the Pettigrew Home and Museum as well as the Old Courthouse Museum. The

Pettigrew Home is an elegant 1889 Queen Ann style home that belonged to South Dakota's first US Senator, R F Pettigrew. The home features detailed original woodwork, gorgeous silk damask wall coverings and beautiful jeweled glass windows. Artifacts, photographs and videos will enhance your experience.

The Old Courthouse Museum offers a dynamic history experience through innovative and informative exhibits. This beautiful quartzite building features three floors of regional history, murals and documents.

Tour 2 - South Dakota Art Museum, Agricultural Heritage Museum and Historic Prairie Village (moderate walking)

Enjoy the artistic legacy of South Dakota in all of its diversity. The South Dakota Art Museum in Brookings has more than 7,000 objects including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures, textiles and ceramics. Our guided tour will allow time for participants to ask questions and enjoy exhibits on your own.



Our second stop is a self-guided tour of the Agricultural Heritage Museum on the South Dakota State University Campus. The tour will help you understand the important role of agriculture in South Dakota's past, present and future.

Exhibits include tractors and farm equipment, an original 1882 homestead claim shack and a recreated 1915 farmhouse.

Our final stop will be at Historic Prairie Village, a living museum of the past. Located on 120 acres, Prairie Village has over 40 antique filled buildings reliving the days of the active turn of the century Main Street. You can visit the Lawrence Welk Opera House, sod and log houses, the country school, churches and one of the last remaining chapel railroad cars as well as agricultural displays, steam tractors and saw mills. Participants will ride the oldest steam powered carousel and steam powered train. The 1893 Herschell-Spillman Carousel features German carved horses prancing to the tune of great calliope music. The village is surrounded by two miles of railroad track where we will enjoy an authentic steam powered train ride.

Tour 3 - South Dakota Heritage and Dell Rapids Quarry Tour (moderate walking)

Our first stop will be at the Heritage Hall Museum and Archives in Freeman. We will have a guided tour of the museum that features over 24,000 square feet of exhibit space with over 10,000 items on display in numerous buildings. Exhibits include pioneer tools, antique farm machinery, wildlife displays and other fascinating items of interest including automobiles and airplanes. The museum is also home to the largest privately owned display of Native American artifacts in South Dakota.



After lunch we'll head back towards Sioux Falls for a bus tour of the EC Everist Red Rock Quarry near Dell Rapids. The quarry and mine is 300 feet deep and we will have a guided tour conducted by Dan Kuper, Safety Director for the company. We will be able to observe mining and processing at the site and learn more about the area.

Tour 4 - Over 100 Years of A-Maize-Ment and Little House on the Prairie (moderate walking)

We'll start our day by heading west to Mitchell, the home of the world's only Corn Palace. The 120 year old



facility is newly renovated and has a new grand entry and lobby as well as a reopening of the second floor to the public. We will have a guided tour of this a-maize-ing facility including murals and displays made with corn and other South Dakota grains.

After lunch in Mitchell, we will drive to De Smet where we will be part of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Society Tour. Since 1957, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Society has worked on preserving the sites for Laura's readers. The Original Surveyors Home was featured in "By the Shores of Silver Lake" book. We will also visit the Ingalls Home built by Charles "PA" Ingalls in 1887 and the First School of De Smet attended by Laura and Carrie Ingalls is another highlight of the tour as well as the gift shop and Discovery Center.

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SPOUSE MEMBER PROGRAM

Tour 1 "Restored Barns/Windmills, Wine and Rocks" 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM - July 13

You will board your coach and head north to Dell Rapids to visit the L. G. Everist Quarry. The quarry has been a staple business in Dell Rapids for many generations. The hardness of the pink quartzite pink rock makes it a desirable aggregate for construction projects. The tour guide will join the bus and explain the mining process as we tour the quarry.

From the quarry we depart to The Little Village Farm Museum, owned and operated by Jim and Joan Lacey, stands on the family farm near Trent South



Dakota. The stop will provide the opportunity to look into the history of agriculture and pioneer living from the region. The couple has been collecting items for years and displays them in these historic buildings, which have been moved onto their farm. The 11 restored farm buildings contain such items as antique tractors, old machinery, pop bottles and windmills. You will have your lunch in the haymow of one of the restored barns

From the Little Village Farm you will continue the north bound route to tour Prairie Aqua Tech.

Prairie Aqua Tech is an animal health and nutrition company focused on upgrading plant-based meal, such as soybean meal and distiller's dried grain, to a high quality protein ingredient used in aquaculture and other animal feed. You will tour their 30,000 sq ft, state-of-the-art, facility that houses the analytical lab/office complex, 8,000 sq ft intensive aquaculture system, and a 15,000 sq ft pilot plant for microbial processing, extrusion feed manufacturing, feeding applications and product storage areas.

As you leave Aqua Tech you will head west for a short distance to Schade Vineyard & Winery. The winery is owned and operated by Jim & Nancy Schade at Volga, SD. Jim and Nancy believe in Good Wine and Good Times! Their winery is the very essence of South Dakota culture: relaxation, tranquil scenery and welcoming faces. In the midst of all of this peace and quiet, they put down the roots... in the form of grapevines. Their goal is to produce a wine that is made from SD grown products. Currently wines are produced periodically throughout the year and consist of

Oakwood Red Table Wine, Prairie White, Dakota Red, Plum, Chokecherry, Rhubarb, Strawberry Rhubarb, Goldsmith, Raspberry Apple, Honey, and Tawny which is a port style wine. The stop will allow you to learn about the operations of the winery and wine tasting. You will experience South Dakota wines with Extraordinary tastes from an Unexpected place.



From Schade you will head back to Sioux Falls where you can share your days experience and prepare for the evenings events.

Tour 2 Japanese Gardens, Pink Rocks, Restored Barns, Cheese and Wine 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM - July 13

You will load your coach and travel short distance from the Convention Center to the Japanese Gardens. The Japanese Gardens, was started when Joe



Maddox, caretaker of the park decided to help beautify the shoreline along Covell Lake an area that was popular with locals and visitors. Joe studied Japanese style landscaping, and he began to layout and construct the gardens in the 1920's. In 1934, the original Japanese Gardens was given the Better Homes and Gardens' Highest Community Honor for outstanding accomplishment. During World War II, the gardens were severely vandalized and the whole area fell into disrepair, became overgrown, and was forgotten. In the late 1980's restoration of the gardens began with Professor Koichi Kawana, advising a local Shoto-Teien committee on the restoration.

The tour's next stop is just down the road at, Sweetman Construction Co. Founded in 1930, Concrete Materials produced crushed rock from a small processing plant in west Sioux Falls and, after World War II, opened Sioux Falls' first ready mix concrete plant adjacent to the original rock quarry. A guide will board the bus and will explain the mining process as the bus tours the quarry and related plant sites. www.concretematerialscompany.com/about/

From the quarry we head north to just outside Trent South Dakota to visit The Little Village Farm Museum, owned and operated by Jim and Joan Lacey. The museum stands on the family farm and offers a look into the history of agriculture and pioneer living from the region. The couple has been collecting items for years and displays them in these historic buildings, which have been moved onto their farm. The 11 restored farm buildings contain such items as antique tractors, old machinery, pop bottles and windmills. Your lunch will be served in the haymow of one of the restored barns.



The next stop will be Valley Side Cheese near Crooks South Dakota. In 1869, a Norwegian immigrant named Gunder Gunderson and his wife, Ingeborg, sailed from Oslo, Norway over the Atlantic Ocean to the United States of America. You will visit where in 1873, Gunder homesteaded and he and Ingeborg had eight children. Today's operation is run by the 6th generation of Gundersons as they are raising the 7th generation. They continue the family traditions with farming as the main occupation, and more recently Artisan cheese making. They make their all natural dairy fresh, ripened, and aged cheeses by hand. They are excited to share their history and their hand-crafted, local cheese making operation that goes from the farm to your table! <http://vsfc.net>



The last stop which is just down the road will be Strawbale Winery. Don and Susie South, along with family and friends, started planting grapes in 2000 and in 2004 they applied and received the license for Strawbale Winery. Built in 2005 the production building has straw-compacted-panels and the tasting room and gift shop built in 2006 is made from straw bales. Other unique features are the black slate chalkboard counter tops recycled from an area high school and the oak pegged timber framing and flooring is from white pine that blew down in a windstorm in northern Minnesota. Strawbale Winery has over 20 different wines that are produced from grapes and a variety of other fruits. Along with some wine tasting, Don and Susie will discuss their wine producing operation, and their consumer outreach activities. www.strawbalewinery.com/



Tour 3 Lewis and Clark, Earth Fill Dams, Fish Hatchery and one of a kind National Music Museum 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM - July 13

Your day will begin by boarding your coach and heading south to Vermillion South Dakota to visit The National Music Museum. The museum was founded on the campus of The University of South Dakota on July 1, 1973. The NMM's renowned collections of more than 15,000 American, European, and non-Western instruments are the most inclusive in the world, making the NMM the premier institution of its kind. Included are many of the earliest, best preserved, and historically most important musical instruments known to survive. The NMM is the only place in the world where one can find two 18th-century grand pianos, one, built in 1767 with the type of action conceived by the piano's inventor, Bartolomeo Cristofori. <http://orgs.usd.edu/nmm/>



Following the NMM tour the coach heads west from Vermillion to Yankton South Dakota for lunch. After lunch the tour continues on to the Gavins Point Dam, Lewis and Clark Visitors Center and the Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery and Aquarium.

The Lewis and Clark Visitor Center is a great place to learn more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the tribes they encountered and the Missouri River itself. Built on a bluff overlooking Lewis and Clark Lake, the center offers incredible photo opportunities such as the pastel colored cliffs that line the shore. www.southeastsouthdakota.com/journey/lewis-clark-visitor-center-and-recreation-area/



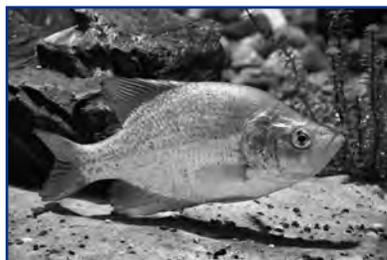
The Gavins Point Dam, is an earth fill dam built 1952 – 1955 and is the first of the six major Missouri River dams when heading upstream, that was authorized in 1944 as part of the Pick-Sloan Act, which sought to control the floods on the Missouri River and provide electrical power as a side benefit.

While being the smallest of the 6 major dams, the Gavins Point dam is still very impressive at 8,700 feet long and 74 feet high, with a typical waterfall of 45 feet. The spillway is 664 feet long and features 14 tainter gates, each 40 feet wide by 30 feet tall. The power plant has three generators each with a capacity of 44 megawatts, for a total maximum output

of 132.32 megawatts. However, the power plant typically runs at about 120-megawatts of power output, enough to supply the needs of 65,000 people. A bit of history is news anchor Tom Brokaw was a tour guide at the Gavins Point Dam in 1958.



The Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery and Aquarium is located near Lewis and Clark Lake and Gavins Point Dam. The hatchery is one of 65



Federal Hatcheries and Fish Technology Centers operated nationwide by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. At the hatchery you will be briefed on their operations and have a chance to view the aquarium displays which have up to 50 native and introduced species in 13 large tanks and several smaller tanks. www.fws.gov/gavinspoint/contactus.html

Gavins Point completes the tour stops as the coach now heads back to the Convention Center.

Spouse Activities July 14

On Tuesday, July 14 spouses will have the opportunity to select from a number of activities to participate in. The activities are scheduled prior to and after the Spouses Luncheon which is scheduled for 12:00- 1:30 PM. Please note the Arboretum and Cathedral tours are available at one specific time.

If a round of golf or bowling on the 14th is your interest, mark it on the registration form.

Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum

Available 10:00 AM July 14th only
A One Hour Guided Tour

The Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum is a 145-acre dream that is coming true. Located on the east side of Sioux Falls the Arboretum is a unique combination of



wetlands, gardens, and native plants and remnants of stone quarries, rail lines, building foundations, which provides opportunities for recreation, education and an appreciation for history. <http://www.maryjowegnerarboretum.com/>

St. Joseph's Cathedral

Available 1:30 PM July 14th and July 15th
A One Hour Guided Tour

St. Joseph's Cathedral has served as a beacon of hope for almost 90 years for both a community and a Diocese. Construction of the Cathedral got underway in the summer of 1915. Building a cathedral was a great undertaking for a diocese that was largely rural and progress was hindered somewhat by the start of World War I resulting in a shortage of skilled workers and materials, nevertheless, the majestic cathedral was completed and dedicated on May 7, 1919 at a final cost of \$390,000.



A major renovation of the Cathedral was just been completed and the splendor of the buildings beauty is impressive and inspiring. <http://www.stjosephcathedral.net/>

Sculpture Walk

Self-Guided Mapped Walking Tour

The Sculpture Walk is an exhibit of over 50 original outdoor sculptures displayed year-round for one year in downtown Sioux Falls. The sculptures are owned by the artists and loaned for exhibit. All sculptures are made of durable material for the year-long outdoor weather and constructed with safety in mind for display in a public setting.



The sculpture walk is a great way to see what downtown Sioux Falls has to offer in food and shopping between sculptures. If you are really energetic you can follow the map into the Falls Park area. <http://sculpturewalksiouxfalls.com/>

Battleship South Dakota Memorial

Self -Guided Tour

The USS South Dakota, the third ship to be named for the state, was the first of a new class of battleships that found fame in World War II. Her keel was laid in July 5th of 1939; she was launched in June of 1941 and was commissioned in March of 1942. While her naval career was short, the South Dakota was a legend before she had even served her first year and was anchored in Tokyo Bay for the surrender signing. The USS SOUTH DAKOTA received 13 battle stars for her exploits in the Pacific during World War II and went on to become the most decorated battleship of World War II. Decommissioned in 1947, by 1962 the ship was destined for demolition. When this news reached Sioux Falls, it spawned a local effort to acquire pieces of the battleship to create the Battleship South Dakota Memorial to commemorate the battleship and its hearty crew. <http://www.ussouthdakota.com/>



Pettigrew Home and Museum

Guided Tour

Take a guided tour of Senator Pettigrew's restored home. The home is arranged much the way it would have looked when Pettigrew lived there. Exhibit galleries tell the story of Pettigrew's works and of a growing city on the prairie. Senator Richard Franklin Pettigrew first came to Sioux Falls in 1869. He worked tirelessly to build and promote the city. He was responsible for bringing in all five early railroads, developing many businesses for the community, and he served as Dakota's representative to Congress in Washington D.C. When South Dakota became a state in 1889, Pettigrew was elected to serve as our first full term senator. He would serve two terms in Congress, championing the rights of women, farmers, and the common working man. A world traveler and amateur archaeologist Pettigrew collected many artifacts such as stone tools, projectile points, Native American clothing, guns, natural history specimens, and items related to the settlement of Sioux Falls. When he died in 1926, he left his home and collections to the city of Sioux Falls to be maintained as a museum. http://www.siouxlandmuseums.com/museums/exhibits/pettigrew_museum.asp



Spouses Workshops July 14th 9:00-10:20 AM and 10:30-11:45 AM

Each workshop will have be repeated (2 sessions each)

Workshop A1 & A2: Prairie Plantings in the Landscape

(Session A1 - 9:00-10:20 am) (Session A2 - 10:30-11:45 am)

Prairie plants make great perennial planting in the garden landscape and this session will cover the advantages of prairie plants from a pest, texture, color, hardiness, maintenance and care perspective.

Speaker Mary Ellen Connelly, Perennial Passions Nursery and Master Gardener

Workshop B1 & B2: Coffee

(Session B1 - 9:00-10:20 am) (Session B2 - 10:30-11:45 am)

If you wanted to know about the coffee bean and what it takes brew a create cup of coffee this is the session for you. The session will also cover understanding the coffee terminology and just what is the differences in making all the various types of coffee drinks that are available to consumers.

Speaker: Bryan Kegly , Coffea Roasterie & Espresso Bar

Workshop C1 & C2: Making Handmade Soap Demonstration

(Session C1 - 9:00-10:20 am) (Session C2 - 10:30-11:45 am)

Ever wonder just how the unique process of turning oils, fats and lye into moisturizing bars of cleansing soap is done? Julie Kolbeck has been making soap for 8 years, and she will demonstrate making Goat Milk Soap from start to finish. Julie will share a wealth of information and the techniques she has learned through her experience with soap making. Learn what equipment is needed and what ingredients, additives and fragancing do for the soap. Learn about the process of saponification and the difference in handling a milk soap and a non-milk soap. Learn what a good soap RECIPE might look like, and ponder the endless possibilities for creating luxurious handcrafted bars of soap that are pleasing to the senses! Workshop attendants will also receive a sample bar of soap.

Presentation by Julie Kolbeck, owner of Carl B's Naturals. www.carlbfarm.com

Workshop D1 & D2: Raising Backyard Chickens

(Session D1 - 9:00-10:20 am) (Session D2 - 10:30-11:45 am)

Raising chickens in an urban setting is one of the hot topics that has really gained interest This session will cover what is essential to be successful in raising chickens. Breed characteristics and selection, feeding and health care, chicken coop design and construction along with the joys and benefits of raising chickens will all be covered.

Presentation by Dakota Rural Action, Homegrown-Sioux Falls Chapter

Spouse Activities July 15

The spouses program for July 15th offers 2 tours for the day. Alternatives to the tour could be the Art Walk and Down Town Sioux Falls, and St. Joseph Cathedral one hour guided tour at 1:00 PM.

Tour 4 History, Antiques, Quilts, Fire Trucks, Eye and Organ Donations 8:30 AM-3:30 PM - July 15th Moderate Walking



The tour day will begin by loading the coach to head north to Dell Rapids SD, which was established on the banks of the Big Sioux River in 1871. A tour guide will board the bus and provide a narrative of history and interesting facts about the city as we do a short drive about the city. Following the informational session you will be let off on Main Street to take in the essence of the city which includes antique and second hand stores, a quilting shop, wine creations, old playhouse tour and the museum of the city.

<http://www.cityofdellrapids.org/>

From Dell Rapids the coach will head to Lyons South Dakota to tour Rosenbauer's. Rosenbauer's dates back to 1866 and is known for building high class fire apparatus/trucks. You will have the opportunity to tour the plant and experience what it takes to build the most complete line of fire apparatus in the world.

<http://www.rosenbaueramerica.com/>

From Lyons be head back to just outside of Sioux Falls for a revealing and fascinating tour of the South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank in Sioux Falls. You will learn about the need for organ, eye & tissue donation, what it means to be a registered donor and the many ways that donated tissue is used to restore life, sight and health. An interesting journey into a world many know very little about.

<http://www.sdletb.org/>

From the Eye Bank you will head back to the Convention Center to prepare for the Annual Banquet.

Tour 5 The Perfect Setting, Antique Shopping and Making Wine

Iowa Style



**8:30 AM-3:00 PM - July 15th
Moderate Walking**

The tour will begin by heading to Parker South Dakota to visit Penny Tree Events. Penny Tree Lodge offers the perfect setting which offers the most unique and magical location to hold special celebrations in a country setting. Joanne will share the history behind the business and meticulously maintained facilities.

<http://www.visitpennytrees.com/>

From Parker the coach will head east to Canton South Dakota. One of the oldest communities in the Dakota Territory, the City of Canton was organized in 1861 when permanent settlers first came to Canton. The name Canton was chosen because it was believed that the town site was located directly opposite of Canton, China. Organizers thought the Chinese spelling meant "gateway," and Canton was known as Gate City for many years.

While in Canton you will have the opportunity to check out the many antique and second hand stores as well as sample the local cuisine.

<http://www.cantonsd.org/>

From Canton the coach will continue east and cross the border into Iowa near the town of Inwood to visit the Calico Skies Winery. Will and Ashley had settled in La Quinta, California but were missing the Midwest soils, smells of freshly cut alfalfa, turned soil, rain, sunsets, and family so in February of 2010 with the purchase of 16 acres of beautiful pasture land that had all the right conditions for a vineyard and winery... Calico Skies Winery was started.

Will and Ashley will share the unique history behind what led to Calico Skies along with the opportunity to taste the results of their efforts.

<http://www.calicoskieswine.com/>

Calico Skies is the last stop of the day as the coach heads back to the Convention Center so you can prepare for the Annual Banquet.

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of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association. The new generation on the ranch, Jay and Jenn, is unique in that they were not raised on the ranch but are beginning producers and are beefSD Alumni(SDSU Extension beginning beef producer program).

The afternoon will cover many miles across the western part of the state. While travelling we will discuss beef cattle marketing and other industry topics.

The final stop of the day will take place on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Indian Reservation at Ducheneaux's operation. This stop will highlight agriculture development for economic growth in Indian Country. They will provide a demonstration on the interaction between horses and youth and how horses can be used to help not only troubled youth, but gifted youth as well. There will be a third discussion on the history of land segmentation on the reservation, followed by a general discussion on how Extension can help in Indian Country. Supper will be served at this location. The group will then travel to Gettysburg Inn for the evening.

Day 2 will begin with a tour of R & R Pheasant Hunting, an agriculture operation that has diversified by including a hunting lodge and pheasant hunting opportunities. This has helped make it possible to bring back a younger generation and the older generation is still able to make a living from the farm. This is a good opportunity to see the contrast between western and eastern South Dakota livestock production.

Next, Troy and Stacy Hadrick, operate a business called Advocates for Agriculture. They are also the younger generation currently involved in generation transition on Troy's family's farm. They will share information about their family farm and time management challenges of managing a small business as well as the farming operation. They are actively involved in South Dakota Cattlemen's as well as Farm Bureau on a state and national Level. They will discuss how Extension can play an active role in "advocating".

From Hadrick's we will travel to Huron for lunch followed by a tour of an ethanol plant and have a discussion with Dakotaland Feed nutritionists on the importance of distiller's grains and other ethanol co-products as feedstuffs for the beef cattle industry in South Dakota.

The final tour stop will be at Redstone Feeders, which is a total confinement feedlot using monoslope barns. The group will learn about the importance of ethanol co-products in northern plains cattle feeding from the feeder's perspective. They will also discuss the challenges and opportunities of feeding cattle in northern climates. Todd Wilkinson, the owner of Redstone is the President of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association.

En route to our final destination at the Sioux Falls Convention Center, the bus will provide a driving tour through the SDSU Campus at Brookings, followed by supper together at Cubby's, which is a local college hang-out restaurant in Brookings.

NACAA State Presidents:

As part of the NACAA Centennial Celebration, we plan to put up new state university flags at the AMPIC in Sioux Fall this July (and at AMPIC's in the future!). Many of the university flags are old, damaged, discolored, and have out-of-date branding. We would like each state association to send us a new, current flag for their university.

To date, new flags have been submitted by the following state associations:

Kentucky	Mississippi State
Ohio	Vermont
Minnesota	Hawaii
Wyoming	Auburn
Idaho	Florida
Tennessee	Oklahoma State
Alcorn State	Texas A & M

If your university is not on this list, we need your flag! Flags should be sent immediately to: Mike Hogan, 2105 S. Hamilton Rd., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43232.

If you have questions, contact me at hogan.1@osu.edu.

Thanks.

-Mike Hogan
NACAA President



SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM

Registration

Look for the S & D registration table next to the main registration tables in the Convention Center. We will be checking health forms and distributing hospitality bags.

Orientation

Parents and youth are encouraged to attend orientation at 6:00 p.m. We will go over the daily activities, agenda and emergency contact information; meet program staff and address other information as needed. Orientation should last about an hour.

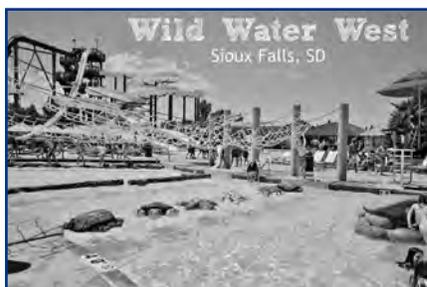
Get to know you Party

After orientation youth can get to know other S & D Program participants. There will be festivities for all youth.

Summer is a fantastic time to travel to South Dakota! Join us this year for the 2015 NACAA Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls for a week in the Northern Great Plains. Memories will be made whether you enjoy a water park, doing outdoor adventures like outdoor cooking, archery, beaver fever, learn about South Dakota's rich agricultural history. We will also visit the Pipestone National Monument and see first-hand the American Indian's culture using pipestone. Be sure to have your camera or video recorder ready so you'll have a menagerie of photos and video of your children to share with family and friends back home

Wild Water West – Monday, July 13th

Wild Water West will be our activity for Monday, July 13th. The Sioux Falls water park includes a lazy river, Caribbean Falls, Activity Pool, Baby Pool, Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, Mini Golf, Wave Pool, Batting Cages, and a Sand Volleyball Court. Wild Water West



welcomes the opportunity to help you plan your next summer outing. Private pavilions and hassle free picnic services are available for groups of 25 to 5000. Visit our website at: <http://www.wildwaterwest.com> to get a closer look at what we have to offer.

Native American History, SD Agriculture and More! Tuesday, July 14th

Pipestone National Monument

For countless generations, American Indians have quarried the red pipestone found at this site. These grounds are sacred to many people because the



pipestone quarried here is carved into pipes used for prayer. Many believe that the pipe's smoke carries one's prayer to the Great Spirit. The traditions of quarrying and pipe making continue here today. American Indian craft workers will demonstrate the art of shaping and creating pipestone crafts and pipes in the Visitor Center. Youth will have an opportunity to interact with and learn from the pipemakers.

South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum , Brookings

The museum is dedicated to preserving South Dakota's rich agricultural history and rural heritage. The collections and exhibits depict technology,



crops, and livestock. In addition, the exhibits examine human experiences, institutions, and cultures that were shaped by the state's rural landscape and diverse environment.

McCrary Gardens

The Maples Family Garden

This two-acre destination garden serves to answer the need to welcome and engage families at McCrary Gardens so that children can reconnect with their green roots. There are three parts to this garden: **Native American Garden** -One of the reasons that Native American peoples were able to survive, and even thrive, in the harsh climate of the Great Northwest Plains stems from a clear understanding of

the role plants played in their lives. **Settler's Garden**-Early folk who came to the Dakotas to farm discovered that the seeds they brought with them from the moderate climate of the east did not thrive in the scorching summers and frequent droughts of the Great Northern Plains. **The Heritage Gardens**-This garden trio tells the story of the relationship between plants and the people of the Northern Great Plains.



The day will end with a tour SDSU Dairy Bar and Ice Cream Making Facility and a stop for ice cream.

800 Butterflies, Outdoor Adventures, Water Falls, Thunder Road Wednesday, July 15

The Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls is your portal to a lifetime of outdoor adventures. Through the careful guidance of staff and volunteers, you will find yourself drawn into activities you had never considered: hunting and fishing, shooting a bow and arrow, cooking wild game in a Dutch oven, gardening for butterflies and more.

The Butterfly House is home to butterflies from around the world including Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. They begin their journeys at butterfly farms and once they form their chrysalises, they travel to their new home with us where they emerge as beautiful butterflies. Step into a whole new world, where tropical flowers surround you and it's always a balmy 80 degrees. Hundreds of colorful butterflies gracefully flit by to welcome you to their home. This serene haven is a place of discovery, wonder, healing and peace. Immerse yourself in the awe-



inspiring beauty that is the Butterfly House and enjoy your own tropical getaway.

- *Over 800 butterflies from Central and South America, Asia and Africa.*
- *A beautiful 3,600 square-foot indoor tropical garden.*
- *The emergence window where chrysalises hang, and where you may see a butterfly emerge.*

USS South Dakota Battleship and Museum

USS South Dakota (BB-57) was a battleship in the United States Navy from 1942 until 1947. The lead ship of her class, *South Dakota* was the third ship of the U.S. Navy to be named in honor of the 40th state.

Falls Park

The Falls of the Big Sioux River have been a focus of life in the region throughout history. Native American peoples were the first to visit the



falls and bring stories of them to European explorers. They have been the center of recreation and industry since the founding of the city in 1856. At the Falls Park, visitors see the city's namesake as well as some of the first buildings built in Sioux Falls. Today the park covers 123 acres. An average of 7,400 gallons of water drop 100 feet over the course of the Falls each second.

Thunder Road - Wednesday Evening

Whether you love the pedal-to-the-metal excitement of go-kart racing or a leisurely round of Adventure Mini Golf, you'll want to make this a frequent destination throughout the spring, summer or fall.



Thunder Road is a family fun park located in Sioux Falls.



This place is loaded with fun for the whole family.

Air Travel to the 2015 AM/PIC

The airport for the 2015 AM/PIC will be the Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD) which has air service from American, United, Delta, Frontier and US Airway Airlines. There is also service from Allegiant Airlines if you are near the Orlando /Sanford and St. Petersburg/Clearwater airports in Florida and Phoenix/Mesa Airport in Arizona. The airport code is "FSD" and the website is www.sfairport.com.



Airport Ground Transportation

The 2015 AM/PIC conference hotels are all within 10–15 minutes of travel time from the airport. The Best Western Ramkota, Ramada, and Sheraton hotels each provide free shuttle services from the airport to and from the hotel. In addition to the hotel shuttles South Dakota will also provide additional shuttle service to the hotels from noon- 8:00 PM Sunday July 12.

Car rental information and other taxi/shuttle service information can be found at the Sioux Falls Regional Airport website: www.sfairport.com/at-the-airport/rental-cars-shuttles-taxis.



Award Luncheons/ Educational Seminars

On the following registration form pages (and within on-line registration), several luncheon opportunities are listed for your consideration. Additional luncheon opportunities are being coordinated by South Dakota & NACAA and depending upon finalization of these luncheons - tickets will be available on-site for your choosing on a first come/first served basis.

Preference will be given to Award Winners for final seating at each of the Award Luncheons. Limited seating is available for each of these functions, and your registration may be modified in order to make room for award winners.

Final notification of luncheon registrations will be identified on your AM/PIC registration confirmation no later than June 15, 2015. This confirmation will be sent to you electronically (mailed if you don't have an e-mail address).

Facilities Fee

Since 2004, NACAA initiated a facilities fee for lodging at the AM/PIC. All Active & Life Members in attendance are asked to stay at the contracted hotel facilities. It is your choice to stay elsewhere, however, if you do not register for lodging through the NACAA registration process (minimum of 1 night), a \$250 fee will be added to your overall registration.

Why? NACAA contracts with several hotels 4 years in advance of each meeting in order to meet the lodging needs of our membership. The contracts which are signed have specific room night commitments which if not met, will have to be purchased by NACAA. This financial obligation made by NACAA on behalf of its membership is a very large commitment that could have devastating financial implications if the membership chooses to stay at other non-contracted properties. The facilities fee has been put in place to assist in protecting **YOUR** Association from taking a financial loss.

NACAA's goal each year is to provide an outstanding Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference at an affordable price. NACAA's goal is not to profit from the meeting, but to provide it's membership with excellent Professional Improvement opportunities and proper Recognition for outstanding achievements within the Extension Profession.

REGISTRATION FORM

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

July 12-16, 2015

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2015: Late fee is \$100 - **Return ALL forms together**

Please fill out all forms completely. Enclose proper payment where needed.

On-site Registration will be in the Sioux Falls Convention Center

For Insurance Liability reasons -
Name Tags will be required at ALL
EVENTS (meal functions, bus trips,
conference sessions - everything).
NO EXCEPTIONS

SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:
NACAA
6584 W. Duroc Road
Maroa, IL 61756
Phone: 217-794-3700 Fax: 217-794-5901 E-mail: nacaemail@aol.com

PARTICIPANT'S NAME

_____ (Last) (First)

(Preferred first name on tag) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE - daytime (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____

(for emergency conference contact)

E-mail address _____

Confirmations will be sent electronically for everyone (unless you are without email - it will then be mailed via U.S. Mail) - by no later than June 15, 2015.

Are you an NACAA Member (Active or Life) YES NO

Check your region: NC NE W S

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS – Please check below if you need special assistance during the meeting.

- Accessibility needs during the meeting
- Dietary (Please contact the registration office at the above address three weeks prior to the event to make request)

MEALS
1 ticket per registrant is included in the COST of FULL Registration for the following meal functions - however tickets must be requested - or one will not be in your registration packet - or available on-site.
Tickets are not available for non-registrants.

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Sunday Evening - Welcome to South Dakota Dinner _____
Monday Evening - South Dakota Pork Producers _____
Thursday Breakfast _____
Thursday After Tour Evening Meal _____

ANNUAL BANQUET
Wednesday Evening July 15, 2015; 6:30 p.m.
(daily registrations do not include a banquet ticket - must be purchased seperately - extra tickets for this event are available for purchase - see payment form). # _____
Do you plan to attend: Yes No _____

If your spouse, child(ren), and/or guest is attending the conference, please complete:

SPOUSE NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

GUEST'S NAME _____
(Last) (First)

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES (if attending):

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

FIRST-TIMER'S

Is this your first NACAA AM/PIC? Yes No

If so, please pick up your registration packet at the regular registration area (Convention Center) then stop at the information table to learn more about the conference.

First time and worked less than 10 years? Yes No

NACAA members attending for the first time and employed after 7/1/2005 will have registration fees waived.

Complete the following:

Date of Employment _____

The First-Timer's Luncheon is provided for first-time attendees on Monday, July 13, 2015. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome.

Number planning to attend? _____

(This event takes place at the same time as the Spouse Tours; please select one or the other).

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Thursday, July 16, 2015

REGISTRATION

Participant's Name _____

Last Name

First Name

NOTE: If the spouse and children are participating in the same tour as the agent, please list the total number under the agent.

AGENT	Tour No.	# of people on Tour	SPOUSE/GUEST	Tour No.	# of people on Tour
			(If different from Agent)		
1 st Choice	_____	_____	1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____	3 rd Choice	_____	_____
4 th Choice	_____	_____	4 th Choice	_____	_____

Members have the opportunity to pre-register for the following Educational & Award Luncheons. **Preference will be given to award winners - but non-award winners are welcome to register for available tickets.** Registered family members are encouraged to attend Award Functions - so please indicate if family members will be attending. Please place a 1, 2 or 3 for your first, second, third choices on days you wish to attend a luncheon.

Sunday, July 12, 2015 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

___ National Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Luncheon/Workshop

Monday, July 13, 2015 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ SFE Crop Production
- ___ SFE Farm and Ranch Financial Management
- ___ SFE Landscape Horticulture
- ___ Excellence in 4-H Awards Luncheon
- ___ First Timers Luncheon

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ Poster Session Awards Breakfast (6:30 am - 7:45 am)
- ___ SFE Livestock Production
- ___ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers
- ___ SARE Fellows Luncheon
- ___ State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon
- ___ SFP/Verdisian - Nitrogen Management Educational Luncheon Seminar

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

- ___ National Committee Members Breakfast
- ___ SARE - Search for Excellence Luncheon

Note: Achievement Award Breakfast, Communications Award Luncheon, Agricultural Awareness & Appreciation Award - reservations are all handled by the National Committee Chairs - by invitation.

PAST NATIONAL BOARD LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 12 at 12:00 noon. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome. Meal cost is \$28/person (tax/gratuity included). (If you check yes, you will be asked to pay even if you do not attend). Monies to be paid on registration form or on-line. Do you plan to attend?

Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, Number attending _____

Which office did you hold?

President Treasurer Secretary Director

LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE'S ACTIVITIES

LIFE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST - Monday, July 13, 2015

(6:30 am - 7:30 a.m.) Number Attending _____

LIFE MEMBER'S TOURS - Tuesday, July 14, 2015

(See Life Members Program for details)

	Tour No.	# on Tour
1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____
4 th Choice	_____	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

Spouse/Guest Name _____

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Monday, July 13, 2015

	Tours #1-3	# of people on Tour
1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON - Tuesday, July 14, 2015

(Spouse/Guest Only) I Plan To Attend ___ Yes ___ No

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS & WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, July 14, 2015.... # of people at Workshops _____

Morning Session 1 (A1,B1,C1,D1) Morning Session 2 (A2,B2,C2,D2)

1 st Choice	_____	1 st Choice	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	2 nd Choice	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	3 rd Choice	_____

SHORT TOUR OPTIONS:

(Please mark 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice next to tour) **Choice # of people**

Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum (10:00 am only)	_____	_____
St. Joseph's Cathedral (1:30 pm only)	_____	_____
Sculpture Walk	_____	_____
Battleship South Dakota Memorial	_____	_____
Pettigrew Home & Museum	_____	_____
Bowling	_____	_____
Golf	_____	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Wednesday, July 15, 2015

(Please mark 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice next to tour) **Choice # of people**

Tour 4	_____	_____
Tour 5	_____	_____
St. Joseph's Cathedral (1:30 pm only)	_____	_____
Sculpture Walk	_____	_____
Bowling	_____	_____
Golf	_____	_____

LODGING INFORMATION
THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT'S Name _____
Last Name **First Name**

HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Reservations will be made in the order received - but will be prioritized by number of room nights needed and availability.
2. A Facilities fee for all Active and Life members is in force for this year's AM/PIC. **For those not making a hotel reservation through this lodging form - a \$250 fee will be added to your registration.**
3. All reservations must be made with this housing form. You **WILL NOT** be allowed to make reservations directly with the contracted facility - all reservations must accompany a NACAA AM/PIC Registration Form and will be submitted to the hotels by NACAA.
4. Room rates do not include tax which is 9.5% + \$2 BID Tax (subject to change) - total amount including these taxes listed below.
5. Rooms will be held using a credit card - or with a check (first night's deposit). (Checks should be made to NACAA - not the hotel)
6. The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2015 to guarantee accommodations.

Please **NUMBER (1,2,3)** your preference in each box (Sheraton Sioux Falls 200 Rooms, Ramada 100 rooms, Ramkota 195 rooms)

- Sheraton Sioux Falls (Headquarters Hotel) \$124 + 9.5% tax + \$2 BID Tax = **\$137.78** total - Single/Double/Quad Occupancy (1-4)
- Best Western Ramkota (Life Member Hotel) \$139 + 9.5% tax + \$2 BID Tax = **\$154.21** total - Single/Double/Quad Occupancy (1-4)
- Ramada Hotel & Suites \$107 + 9.5% tax + \$2 BID Tax = **\$119.17** total - Single/Double/Quad Occupancy (1-4)

Room Reservation should be made in the following name:
Please give Billing Address below for the Credit Card you plan to use to Guarantee Room. This address must match where your credit card billing statement is mailed to (home, office, etc.)

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Company Affiliation _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Credit Card to Guarantee Room and Used at Checkout

Master Card _____ VISA _____ Discover _____
 Amex _____
 Person's name as it appears on card: _____
 Card Number: _ _ _ _ ' _ _ _ _ ' _ _ _ _ ' _ _ _ _
 Expiration Date: _____
 Signature _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM
 Departure Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Requested Room Type

_____ 2 Beds	_____ Handicap
_____ 1 Bed - King	_____ Smoking
_____ First Available	_____ Non-Smoking
_____ Roll away (not available with 2 Beds)	_____ Crib
_____ Other (please describe)	

If you are sharing a room with other adults (other than spouse) you must list name in order for their name to be on the room as well. It is strongly recommended to send in your reservation forms together in order for the lodging reservations to be made correctly.

Sharing Room With: _____

Do you need a roommate? Yes No (Male Female)
 NACAA will make every attempt to find you a roommate, however you are encouraged to find your own roommate as it may be difficult to determine roommate availability until late June, 2015.

Special Notes to Registration Committee:

SON'S AND DAUGHTER'S PROGRAMS

See Program for Details

PARTICIPANT'S Name _____

Last Name First Name Agent or Life Members name if not the same Last Name

Son's and daughter's registration will be held at the main registration desk at the Convention Center. Activities will begin with the orientation meeting Sunday, July 12, at 6:00pm. Adult chaperones must be registered for the meeting. This year's program is designed for youth ages 8 - 18. Youth 7 and under may participate only if accompanied by a parent or guardian that is registered for the events. All costs are included in the registration fee, including lunch. NACAA is unable to provide day care services for children.

PLEASE LIST THE NAME, AGE, AND T-SHIRT SIZE (DESIGNATE YOUTH OR ADULT SIZE) OF YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING THE PROGRAMS. A = Adult, Y = Youth; XL = extra large, L = large, M = medium, S = small, XS = extra small. Extra large is only available in adults and extra small only in youth. If your child needs a youth large T-shirt, write YL in the space provided.

		T-Shirt					T-Shirt		
(Name)	Age	Size	Height		(Name)	Age	Size	Height	
Child # 1 _____	_____	_____	_____		Child # 3 _____	_____	_____	_____	
Child # 2 _____	_____	_____	_____		Child # 4 _____	_____	_____	_____	

NOTE: Adults are welcome to attend and will be asked to assist as chaperones. Adults must accompany their children ages 7 and under on any activity. Please list any adults who will chaperone. Only sons & daughters and adult chaperones will be eligible for a T-Shirt.

		T-Shirt			T-Shirt
(Name)	Age	Size	Height	(Name)	Size
Adult # 1 _____	_____	_____	_____	Adult # 2 _____	_____

Please indicate the child and adult number from the above list that will be attending Son's & Daughter's Program.

	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
<u>SUNDAY, JULY 12</u> Let's Get to Know You Party!	_____	_____	_____ _____
<u>MONDAY, JULY 13</u> Wild Water West	_____	_____	_____ _____
<u>TUESDAY, JULY 22</u> Native American History, SD Agriculture & More	_____	_____	_____ _____
<u>WEDNESDAY, JULY 23</u> 800 Butterflies, Outdoor Adventures, Water Falls, Thunder Road (Farewell Party)	_____	_____	_____ _____
(PLEASE MARK IF YOU NEED TO DEPART EARLY TO ARRIVE BACK FOR DSA BANQUET)	_____	_____	_____
	<small>Early Departure</small>	<small>Early Departure</small>	<small>Early Departure</small>

2015 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Release Form

This form must be completed in its entirety prior to youth participating in any 2015 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Programs. Upon completion this form should be mailed with NACAA Registration or email to NACAAEMAIL@aol.com. **Please print.**

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____

I. MEDICAL INFORMATION

KNOWN ALLERGIES (food, drugs, insects, etc.): _____

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONCERNS OR CONDITIONS (contagious illnesses, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, previous injuries, etc.): _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

MEDICATIONS CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN: _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: _____

PHONE: _____ ADDRESS: _____

If you are a person with disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in the Sons & Daughters activities, please contact Chair Jackie Buckley ND, jackie.buckley@ndsu.edu, 701-667-3340 to discuss accommodations no later than June 30, 2015.

II. INSURANCE INFORMATION

The NACAA purchases insurance for Son & Daughters activities and events. In some cases, this coverage may not cover some medical expenses and it may be necessary to bill the family or your insurance company.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ POLICY #: _____

III. INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

In the event that a participant needs minor medical care from AM/PIC Sons & Daughters program staff or more significant medical care from a qualified health care provider, including in rare cases possible hospitalization and/or surgery, the parent/guardian is asked to sign the informed consent form below. In case of serious medical condition, program staff will make every effort to notify the parent/guardian, but the first priority may be providing care to the participant.

I, _____, of _____ (City, State), am the custodial parent/guardian of _____, a minor child, age _____, date of birth _____. I authorize any adult(s) acting as agents of the 2015 AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Program and in whose care the minor child has been entrusted, to do any acts which may be necessary or proper to provide for the health care of the minor child, including, but not limited to, the power (i) to provide for such health care at any hospital or other health care institution, or the employing of any physician, dentist, nurse, or other person for such health care, and (ii) to consent to and authorize health care, including administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operation, and other procedures by physicians, dentists, and other medical personnel except the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures.

This consent shall be effective for the duration of the 2015 NACAA AM/PIC.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

IV. PHOTOGRAPHIC, VIDEO, AND OPTIONAL PUBLICITY RELEASE:

I **DO** _____ or **DO NOT** _____ give permission to NACAA, through the 2015 AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Program to take photographs and/or video and/or audio or otherwise record individual images and likenesses of my child to use for NACAA educational, promotional, and/or marketing materials. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I expressly release NACAA and the 2015 Sons & Daughters Program staff from any and all claims which I may have for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, copyright infringement, or any other causes of action arising out of the use, adaptation, reproduction, distribution, broadcast, or exhibition of such recordings of my child's individual (according to permission granted above) or group image, voice, or likeness.

I understand this permission is entirely optional, and that participants who do not give permission will remain eligible for Sons & Daughters program services, benefits, and privileges the same as those who do give permission.

SIGNATURE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF I, II, III, AND IV

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

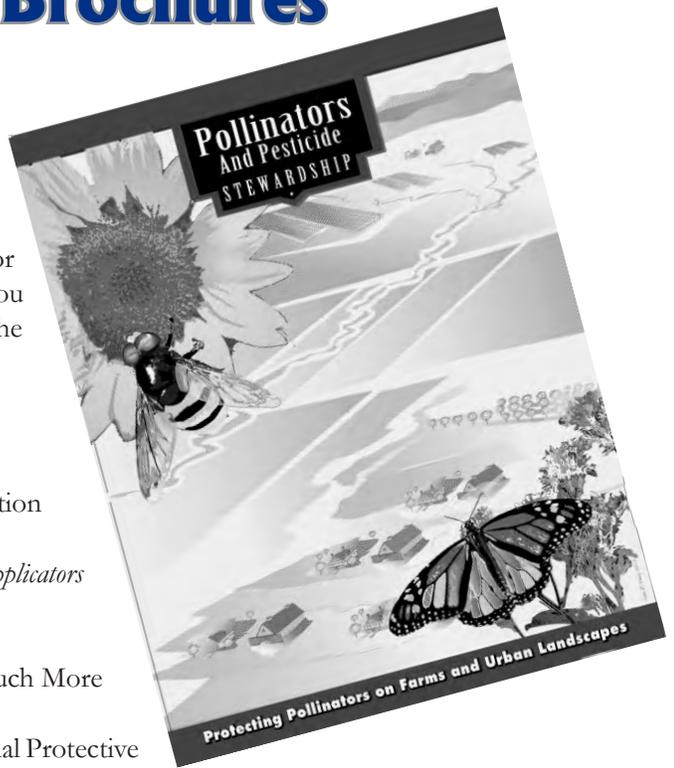
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE #S: HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

Pesticide Stewardship Brochures

NACAA has partnered with Syngenta on eight general pesticide stewardship brochures and two flyers to assist with pesticide educational efforts. These brochures are not specific to any geography, target site, pest, product, or company. These brochures are available to NACAA members FREE of charge for your use in programming efforts. Enter the number of copies you are interested in next the specific brochure/flyer and submit to the address listed below. Your supply will be sent at no charge.



- ___1) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - English edition
- ___2) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - Spanish edition
- ___3) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - Aerial Applicator edition
- ___4) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - Pest Management Professional edition - *(for commercial, licensed or certified applicators and technicians under their supervision, for treating in and around structures)*
- ___5) The Value of Buffers for Pesticide Stewardship and Much More
- ___6) Pollinators and Pesticide Stewardship
- ___7) Dress for Success! Some Things to Know About Personal Protective Equipment BEFORE You Handle a Pesticide
- ___8) For Pesticide Mixers, Loaders, and Applicators - Some Things to Know About Personal Protective Equipment BEFORE You Handle a Pesticide (English, 2 pages, 8th gr. reading level)
- ___9) For Pesticide Mixers, Loaders, and Applicators - Some Things to Know About Personal Protective Equipment BEFORE You Handle a Pesticide (Spanish, 2-pages, 8th gr. reading level)
- ___10) An Ounce of Prevention! Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Schools and Child Care Facilities – *(discussing all aspects of IPM, including safe pesticide use)*

Available Formats:

Quantities of the actual brochures that will be “well-used” can be ordered free of charge from carol.somody@syngenta.com by emailing this order form or a short note. No PO boxes, please! A copy of this form is also available at: <http://www.nacaa.com/countyagent/PesticideStewardship.php>

PDF versions of the brochures can be viewed or downloaded from the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship (PES) website at <http://pesticidestewardship.org/Pages/Resources.aspx> or from any of the partner websites. Any organization is also welcome to post these brochures on their own website.

Word versions of the brochures can be requested by any organization desiring to modify or extract content. Email carol.somody@syngenta.com to discuss logo swaps with or without content changes. Artwork and photos can be used if conditions of use are met. PowerPoint presentations to go with the brochures are also available upon request.

Pesticide educators are also welcome to use or adapt any content that appears directly on the PES website – it is not copyrighted. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of pesticide safety and stewardship education!

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June, 2015	October, 2015	December, 2015
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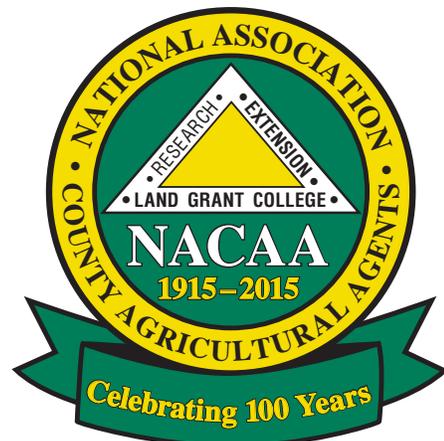


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Little Rock, Arkansas....July 24-28

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