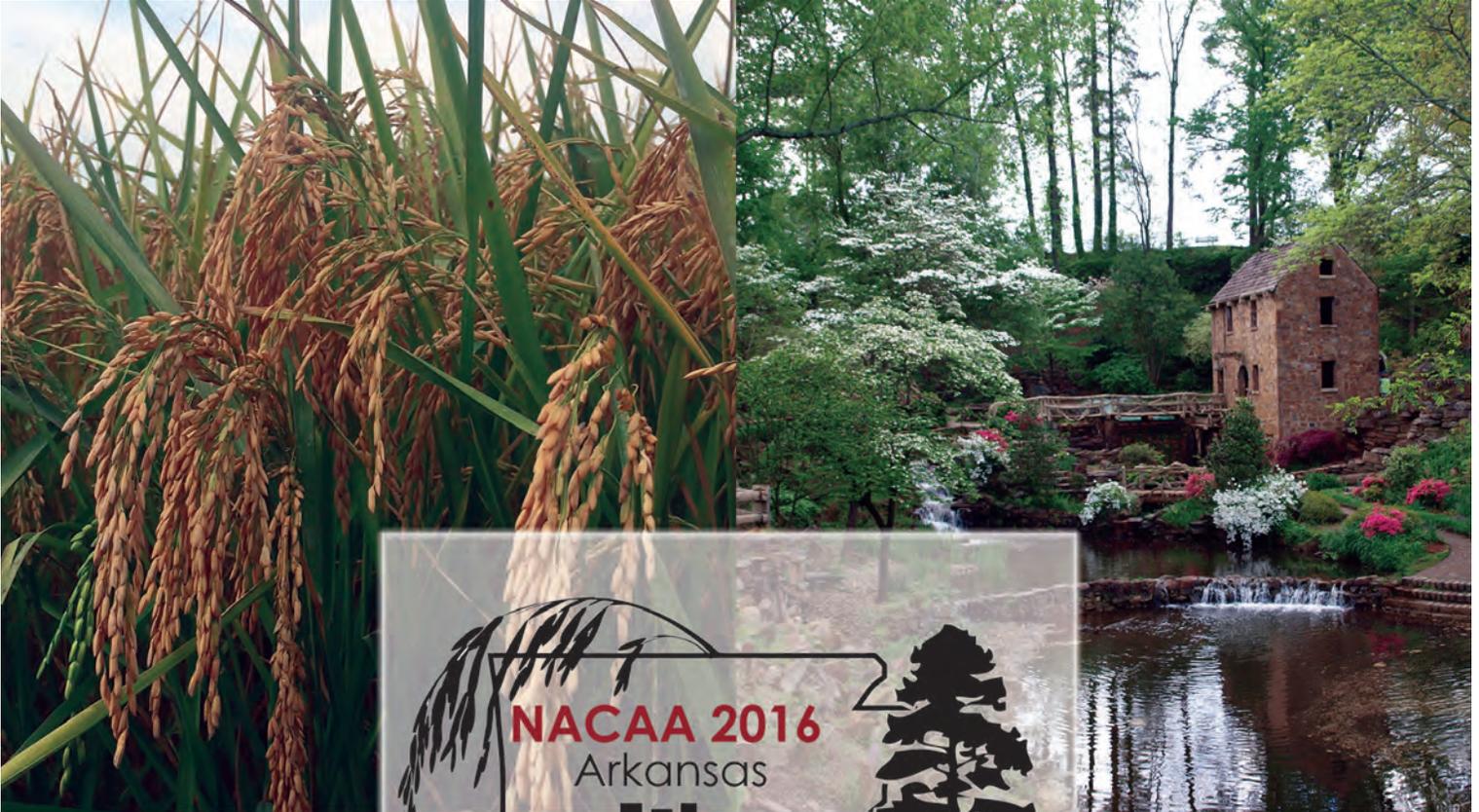


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Arkansas 2016 - "It's a Natural"

Wow, where has the time gone this year? Here in a few months we will be getting together for the 101st NACAA Annual Conference and Professional Improvement Conference.

It is my honor to be one of the first to ask you "Are you planning to attend the 101st NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas?" It is a sincere pleasure to extend this invitation to you to make your plans to attend the 2016 NACAA AMPIC in Little Rock. There will be so very much to see, learn, and do while we are there during July 24-28. So please make your plans now to join our Arkansas Coworkers who will be hosting the NACAA AMPIC.

Have you ever wondered about how we do make a difference to others? You will be able to enjoy and learn how we all make a difference to our clientele. Sometimes we see and hear about how a recommendation, educational program, or demonstration improved the lives of our local clientele. We do make a difference and I hope this year we can celebrate how we help, encourage, and educate others every day.

The National Committees are very hard at work putting together top notch Professional Development, Professional Improvement, and Recognition Programs. There will be a variety of sessions to participate in while in Little Rock. There will even be sessions to attend via webinar prior to the AM/PIC, one is the First Timers Webinar, as it really helps prepare you for your first AM/PIC.

Multiple opportunities will be available to learn about what your coworkers across the country are doing in the Animal Science, Horticulture, Agronomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture Economics, Community Development, Sustainable Agriculture, Pest Management and Aquaculture areas. These are significant opportunities to learn more about the numerous subject matter areas we work in every day. The chance to learn from coworkers who have insight into the same program area needs as you is priceless.

Did I mention the Teaching and Educational Technologies, Early Career Development, Administrative Skills, and Agricultural Issues and Public Relations Committees will have Professional Development Programs to help us do our jobs better back home with our clientele? Each of these unique sessions will offer useful tools to assist in our daily endeavors.

I would be remised if I did not commend NACAA's Recognition and Awards Programs including the Search for Excellence, Posters, Communications, Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award, Hall of Fame Award, and more. This is a wonderful way to recognize our many coworkers' fantastic work and celebrate a job well done.

We will once again include opportunities to learn about the latest updates from commodity groups and other agribusiness partners. The Exhibit Hall will be another location to learn about new products, program ideas, tools and more to help you with your job too.



Cynthia Gregg
NACAA President

Our Arkansas coworkers and hosts are gearing up to share with us their agriculture, history and culture rich state. It is amazing the varied type of agriculture enterprises you will have a chance to learn about while attending the AM/PIC. Are you interested in rice, beef cattle, grain, herbaceous plants, vegetables, freshwater fisheries, minerals, water quality, urban gardening, poultry, agritourism, niche markets, and more? If so, then Arkansas will be an amazing agriculture hands-on learning center that our coworkers are going to share with us while we attend the NACAA AM/PIC.

Agribusiness is very big business in Arkansas. Many businesses that have significant connections to agriculture call Arkansas home as well. I know you will enjoy meeting and interacting with the agribusiness professionals in the exhibit hall, during educational tours, and various sessions throughout the AM/PIC.

There will also be the chance to experience plenty of southern hospitality, history and culture. You will also get a chance to interact with many of our Arkansas coworkers along with many of their coworkers, partners, and clientele. I hope you take the time to enjoy and learn more about history, culture and traditions that help make Arkansas and Arkansans truly as astounding as the diamonds and hot springs in their beautiful and bountiful state.

During the 101st AM/PIC we will have a chance to develop leadership skills and conduct the business of NACAA. You can have an opportunity to put your skills to work on committees and other leadership roles in your state and on a national level. You are welcome to attend committee meetings on Monday afternoon and the voting delegate session is open to all members as well.

Don't forget about the numerous educational programs for your family members. They will be able to learn new skills, hone current skills, along with renewing and creating new networks or discovering a future career path. I am excited about the fact NACAA provides Professional Improvement and Professional Development Programs for the entire family.

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The AM/PIC provides a setting to reconnect with colleagues from across the country, both active and life members. This is one of the interesting things we do throughout our AM/PIC. These connections were described to me as the "hallway seminars". I am certain many great and useful idea(s) have been shared after a presentation or award's program in a "hallway seminar."

In addition to learning and helping each other grow professionally at the 101st AM/PIC in Little Rock. I would like to ask you to take a little time to help our host state. If

Welcome to Arkansas

We are rolling out the welcome mat and making a big jug of sweet tea for you to enjoy this July at the 101st NACAA AM/PIC. Our members are working overtime to prepare for your arrival. Our goal is to provide you with the best experience possible from the moment you arrive in Little Rock. For those flying, a complimentary shuttle service from the Marriott is available for your use to and from the airport. Please call 501-906-4000 to make arrangements for your trip.

We feel that Arkansas has a lot to offer our members, spouses, life members and sons and daughters.

The Horticulture, Animal Science and Natural Resources Pre-Tours are all set for Friday and Saturday before the conference begins.

Sunday night we kick off our AM/PIC with the "Welcome to Arkansas" dinner and a taste of bluegrass and southern gospel music. Brian Haller, chair for Sunday evening, has arranged for Walt Coleman to be our featured speaker that night. Walt is an NFL referee and resides in Little Rock, Arkansas. Since 1974, he has been a fifth-generation participant in the dairy business, and currently serves as Controller for Hiland Dairy in between NFL games and during the off-season. After 41 years on high school, collegiate and professional gridirons, Walt has a vast collection of humorous and meaningful experiences and observations to share about the game and about life.

During the AM/PIC, our members will be introduced to cutting edge technology, a diverse agriculture sector, and new and progressive research as well as the natural beauty and history of our state. Other than the educational programs which are member led, you will enjoy a wide variety of trade talks and Super Seminars. Keith Perkins and his committee have developed 22 Professional Improvement tours for you to select from. As you read through the tour descriptions, I think you might begin to get a glimpse of the diversity our state offers.

you happen to have old eyeglasses you do not use anymore, bring them with you to the AM/PIC. We would like to collect them and donate the glasses to the Lions Club in order to help others with the gift of vision.

I am excited about the 101st NACAA AM/PIC. There will be so much to learn, experience, and do in Little Rock. I am looking forward to seeing you in Arkansas. Make plans to join us, I know you will be rejuvenated, filled with new ideas, learn new skills, form new networks to improve your local, regional, or state educational programs. You will be glad you did. See you soon in Arkansas, "It's A Natural".



AM/PIC Co-Chairs
Jerry Clemons & Sherri Sanders

Life members will enjoy a program brought to you by a committee chaired by three of our own life members. You will enjoy the tours and educational opportunities that Bill Dodgen, John Payne and Jack Boles have arranged. These men have attended countless other NACAA annual meetings and

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two of the three helped Arkansas host the last national meeting we held here in 1992. They know what it takes to put together a solid program for our life members. You will certainly enjoy this part of the AMPIC.

Robert Goodson and Russ Parker have assembled a wonderful program for the Spouses. From the workshops to the tours, you will find something to interest you. Robert and Russ have gone the extra mile to insure that ALL spouses, regardless of gender, have plenty of choices to register for. Bring your cameras or make sure your cell phone is fully charged. You will want to capture some of these experiences to take back with you. The Spouses will tour antebellum homes, paint a masterpiece to take home, savor down home country cooking and play BINGO!

The Son's and Daughter's program is fantastic! I sure hope the kids can keep up with our energetic committee, led by Jesse Bocksnick. It makes me tired just to read through the agenda Jesse and his committee has developed. Their schedule is full of fun and educational experiences for all of the children. The kids will attend the Clinton Presidential Library, Heifer Project International, Magic Springs (water and theme park) and the Arkansas 4-H Center.

The 4-H Talent Revue will be one of the best you have ever seen! Lance Blythe and his committee have an outstanding production in the works for you. It promises to be an evening to remember. Trust me when I say, you are going to love it! Lance is skilled in this arena. After all, before he was a county agent in Arkansas he was a member of the country music group called Twister Alley. Their group had a song on the Billboard Chart in the early 90's. Lance is thrilled with the talent he is bringing in to showcase from several different states. You will be in awe of the youth and will certainly be entertained with a top-notch professional production.

As you read through the information about our meeting, you will notice that we plan to have the Monday night meeting off site. The River Market pavilion is a short walk from the convention center. Prepare yourself for some great southern cuisine, served up by KingCat catering. The Cat in KingCat stands for catfish, in case you are wondering. We want to treat you to fried catfish and all the fixings that evening. NOTE: Bring a hearty appetite because this is an "All-You-Can-Eat" meal featuring the best of what Arkansas has to offer.



Tuesday evening is State's Night Out. I encourage you to make your plans early and I feel certain you will find our local restaurants to be outstanding.

Wednesday is our annual banquet and, as you know, it is always a highlight to see each year. In addition to celebrating our DSA's and AA's, we hope to share the beauty of our state through the decorations on display that evening. Kami Marsh and Janet Carson along with a team of people have been working hard to prepare a beautiful and unique decoration theme for the entire week.

Thursday is tour day! We will conclude tour day at Sherwood Forest, located in Sherwood, Arkansas, which is northeast of downtown Little Rock. You will be treated to a meal, like none other. Hoggs Catering will be serving up a divine menu of BBQ that promises to be a feast for the stomach and the eyes! The Cummins Prison Band will provide the entertainment for the evening.

We have received generous support from our sponsors in the agriculture sector, local clientele and our own members to insure that you will have an educational, enjoyable time in our state without breaking your own bank.

As we stated earlier, we are excited to showcase Arkansas, agriculture and our unique culture. The theme of our national meeting is "Arkansas. It's a Natural". Naturally, we hope to provide you with a unique viewpoint of what true southern hospitality is.

When you return home, if you do decide to go, we want you to leave with a smile on your face, a full tummy, and some brand new southern friends.

Sherri Sanders
Jerry Clemons

Opening Ceremony to feature Walt Coleman

The 2016 NACAA AM/PIC Opening Ceremony will feature Walt Coleman - Controller, Hiland Dairy Little Rock AR. and an Active Referee, National Football League having completed his 26th season.



Walt Coleman has been applauded by hundreds and booed by millions. Thanks to television, he has annually visited nearly every home in America between August and February since 1989. He is one of the most publicly maligned yet profoundly anonymous men in the world.

Walt is a National Football League Referee wearing number 65. In addition to 26 years of pre-season and regular season games, he has officiated in 9 divisional playoffs, 6 wild card playoffs, and 2 conference championships and been an alternate in 2 Super Bowls. After 41 years on high school, collegiate and professional gridirons, Walt has a vast collection of humorous and meaningful experiences and observations to share about the game and about life.

Despite what some sports analyst and fans think, when he's not officiating, Walt is a loving husband and father and a respected businessman. Walt resides in Little Rock, Arkansas

with his wife, Cynthia. He has two grown children. Since 1974, he has been a fifth-generation participant in the dairy business, and currently serves as Controller in between NFL games and during the off-season.



Walt holds a BS Degree in Business Administration with Honors from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville. He is active in the Little Rock community and serves on many boards and associations. He was past President of the Major Sports Association of Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and the Arkansas Dairy Products Association. He was past Chairman of the Arkansas Area Council of Boys & Girls Clubs of America and past Board Member of the Milk Industry Foundation-Washington DC. Walt is currently a Board Member of the Little Rock Boys & Girls Club.

For Walt, when it comes to life, it's not just about winning or losing, it's about playing by the rules and being confident in how you 'call the game'.

John Dillard to be Featured Keynote

John Dillard is an attorney with OFW Law, a boutique agricultural and food law firm in Washington, DC. John focuses his practice on solving legal and policy issues for clients ranging from small farmers and food manufacturers, leading agricultural trade associations, as well as numerous Fortune 500 companies. John divides his practice between advising clients on regulatory compliance matters and litigation before federal, state, and administrative courts. John's practice areas include environmental litigation and compliance matters involving farmers, food safety, food labeling, Native American agriculture, and antitrust compliance.

John has an extensive educational and hands-on background in agriculture. He grew up on a beef cattle farm in Amelia, Virginia and received bachelor's of science degrees in Animal and Poultry Sciences and Agricultural and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech. He also earned a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University. John worked as an agribusiness consultant and a USDA economist prior to attending law school at the University of Richmond.

John is also a prolific writer on legal issues affecting agriculture. His blog, Ag in the Courtroom, is featured on AgWeb.com. He also writes a monthly column for *Farm Journal* on legal and policy matters affecting agriculture. He also speaks

extensively on agricultural law and policy matters for producer groups, policymakers, and fellow attorneys.



John credits much of his interest in agriculture to his participation in various 4-H programs during his youth. He showed sheep and heifers in a number of local and statewide competitions. He also participated in livestock and meats judging competitions. John still admires and appreciates the dedication of his local county agent, Mike Henry, and agents from surrounding counties, that went above and beyond to help him and his fellow 4-H members succeed.

In particular, John carries over many of the lessons learned in livestock judging to his professional life. On this point, John notes: "standing in court to argue your client's case and field a judges questions requires extensive preparation and confidence. I think that livestock judging is excellent preparation for a courtroom setting. While the stakes may be lower, you are required to commit to a position and argue your case during 'reasons.' I strive to always be a better lawyer than I was a livestock judge, but I am always grateful for the lessons I learned in 4-H."

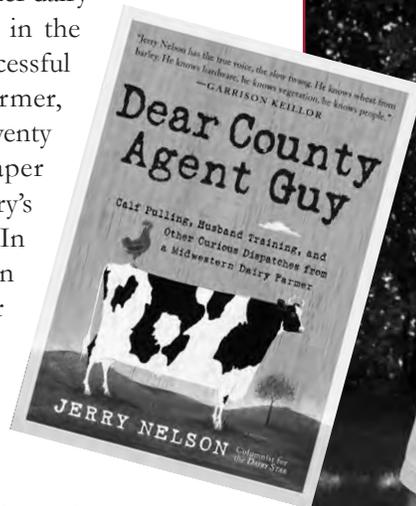
Welcome - First Timers!

The 2016 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 100ST NACAA AM/PIC in Little Rock, South Carolina. 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! 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 Little Rock or about any of the events that are planned, please feel free to contact Danny Griffin at dgriffin@uaex.edu or Mark Keaton at mkeaton@uaex.edu. We hope to make your first AM/PIC a memorable experience and are here to help in any way we can.

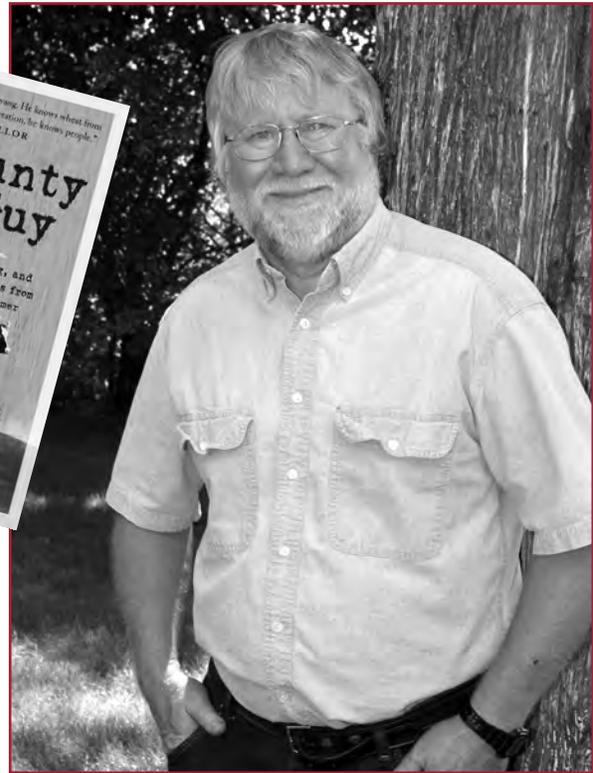
Jerry Nelson to be Featured Capstone Speaker

Jerry Nelson is a freelance writer and former dairy farmer. His works have been published in the nation's top farm magazines, including Successful Farming, Farm Journal, Progressive Farmer, and Living the Country Life. For nearly twenty years, he has penned a weekly newspaper column called Dear County Agent Guy. Jerry's column reaches 250,000 readers each week. In addition to the print media, Jerry's column is published on numerous newspaper websites. Successful Farming also posts his column on their website, agriculture.com. Dear County Agent Guy: Calf Pulling, Husband Training, and Other Curious Dispatches from a Midwestern Dairy Farmer is his first book, published by Workman in May 2016.



Garrison Keillor has used several of Jerry's scripts on the nationally syndicated radio program A Prairie Home Companion. Jerry also wrote background material for Keillor's radio show prior to its broadcast from the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota. Jerry has been featured on South Dakota Public Radio and Television.

After leaving the dairy farming business in 2002, Jerry took a position as a writer/ad salesman for the Dairy Star, a



bimonthly newspaper that is received by dairy operators all across the Midwest. Jerry and his wife, Julie, live in Volga, South Dakota, on the farm that Jerry's great-grandfather homesteaded in the 1880s.

AM/PIC Pre-Tour Options

Natural Resources Pre-Tour

In a place of mountains, valleys, dense woodlands, fertile plains, clear lakes, flowing streams and abundant wildlife, Arkansas has earned the designation of "The Natural State." During the 2016 Natural Resources Pre-Tour, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the native wildlife and plant species, what issues land and water resource managers face trying to manage these resources, and see operations that blend commercial enterprises with environmental protection.



The two day tour will take place on Friday, July 22nd and Saturday, July 23rd. On Friday morning, urban forestry in Little Rock will be the focus. On Friday afternoon, participants will visit Lake Maumelle, the source of central Arkansas's main water supply. The lake, covering 8,900 acres covering an area of 14 square miles and a 70-mile shoreline, is integral in serving the water needs of Little Rock and surrounding communities. The Central Arkansas Water (CAW) Board of Commissioners adopted a comprehensive Lake Maumelle Watershed Management Plan in February 2007. CAW's watershed management efforts are key components of assuring the effective and long-term protection of the Little Rock and surround communities drinking water, while maintaining affordability. Protection of water quality while ensuring water quantity will be discussed, and a tour of the lake and key management areas are planned. Much of the lake's watershed is in timber, and a representative from the one the largest timber management companies will share what their company is doing to continue to use the forest resources while protecting water quality at Lake Maumelle. Finally, we will take a tour of Wye Mountain Berry Farm where they grow blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, and cut flowers on 10 acres near the Ouachita Mountains.

On day two of the tour, we will head east to Stuttgart, the Rice and Duck Capital of the World. On this trip, rest assured that you will uncover why this area is known for rice and ducks. We will visit Freeze's Fish Farm, the largest bait producer in the world. With over 1000 acres under water, it is no small task to manage this farm. To have fish, rice, and ducks, ample water is imperative. The Bayou Meto Water Management District and the Army Corps of Engineers have developed a plan to protect and conserve the groundwater resources of the Bayou Meto Basin. The



three components of the plan are Aquifer Protection and Agricultural Water Supply, Flood Protection and Waterfowl Management. We will tour their operation and learn how they developed the plan, built the infrastructure, and are carrying out the goals of the project. To learn more about ducks, we will visit Five Oaks, a full service duck hunting lodge. Five Oaks provides several different types of resource habitats for migratory and wintering waterfowl: moist soil, with herbaceous plants such as crabgrass, toothcup, and smartweed; flooded cropland; green tree reservoirs; and carbohydrate-rich food plots of corn, millet, buckwheat, and milo. Finally, we will visit Terry Dabbs at an Arkansas Discovery Farm. This farm is a row crop operation of about 1,500 acres implementing rice, soybean, and corn rotations. It is located in the Bayou Meto Watershed and has been in a Critical Groundwater Area for more than a decade. Consequently, most fields are leveled and a tailwater recovery system has been utilized for several years. Water use and water quality will be monitored on four fields under different cropping rotations and management. We will see how what innovative practices he has implemented and how he is working with research to further best management practices in his region.

Participants should make plans to arrive at the conference hotel on Thursday because the tour will start on Friday morning. The Natural Resource Committee has a tentative cost of \$150 per person although not finalized. However, additional details will be emailed to membership and will be online. If you have any questions or if you want to be put on an email list of potentially interested participants, please email Libbie Johnson at libbiej@ufl.edu

To register for the Natural Resources Pre-tour - please use the hard copy registration form found in this edition of The County Agent magazine or register through the on-line registration process.

Horticulture & Turfgrass

Pre-Tour – July 22 and 23, 2016 in Arkansas

As arranged by our local host and tour guides, Randy Forst and Janet Carson of The University of Arkansas, we will start on Friday July 22 in Little Rock Arkansas leaving from the hotel before 12:00 pm. The group will be traveling on one bus. Please eat lunch before joining the tour.

We will drive north to Moss Mountain to tour the gardens and farm of P. Allen Smith. From there we will attend Wye Mountain Flowers and Berries for a tour before moving on to Heifer Ranch for a tour and dinner. We will arrive back in Little Rock around 8:00 pm.

Saturday morning, we will load the buses and depart at 7:30 am from the hotel, driving to the Clarksville Research Farm for a thorough tour followed by lunch. Once we depart from there we will move onto North Pulaski Farms and then to Bemis Tree Farm. We will return Saturday evening at a reasonable time for dinner on your own.

Animal Science Committee Pre-AM/PIC Seminar & Tour

This program is designed to provide the opportunity for NACAA members to study and analyze livestock systems in the AM/PIC host state of Arkansas. Topics to be featured on the tour will include beef cattle production, dairy cattle production, forage utilization, livestock waste management, small ruminant production and poultry production. Tour sites also tentatively include Tyson Foods, USDA-ARS Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center, I-40 Livestock Auction, Jac's Ranch, Willow Springs Cattle Company, White River Creamery, Marley Farm – Arkansas Discovery Farm, Fayetteville Wastewater and University of Arkansas. 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.

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 21-23, 2016. We will depart from the Little Rock area on Friday morning July 22th traveling to northwest Arkansas, and arriving back in Little Rock Saturday evening. Arrangements for leaving vehicles in a secure area will be made for those driving to Little Rock.

Registration - we are asking that in order to register - you submit and online application (similar to our awards submission process) found at:
(<http://www.nacaa.com/awards/apps/>).

Registration will begin April 1. The cost for the tour is \$62.00 per NACAA member. The group lodge in the same hotel with reservations handled through the registration process. Anyone arriving Thursday will need to book and pay for their own room for Thursday night.

Friday night hotel covered if sharing a room with another member. Anyone requesting a single room would pay \$85 (1/2 room cost). If traveling with family, members would pay for family rooms and food. Half of one room would be covered for the member. For example: if one room was required for a member and their non-member spouse the additional cost for the spouse would be \$120 (\$85 for 1/2 room + \$35 for food).

To register for the Horticulture & Turfgrass Pre-tour - please use the hard copy registration form found in this edition of The County Agent magazine or register through the on-line registration process.

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.

The plan is to offer the tour to Extension Educators at a minimal cost. The goal is to offer the tour with the only cost to the participant being transportation to Little Rock. Donor support is pending. In the past, a minimal participation fee has been charged (usually between \$50 and \$125 per person) to offset unsponsored expenses. Once the final applications are reviewed, an email notification will be sent to qualified applicants with a firm participation fee. Invoices will then be sent to each registrant - to pay the fee electronically, or arrangements can be made to pay via check. Please contact the Animal Science Committee Chair to confirm the participant fee .

Each successful applicant is responsible for their transportation to Little Rock and should arrive on Thursday, July 21st by 5pm CT. Two nights of double occupancy lodging (Thursday & Friday) will be included in the tour as well as tour transportation and meals. Submit entries by May 15, 2015 online or to Brian Beer, Animal Science Committee Chair, 107 S. French Street, Lancaster, SC 29720 or email to bbeer@clermson.edu.

AM/PIC Super Seminars: Ag Economics/Community Dev.

The Agricultural Economics and Community Development committee is pleased to offer a professional improvement opportunity for NACAA members. This year's AM/PIC will include a Super Seminar Tuesday morning, examining farm legal issues important to Extension professionals.

This year's super seminar will take place on Tuesday, July 26th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Keynote speaker John Dillard will continue discussing legal issues currently facing agriculture. He will be followed by Harrison Pittman from the National Agricultural Law Center in Fayetteville, AR and followed by Laurence Crane who will discuss crop insurance issues. Margins are getting tighter for farmers across America and balance sheets are deteriorating, make plans to attend seminar to look at legal aspects.

We are able to offer this seminar through the generous sponsorship of the National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS). No registration is required.

Early Career Development

The Early Career Development Committee is excited to sponsor a super seminar on Sunday July, 24th from 1-3 pm. To goal of this super seminar is to provide in-depth information related to career development, current trends in extension education, and the roles of mentors and protégés.

Our first speaker is Daniel Kluchinski, Assistant Director of Extension and Chair of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Management Agents in Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Dan's presentation will focus on the mentoring process including roles, responsibilities and timelines, and on building mentoring relationships through communication, commitment and trust. Participants will learn how to develop meaningful relationships that benefits both the protégé and the mentor, and in turn, our Cooperative Extension programs and professional organizations.

Our second speaker is Dr. Nick Place, Dean and Director, University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Place's presentation will focus on administrative expectations and opportunities for Agents in relation to Extension careers. Participants will learn about how Extension careers have evolved over time and where we are heading; in addition, you'll learn how to see and how to position yourself to take advantage of opportunities for career advancement in Extension.

We look forward to hosting this informative super seminar that will be beneficial to agents in all levels of their career. We look forward to seeing you in Little Rock.

Agronomy

Unmanned Aircraft in Agriculture

The Agronomy Committee is working on an unmanned aircraft workshop to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27th. This workshop will provide an opportunity to engage in the rapidly emerging technology of unmanned aircraft that integrates remote sensing, aviation and robotics. The workshop will include information on: types of unmanned aircraft, attributes of the most common unmanned aircraft, overview of rules/regulations, diversity of sensor arrays, and insights into data processing in support of precision agriculture. An interactive dialogue focused on unmanned aircraft opportunities in precision agriculture are also scheduled, and a variety of unmanned aircraft that will be available for workshop participants to explore from a "first hand" perspective. The workshop will also include hands-on flight lessons, providing participants with an opportunity to fly unmanned aircraft. Participation in the workshop will be limited, to provide participants with a first-hand learning experience. No registration is required.

Financial Planning/Federal Retirement Seminar to be held Wednesday, July 27 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Due to overwhelming interest at last years meeting in Sioux Falls, the Arkansas Association would like to continue the discussion on Federal Retirement and Financial Planning for NACAA Active & Life Members in Little Rock.



Anna Ramsay

Anna Ramsay from Peregrine Wealth Strategies, LLC will be available for a 45 minute session to discuss the latest issues related to Financial Planning and Federal Retirement. Additional time is then allocated for questions/answers and general discussion.

Anna and her business partner, William Jeter, have a combined 30 years in the financial industry and offer access to a broad range of financial products and services for pre and post retirees. Anna and Billy are educated and knowledgeable on CSRS, FERS, and federal benefits. Peregrine Wealth Strategies' mission is to offer their clients an unbiased, objective, and individually tailored approach to wealth management. The advisors at Peregrine Wealth Strategies specialize in pre and post retirement strategies for federal employees, as well as individual and small business sectors in Arkansas.

4-H Talent Revue Sure to Impress

Please make plans to attend this year's NACAA 4-H Talent Revue. We have an action packed night full of some absolutely amazing young talent that you don't want to miss! Twenty-two youth from Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee will absolutely blow you away with some powerful vocals, phenomenal musicianship, and jaw dropping dance moves.



The Talent Revue will start at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 25 in the Governor's Hall 4. It's an evening sure to keep you entertained! So y'all come on out and support these outstanding 4-H youth.

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.



Cummins Prison Band to Perform as Tour Night Entertainment

The Cummins Prison Band was started under Arkansas Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller, around 1970. In 2015, the band performed a total of approximately 50 times all over the State of Arkansas. These performances include many Arkansas festivals and local nursing homes. Plan now to enjoy this great entertainment at the conclusion of Professional Improvement Tour Day - July 28, 2016!



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Journal of the NACAA National Peer Reviewers are the backbone of our journal. They provide the peer reviews for every paper that is published in our journal (and for many more that are not). Reviewers are expected to review between 3-5 articles a year. This is considered national service and a good addition to your resume or curriculum vitae. The requirements to be a National Peer Reviewer are:

- Desire to help your colleagues in the NACAA
- Have published at least 1 article in a peer reviewed journal (2 peer reviewed statewide Extension bulletins may be substituted)
- Agree to submit reviews in a timely fashion

To apply, send an email to scbrown4@alaska.edu (Steve Brown) addressing the points above including your subject matter areas.

101st Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 22

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 23

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

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

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration

SUNDAY, JULY 24

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 - 5:00 pm Life Member Hospitality Room

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Early Career Development Super Seminar

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

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm First Timer Orientation and Reception

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Welcome to Arkansas 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

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm State Pictures

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

10:00 pm Arkansas Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 25

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

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 and Meet the Authors Poster Session

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 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

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

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

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 Arkansas

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 Arkansas Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 26

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

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

6:30 am - 8:00 am Life Member Breakfast

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

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration

8:30 am-11:30 am	Delegate Session
8:30 am-11:30 am	Super Seminar - Agriculture Economics/ Ag Law
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 and Meet the Authors Poster Session
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	Search for Excellence Forestry/Natural Resources
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
11:45 am-1:15 pm	SARE Fellows Luncheon
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	Arkansas Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

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
8:30 am- 10:00 am	NACAA Policy Meeting
8:00 am- 11:00 am	General Session
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)

11:45 am- 4:00 pm	Administrators' Lunch/Session
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence Farm Health & Safety
11:45 am- 1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
11:45 am- 1:15 pm	Ag Pipeline Alliance Luncheon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Super Seminar – Agronomy/Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Life Member Travelogue
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	Arkansas Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 28

5:45 am -8:45 am	Breakfast – Pick up as Breakfast as you Depart for your Tour
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 Arkansas Dinner for non-tour participants
5:00 pm-7:30 pm	Dinner Sherwood Forest
10:00 pm	Arkansas Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 29

8:00 am- 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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SATURDAY, JULY 30

8:00 am- 12:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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2016 NACAA AM/PIC Professional Improvement Tours

Note: All Tours this year will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2016 (final day of AM/PIC)

Tour 1: Fruit Loop

Holland Bottom Farm

Holland Bottom Farm, is a family-owned farm. Holland Bottom started growing strawberries in 1982 as a U-Pic operation. This changed in 1996. Using the latest



technology, they started growing strawberries on black plastic, to help reduce disease and weeds, for a better quality of berry and longer growing season. From June 1 and throughout the summer, Holland Bottom grows and sells summer fruits and vegetables including peaches (7 to 8 varieties), sweet onions, okra, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, fresh purple hull peas (and frozen, ready to cook), sweet corn, peppers, and melons. Holland Bottom sells Arkansas blueberries and blackberries, when available, and also has a large fireworks tent to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday. In the fall, Holland Bottom grows pumpkins.

Barnhill Orchards

Barnhill Orchards is a family-run operation established in 1980 by retired Air Force Lt. Col. Bob Barnhill and family. Starting from scratch, the family cleared the land to plant seedling pecans and peaches. From there, the land was tilled and the first vegetable plants were put into the soil. Since then, Barnhill Orchards has expanded to become one of the area's top-producing quality-vegetable suppliers to local friends, community neighbors, and folks from surrounding towns. All of the produce is hand-picked and hand-sorted to ensure only the very best-quality produce goes to its customers. Quality produce is Barnhill's signature. Barnhill Orchards is located in the sand hills of Lonoke County. The fertile soil is perfect for growing farm fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts. Barnhill practices sustainable farming techniques, utilizing nature and best practices to raise their quality fruits and vegetables.

Lunch provided by White County Master Gardeners

Gillam Farms of Arkansas

Gillam Farms of Arkansas, a fresh-market farm located in White County focused on blackberry production. The farm grows many University of Arkansas varieties including

Natchez, Osage, Ouachita, Navaho, and Apache. The farm primarily grows its blackberries on a conventional trellising system, using one picker on each side of the row. The farm works to get the berries out of the field and into its on-farm cold-storage facility as quickly as possible.

Pioneer Village

Pioneer Village is a collection of 19th-century buildings, farm equipment and other items of historic interest saved from throughout White County by the White County Historical Society. The grounds are maintained by the White County Master Gardeners.

Tour 2: NASCAR, Poultry and Beef Cattle

Mark Martin Museum

This tour will travel to north-central Arkansas to visit NASCAR legend Mark Martin's museum in Batesville. The state-of-the-art museum features several of Martin's past cars, including the No. 6 car which won the Viagra/Coca-Cola 600, the '90 Folgers Thunderbird, the No. 60 Win Dixie Busch car, and the 2005 IROC car that Martin drove to win his record fifth championship.

Ozark Mountain Poultry

Biosecurity measures will be in place for the next stop. No one who has been on a poultry production farm in the last 5 days will be allowed and protective equipment may be required.

The tour will continue to the Ozark Mountain Poultry broiler complex. You will see the full spectrum from hatchery to processing. Ozark Mountain Poultry produces some 4 million pounds a week of antibiotic-free poultry products for the restaurant industry and their consumer-based brand Forester Farmer's Market.

Chimney Rock Cattle Company

This stop will be at Chimney Rock Cattle Company in Concord. Chimney Rock is owned by Bill and Gail Davis. Davis, an Arkansas



native, built a successful trucking business, shifted gears and steered his way into NASCAR where he built a successful race team. Today, Davis strives to build a herd of functional, customer-driven Brangus cattle designed to meet the demands of both registered and commercial cattleman.

Tour 3: From Little Rock to the Top of the Rock (SARE Sponsored)

This tour travels from Little Rock through the diverse agriculture of the Arkansas River Valley all the way to the top of the rock, Petit Jean Mountain and the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute.



Carruthers Pecan Farm

The first stop of the tour will be at the Carruthers Pecan Farm in Blackwell. Be ready as farm owner Robert “Crash” Carruthers offers his unique and humorous crash course in becoming a farmer and an overview of ag in the Arkansas River Valley.

Kuhn Bayou Irrigation District and Discovery Farm

Our next stop will be the Kuhn Bayou Irrigation District and Discovery Farm. You will meet the employees, and learn about farmland water use on this farm that’s part of a real-world monitoring lab.

Rockefeller Institute

After lunch, our tour will head to the top of the rock, taking in the sights at the Petit Jean Mountain overlook, and then heading to the Rockefeller Institute. While at the Rockefeller Institute, we will tour the grounds and facilities. We will discover the legacy of Winthrop Rockefeller and tour the heritage farmstead.

Tour 4: Tourism, Town, and Retirees - Adapting Agriculture to Fit the Market (SARE Sponsored)

Hot Springs Village Green Market

Get a look at how small farmers in central Arkansas are catering to the needs of one of the country’s premier retirement areas and tourist destinations, Hot Springs, Arkansas.



This tour will travel southwest from Little Rock to the incorporated community of Hot Springs Village – a 40-square-mile, gated community with everything needed inside its gates, including the Hot Springs Village Green Market. We will stop, visit, and shop with the vendors at the market before driving through the Village for a window tour of the community.

Hot Springs National Park

Traveling south into Hot Springs, we will enjoy another window tour of the oldest area in the National Park System. Set aside as a special reservation in 1832 by President Andrew Jackson, Hot Springs has a rich history as a gangster town, a spa town, and more recently, the home of our 42nd President, Bill Clinton. We will drive through Hot Springs National Park and learn more about its significance as part of our federal reserve.

City of Hot Springs Composting Facility

Next stop is the City of Hot Springs Composting Facility to learn how the city deals with some of its waste materials while providing quality materials for gardeners and farmers.

Box Lunch In Hot Springs National Park

A box lunch will be served in Hot Springs National Park on Bathhouse Row. Lunch provider, Superior Bathhouse Brewery, utilizes locally-grown foods on its menu. JV Farms, our next stop, uses brewery byproducts to feed their swine.

JV Farms

The last two stops before heading back to Little Rock are in the community of Bismarck, southwest of Hot Springs. JV Farms has been instrumental in developing direct marketing opportunities for all farmers in the area. Owner/operators, Jay and Valorie Lee, promote direct marketing and provide quality experiences for both consumer and producer. You will learn the innovative ways they have promoted sustainable agriculture and locally-grown products raised on their 20-acre farm.

Sweetwater Farms Arkansas Natural Produce

The final farm stop will be at Sweetwater Farms Arkansas Natural Produce. For more than 20 years, Sweetwater has been producing high-quality, fresh produce in Hot Spring County, Arkansas. All crops are grown using organic practices and are harvested with care, fresh to order. The farm takes pride in its exceptional quality and consistent service - delivering year-round to local markets in Little Rock and Hot Springs.

Tour 5: From Vine to Wine Tour

Post Winery and Vineyards

You will visit Post Winery and Vineyards, the largest winery in Arkansas and the first commercial vineyard to produce



in the state. Post Winery was the first to bring 100-percent Muscadine Juice and its famous Muscadine wine to market. Established in 1880, Post Families' Vineyards is a sustainably managed farm in the foothills of the Arkansas Ozarks, in Altus, Arkansas. You will have the opportunity to tour the vineyards, winery and sample wines/juices in the tasting store.

U of A Fruit Research Station

Next you will travel to the University of Arkansas, System Division of Agriculture Fruit Research Station in Clarksville, Arkansas. The station provides a site for research on a number of fruit crops due to its location within a unique microclimate. Research covers peaches, apples, nectarines, grapes, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and pecans.

Tour 6: Discovering Arkansas' Hidden Treasures

Caddo Indian village

Uncover Arkansas' ancient cultures at the Ka-Do-Ha, known as "Caddo," Indian village. This ancient culture existed in Southwest Arkansas more than 5000 years ago.

Next, discover how forage producers utilize their natural resources to produce high-quality forage and hay. On this family farm, hay production is maximized with least cost.



Crater of Diamonds State Park

Our final stop is the world's only public diamond mine and one of Arkansas' many State Parks. You will have the opportunity to explore the history of the mine and dig for your own diamonds. You can keep what you find. The diamond colors include brown, yellow, and white.

Tour 7: Going Wild in Arkansas

Five Oaks Duck Club

The Eastern Arkansas Grand Prairie region is known worldwide for its winter waterfowl hunting. This rich farmland sits in the Mississippi River flyway, with rice and other fields providing winter rest areas for migrating fowl. On this tour you can see a duck



club that manages its property for waterfowl hunting. This management includes the use of summer agriculture crops and winter management of flooded fields and timber.

Museum of Arkansas Grand Prairie

After the duck club tour, you will stop by the Museum of the Grand Prairie and see the history of farming in this area. From settlement and raising cattle on the natural prairie to the conversion of the ground for rice and soybean production, you will be able to relive the area's history and equipment that made it happen.

Wild Hogs

Final stop will be an educational activity about wild hogs in Arkansas. The latest in hog traps will be demonstrated and best techniques for control.

Tour 8: Livestock Diversity, Grazing Management & AgriTourism

On this tour you will see a diversity of livestock production in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains in north-central Arkansas.

Simon Brothers Dairy, LLC

Our tour will start out at the Simon Brothers Dairy, LLC, just on the edge of Conway, one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. The Simons milk 150 Holsteins and farm 950 acres. The Simons raise all their own corn for silage and grain to feed their dairy cattle a total mixed ration.

Tin Can Hill Ranch

The second stop on our tour will be Tin Can Hill Ranch, known for its meat-goat operation and show goats. Tin Can Hill uses rotational grazing with its cattle herd and goat herd. The farm has been able to graze its livestock 356 days out of the year with the assistance of the 300 Days of Grazing Program.

Bar of Ranch

For lunch we will be at the Bar of Ranch just outside of Clinton, home of the National Championship Chuck

Wagon Races held each Labor Day weekend. This is a working cattle ranch that will host 20,000 people and 5,000 head of equine each year for this event.



Swenson Farms

Our last stop will be Swenson Farms, located northeast of Clinton. The Swensons have used Extension recommendations to establish clover on their farm to reduce nitrogen input along with implementing grazing practices in the 300 Days of Grazing program to increase grazing days and reduce hay feeding days.

Tour 9: Just Horsing Around

Allen Gate & Panel, Inc.

Allen Gate & Panel, Inc. is a family-owned and operated business whose doors have been open for more than 25 years. Starting as a personal project by Bill and Dick Allen in 1980, it has now grown to employ more than 40 people in the small town of Prattsville, where its products are manufactured. They produce a wide variety of cattle-working equipment, from panels and gates to feeders and sweep systems.

Along with cattle equipment, they also sell all sizes of steel pipe, galvanized tubing, and rigid conduit for any job and offer a large assortment of round, square, and rectangles in a variety of sizes.

Step Ahead Farms

Step Ahead Farms offers a race-training facility, five barns, paddocks for turnout, equine surgery, and a live-on-site equine veterinarian, all just minutes from central Hot Springs. Step Ahead also has a training track, hot walkers and round pens on site, easily accessed from each stable.

Oaklawn Park Tour

On Feb. 24, 1905, Oaklawn presented its first racing card before a crowd of 3,000 that turned out after Hot Springs Mayor John Belding declared



a half-day holiday for the city. The first race at the new track was won by Duelist, owned by John W. Schorr, a prominent Memphis sportsman. Since that time, Oaklawn

has evolved into one of the premier race meets in the country. Best known as the home of the Racing Festival of the South and Arkansas Derby, the track has played host to some of the biggest names in the sport, with the latest star being 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, who won both the Rebel Stakes and Arkansas Derby en route to making history with victories in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont stakes. Other champions to use Oaklawn as a launching pad include Temperance Hill, Cigar, Curlin, Paseana, Azeri, Tiffany Lass, Smarty Jones, Affleet Alex, Rachel Alexandra, Lookin At Lucky, Blind Luck, Zenyatta, Close Hatches and Will Take Charge.

There will be a guided tour of Oaklawn Park, the backside and its facilities. Although live racing is not in session, there will be lots of history and interesting things to see and learn about.

Tour 10: Garvan Woodland Gardens

Garvan Woodland Gardens

Garvan Woodland Gardens, the botanical garden of the University of Arkansas, is an example of the Natural State at its best. While its official description is “botanical garden”, it’s much more than that! Named one of the top five gardens in the country, the 210-acre woodland fantasy on a Lake Hamilton peninsula is open all year except January, a month devoted to restoring and revitalizing.

The botanical retreat showcases the essence of nature – towering pines, lush plantings, waterfalls and cool lake breezes that trace the 4.5 miles of wooded shoreline. Philanthropist Verna Cook began the gardens as a personal project several decades before donating them to the University of Arkansas, School of Architecture as a tribute to natural preservation.

Formally opened in 2002, Garvan Woodland Gardens’ mission is to preserve and enhance a unique part of the Ouachita environment; provide people



with a place of learning, research, cultural enrichment, and serenity; develop and sustain gardens, landscapes, and structures of exceptional aesthetics, design, and construction; and partner with and serve communities of which the Gardens is a part. One of the highlights of the gardens is the architecture, inspired by renowned architect and Arkansas native, E. Fay Jones who believed architecture should reflect and fit within the natural beauty surrounding it. From the dynamic architectural structures to the majestic botanical landscapes, Garvan Woodland

Gardens offers breathtaking sights, and fantastic photo opportunities, at every turn.

Plus a few extras

This tour will also feature ornamental beauty and history stops at Master Gardener projects may include the Old Statehouse near the Marriott/Convention Center, Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock's historic Quapaw District and Entergy Park and Hollywood Park in downtown Hot Springs.

Tour 11: Planes for Protection

Tidwell Flying Service

Arkansas ranks number one in agricultural aviators. On this tour, you will visit Tidwell Flying Service, which has been providing professional aerial application service to farmers for three



generations and more than 40 years. Founder and Chief Executive George Tidwell has and continues to contribute to the development of aerial application technology. Second generation Jeff and third generation Jacob now do much of the flying after growing up in the business, and are expected to continue in their father's/grandfather's footsteps long into the future of aerial application.

Ground Application Stop

An increasing number of producers are acquiring spray equipment and applying their own pesticides. This stop will demonstrate the impact that variables like nozzle type, droplet size, and electronic problems have on efficacy of pesticides in modern ground applications.

K & K Farm Service, Inc.

Don Kittler was a lot like other farmers in the flat Delta country around Carlisle, producing rice, soybeans, and wheat in rotation. Since then, however, he's become a model for diversification, expanding into a variety of new businesses:

- Growing, conditioning, selling and shipping specialty grains.
- Building on-farm grain storage and handling systems as a local dealer for the GSI Group, Assumption, Illinois. (www.grainsystems.com)
- Longhorn Cattle

Don's K & K Farm Service, Inc.'s most recent venture has been growing, conditioning, and shipping specialty grains for niche markets. Premiums over conventional grains are paid, depending on the type and overall quality of the

grain. Don Kittler has an elevator for handling specialty soybeans. By the beginning of 2000, he had 8,000 acres of area farmland under contract to produce natto soybeans. Due to increased demand, this facility's capacity has since been increased to 320,000 bushels. Products go to K & K Farm Service, Inc.'s in-town facility for processing. From there, the grain is shipped in bulk containers via rail and oceangoing vessels for export.

Jacksonville Museum of Military History

The Final stop will be the Jacksonville Museum of Military History. It sits on the original grounds of the World War II-era Arkansas Ordnance Plant administration building. The museum explores significant war and home-front activities dating from the Civil War through the Cold War, and also includes current military engagements. The Jacksonville Museum of Military History first opened its doors in May 2005 with the mission to educate the public about the important contributions made by both the civilian workforce and the military in historical and current conflicts. The initial intent of the museum was to preserve the history of the important home-front contributions made by the ordnance plant workers in the war effort during World War II. As planning progressed, museum supporters soon realized that the scope of the museum should be expanded to include the rich military history of Jacksonville and the surrounding area. This history dates back to the Civil War and reaches into the Iraq War, and includes Little Rock Air Force Base. The museum displays are built around local and regional events. One notable artifacts include the dress uniform worn by Airman First Class Cindy Elia, the first enlisted woman to act as dining out sergeant of arms in the history of the U.S. Air Force. Unique to the museum is an exhibit with artifacts detailing the 1980 explosion of the Titan II missile silo near Damascus (Van Buren and Faulkner counties).

Tour 12: Agritourism, 4-H Fun, Diversified Farming

Lonoke/Prairie County 4H Outdoor Fun

The first stop will involve Lonoke/Prairie County 4H teen leaders getting tour participants involved in outdoor and team-building activities. Some activities may include but are not limited to the following: archery, kayaking, shotgun shooting, and games.

Hicks Family Farms

Next, you will visit the Hicks Family Farms in Lonoke for lunch and meet owners Kevin and Rebekah Hicks. They are bringing up their son, Cody, on the farm, making him the fifth generation to work the family's land. What started as Kevin and Rebekah teaching the children of Lonoke County about the dairy industry, by inviting them to the farm in the late 1990's, has evolved into opening their farm to the public every fall for their corn maze and pumpkin

patch. Throughout the remaining months of the year, the Hicks family care for 300 head of cattle, custom bale round and square bales of hay, grow wheat, and grow mums and pumpkins for wholesale and retail. The couple's vision for the current direction of their family's farm is to invite



people out to the farm for a day to escape the business of life, spend some time in the fresh country air with their family, and learn a thing or two about agriculture. They are very involved in their church, the Lonoke County Fair, and Lonoke County 4-H. In 2015, their farm became part of Arkansas' Century Farm program.

Double D's Duck Hunting Lodge

A visit to a Double D's duck club will include how planning for guests requires year-round attention to wildlife needs. This farm is set up to reuse all the water from each part to share with any of the other parts. The successful duck hunting at Double D duck hunting lodge is due to its location on the banks of the Bayou Meto WMA and the Bayou Meto flood basin near Lonoke. Bayou Meto Double D is privately owned on acres and acres of land designed, developed and operated specifically to attract large concentrations of ducks to help ensure a fun and successful duck hunting experience. The flooded fields of the Bayou Meto are an area recognized nationwide for attracting large numbers of mallards, gadwalls and pintails. A spacious, modern duck-hunting lodge awaits you and provides excellent accommodations for up to 16 hunters.

Schilling Tree Farms

The final stop will be at Schilling Tree Farms, family owned for more than 30 years. Choose and cut farm-grown Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress and Carolina Sapphire. Schilling also has specialties such as flocked trees and Frazier Firs, fresh cut in North Carolina and straight from the grower. Wagon rides, photo areas, candy canes, hot cider and cocoa are offered on weekends. This farm's target market is people who still like to go out to the farm and pick and cut their very own Christmas tree. It requires year-round work for a short market timeframe.

Tour 13: Forestry

School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Come join us as we tour the forestry sector of South Arkansas. This tour will begin where most forestry careers in Arkansas begin as well, the School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Attendees will tour the SFNR facilities including research



laboratories, classroom facilities, outdoor environmental labs, and interaction with faculty.

Museum of Natural Resources at UAM

After a quick stop for lunch, we will be traveling to the Museum of Natural Resources at UAM and tour the facility including a pre-settlement wildlife/timber display, taxidermy displays and an arboretum. At the end of the tour, attendees will visit Reidlands LLC Sawmill to see the process of lumber and novelty item production from the wood yard to the kiln.

Tour 14: Got Water (SARE Sponsored)

Bayou Meto Water Management District

This tour travels from Little Rock through the diverse agriculture of the Arkansas Delta. The first stop of the tour will



be at the Bayou Meto Water Management District, where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has developed a plan to protect and conserve the groundwater resources of the Bayou Meto Basin. The three components of the plan are aquifer protection and agricultural water supply, flood protection and waterfowl management. To protect the aquifer without devastating the economy, groundwater use must be reduced to a sustainable level. Groundwater studies conducted by the U. S. Geological Survey indicate that groundwater can provide only 22 percent of the total agricultural water needed without further damaging the aquifers. On-farm conservation and storage improvements - Cost-share would be available for on-farm improvements to collect, store and transport surface runoff for reuse on the farm. This stop includes a tour of the pumping station on the Arkansas River just upstream of the David D. Terry Lock and Dam at River Mile 109. Water will be transferred via a network of new canals, pipelines and existing ditches to area farms. A pump station located at the outlet of Little Bayou Meto, operating in conjunction with the channel

improvements, will significantly reduce flooding and allow for better water management for waterfowl in the Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area and the lower portions of the basin.

Bevis Farm

The tour will head to the Bevis Farm, which encourages sustainable agriculture practices, including:

- Annual use of cover crops on approximately 2,000 acres.
- Tailwater recovery and on-farm reservoirs to maximize ground water conservation.

Pipe planner and poly pipe use will be a center of discussion at this farm. The Bevis Farm is a leader in no-till crop production, and tillage is only used when necessary for the farming operation.

Lonoke Agriculture Center

Lonoke Ag center is home to many extension row crop specialists. You will be given hands on instructions on how to use Pipe planner. This computer program is designed to develop plans for laying out and punching holes in poly pipe to maximize water use efficiency.

Hillman Farm

At this farm meet young farmer Collin Torian. Collin is working with the university on a whole pipeline irrigation demonstration. This pipeline has over 600 acres of rice, corn and soybeans. It utilizes water sources from a on farm reservoir, tail water recover and groundwater. See how he has put all the components together to ensure water use efficiency on his farm.

Tour 15: Rice from Seed to Consumer

In the general scheme of things, rice is a relatively small crop in the United States, but it's extremely important to producers in Arkansas and the five other states where it's grown. On this tour you will visit a family farm, a rice research station and two production facilities.

Brantley Farm

First stop is the Brantley farm. Dow Brantley III runs a 9,500-acre farm, has worked at the White House and has testified before Congress on rice markets and the Farm Bill. He is chairman of the Arkansas Rice Federation, the Arkansas Rice Producers Group and the Lonoke County Farm Bureau, and he serves on other agriculture-related organizations. After earning a degree from the University of Arkansas, he worked in Washington for two years, mostly at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency. Brantley also worked with President Clinton's advance team. Brantley works daily with his father, Laudies Dow Brantley II. Dow is married and the father of three daughters. Dow



farms rice, corn, cotton and soybeans. He has on farm storage facilities and direct markets when possible.

University of Arkansas Rice Research and Extension Center

The University of Arkansas Rice Research and Extension Center is nine miles east of Stuttgart on Highway 130, in the heart of the famous Grand Prairie rice-growing region. The first land acquired for the center was deeded in 1927, when a group of farmers and the UA recognized the need for local rice research. RREC is now 1,022 acres devoted to research in rice and rotation crops such as soybeans and wheat. In combination with its neighbor, the USDA/ARS National Rice Research Center, the RREC is the largest rice research location in the U.S. and is well-known worldwide. Research at the center is applied- and production-oriented. The faculty are engaged in research projects in plant breeding and genetics, pathology, entomology, agronomy, water conservation, physiology and economics. The Extension faculty members disseminate the results from this research and demonstrate research applications on whole-field or whole-farm situations. Many projects integrate several disciplines. For example, the rice-breeding program includes not only the breeders, but also pathology, entomology, and agronomy. All projects have very close working relationships with the greater rice industry. Research is funded in part by the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board. Boots will be provided for anyone that would like to take a walk out into the flooded rice fields.

Riceland Foods

Riceland provides marketing services for rice, soybeans and wheat grown by its 5,500 farmer-members in Arkansas and Missouri. Each year, its 1,500 employees receive, store, transport, process and market more than 125 million bushels (2.5 million metric tons) of grain. Riceland is the world's largest miller and marketer of rice and one of the Mid-South's major soybean processors. A major rice exporter, Riceland markets rice products under the Riceland label, private labels, as ingredients, and in bulk. Riceland products are sold across the nation and to more than 75 foreign destinations. Generation after generation of Riceland farmers have planted, cultivated and harvested

rice that carries the quality promise of Riceland Rice. That tradition continues today. Each Riceland product is backed by generations of rice farmers whose goal has always been to produce the finest-quality rice in the world.

Producers Rice Mill, Inc.

In 1943, a small group of Arkansas rice farmers formed Producers Rice Mill, Inc., a farmer cooperative, to better market their rice in a rapidly changing industry. Today, with more than 2,500 farmer members, four rice mills and 12 storage and receiving locations, Producers ships product worldwide as an industry leader in export, foodservice, retail and industrial rice markets. From the land to the customer, Producers is totally integrated as a farmer-owned cooperative offering the most efficient distribution channel: direct from the grower to the customer. Producers is also located in Stuttgart, the center of Arkansas’ rice belt. Arkansas is the leading rice-producing state in the country, growing more than half of the total U.S. Crop. Our growers, many who have been part of the Producers’ family for multiple generations, farm approximately 350,000 acres of rice. Though it primarily operates in Arkansas, Producers’ Farmer’s Rice Cooperative reaches as far as the boot heel of Missouri and the Mississippi Delta.

Tour 16: Edamame Production

This tour will visit a production field of Edamame soybeans. Arkansas became the first state to grow edamame commercially, and a processing plant was opened in Mulberry to handle production and shipment of the crop. American Vegetable Soybean and Edamame, Inc. (AVS), a subsidiary of JYC International, directly works with farmers in Arkansas to grow edamame. Edamame, one of the fastest-growing specialty foods in the country, is a soybean that can be eaten as a snack, a vegetable dish or processed into sweets. Its nutritional benefits have been touted for years. JYC International, founded in the mid-1990s, specializes in frozen food products such as edamame, spring rolls and other Asian appetizer products.

The company had heretofore imported edamame from China. Very limited domestic edamame production prior to 2012. More than 95% of edamame is imported from China to the U.S. A well-established industry in Asia for more than 30 years, JYC Foods, a major edamame import company, has selected Arkansas to be the first major area for large-scale and systematic domestic production in the U.S. American Vegetable Soybean and Edamame, Inc. (AVS), a sub-company of JYC Foods, completed construction of a 32,000 sq. ft. facility in Mulberry in mid-2012 to process, package and distribute edamame products. More than 800 acres of conventional and organic edamame have been contracted with AR growers. 2 varieties will be grown: UA Kirksey was developed through the University of Arkansas breeding program, and the other is traditional Asian variety. Future



Edamame consumption in the U.S. is rising by an estimated 12-15% per year. AVS will expand production capability to meet increasing demand and will contract additional acreage in AR and expand product offerings.

Freshly picked and cleaned edamame is ready to eat. Seed and harvest are provided by AVS under contract with the grower. Determinate varieties produce uniformity of quality and maturity. Seeding rate and stand establishment targets are generally lower than standard soybeans. Seed are larger than typical soybeans; therefore, planters must be adjusted to accommodate the size. Soil crusting must be minimal to ensure quality emergence of the large cotyledons. Irrigation is vital; higher nitrogen rates than for traditional soybeans may be required. Pod quality may be affected by insects and diseases; frequent scouting is necessary. Insect thresholds are being reevaluated for edamame production. Many pesticides that are labeled for soybeans are not approved for edamame; always read and follow label directions. Varieties are non-GMO, therefore Roundup cannot be used in or around edamame. The Arkansas River Valley appears to be geographically and environmentally ideal for the initial production. Pods are harvested at R6 growth stage when green seeds are full size (touching within the pod) but prior to maturity. The desired product is the large, blemish-free pods.

Tour 17: Sod, Tree Nursery and Lumber

Wye Mountain Farm

All aboard for Wye Mountain farm. The flower and berry farm grew out of Beth and Butch Eggers’ desire to return to Arkansas and own a little acreage. Butch’s



career had relocated the family to Omaha, Nebraska, and though many good friends were made there, it never felt like home. In Arkansas, they found the perfect property on

Wye Mountain, with sandy loam soil, perfect for producing flowers and berries. The farm began in 1998 with about a dozen beds of flowers and expanded each year, reaching about three acres of field-grown flowers.

In 2008, the Eggers planted six acres of berry fields. The farm is opened for families to come out and enjoy a morning picking fresh berries and choosing a beautiful fresh bunch of flowers for their home.

Sod Farm

Next, we will stop at a family-run sod farm. At this farm you will see the latest sod production practices and technology. Sod production is an important part of agriculture, benefitting home owners, landscapers, and new-business developers. Most sod in Arkansas is sold in the Little Rock/ Central Arkansas area.

Saw Mill

We will then visit a family-run saw mill. At the saw mill you will see the process from log to lumber. The timber industry is an important part of the economy in Perry County and Arkansas as a whole.

Farm

The last stop will be a family-run row crop farm where we will see an aquatic plant (rice) growing in its natural environment. The field will be starting joint elongation, the beginning of reproduction for the rice fields.

Tour 18: Sustainable Livestock, Horticulture and Row Crops (SARE Sponsored)

Peebles Farm

Peebles Farm is a certified organic, sustainable-crop farm primarily growing soybeans, edamame, wheat, canning pumpkins and green beans. The Peebles Farm is using land from farms that have been taken out of production in the last five to 10 years. Peebles has made an agreement with the Publix grocery chain to set up a production line in a nearby abandoned factory. This production line will be used to process green beans for the grocery chain. Peebles is innovative in production practices to ensure organic certification is kept.

Red River Farms

Red River Farms is a unique row-crop operation. The farm’s headquarters and production are located on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Bald Knob Wildlife Refuge. The 18,000-acre refuge has 6,000 acres of cropland. The major crops include rice and soybeans. The farm is not certified organic, but must follow very specific guidelines for wildlife management within the refuge. Only certain pesticides and

non-GMO crop varieties can be used on the farm. As part of the agreement with Red River Farms, 25 percent of the crop is left for the wildlife, mainly migratory waterfowl and birds. The farm manages moist soil impoundments. These impoundments are used for the planting and managing of specific plants species for wildlife. The farm has an area where bald eagles raise young each year. The farm also has an extensive irrigation system, all of which uses surface water from the Little Red River. The water is managed through tailwater recovery systems. Tailwater recovery insures the water does not leave the property other than through evaporation or soil absorption.

Robinson Farms

At Robinson Farms, no herbicides are needed because the operators use multi-species grazing for weed control. Robinson also uses no fertilizer, and puts the emphasis on feeding soil microbes and generally encouraging soil health. The operators are experimenting with alternative cover crops such as like turnips and sunn hemp. The operators plant



forages for poultry and have pollinator and quail habitat. Robinson Farms has a wildlife management plan from the Game and Fish Commission and a woodland management plan with the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Biosecurity measures will be in place for this stop. No one who has been on a poultry production farm in the last 5 days will be allowed and protective equipment may be required.

Five Acre Farms

Five Acre Farms is a vegetable produce farm located near Pleasant Plains, AR. The operation is certified naturally grown. Only organic fertilizers and pesticides are used in their management practices. They grow a wide variety of vegetables including: tomatoes, peppers, squash, okra, cucumbers, lettuce, cabbage, broccoli, collard and turnip greens, kale, onions, garlic, sweet potatoes, basil, and cut flowers. The various crops are rotationally grown on permanent, no-till beds. Beds are regularly amended with old/unused pasture silage from a local cattle operation. The silage acts as mulch for weed control and as a nutrient source/organic matter for the vegetable beds. The farm utilizes four high tunnels to increase growing seasons in the spring and fall. Five Acre Farms sells their produce to local restaurants, schools, farmer’s markets, and through a CSA cooperative.

Tour 19: Arkansas Fish and Chickens (SARE Sponsored)

Pastured Poultry Ariel Farm

On the Ariel Farm, chickens are raised in floor-less schooners that are moved daily to fresh pasture. The birds are given lots of room to move and scratch. They are great foragers and enjoy the variety of grasses, bugs, and legumes in the pastures. In addition to these goodies, they are given a mineral-rich grain ration that contains no hormones, antibiotics, or genetically-modified items. Ariel Farm is a member of the Grass Roots Farmer Cooperative, whose members increase the land’s biodiversity, productivity, and carbon-sequestering potential by rebuilding topsoil and increasing water retention. Its livestock have access to fresh air, sunlight, grass and water, and space to move and interact with their herd or flock. Its animals are raised with carefully-studied animal husbandry techniques that mitigate the needs for maintenance antibiotics. There are no growth hormones, herbicides, or genetically-modified organisms.

Biosecurity measures will be in place for the above stop. No one who has been on a poultry production farm in the last 5 days will be allowed and protective equipment may be required.

Keo Fish Farms

In 1986, Keo Fish Farm was born on 200 acres. Today, the operation has grown to 1,200 water acres.



The operation has two primary crops: one is hybrid striped bass — Keo Fish Farm is the largest producer of the fish in the world. Between 100 million and 120 million fry are spawned annually. Forty-five percent of Keo Fish Farm’s business comes from hybrid striped bass. You will see what it takes to spawn the hybrid striped bass through hormonal manipulation in the brood fish, to preparing the ponds for the fry to be able to survive. Another 45 percent of the farm’s business comes from another genetically-engineered fish: the triploid grass carp.

Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery

Since 1928, the Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery near Lonoke has produced fish for stocking Arkansas lakes and streams. It is the oldest and largest of the four warm-water hatcheries run by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and is the largest and one of the oldest state-owned warm-water pond hatcheries in the United States. The standard fish currently

reared at the hatchery are warm-water species that include largemouth bass, bluegill bream, red ear bream, crappie, channel catfish, blue catfish, and white amur. Over the years, the hatchery has experimented with raising species such as smallmouth bass, walleye, saugeye, striped bass, striped bass hybrids, hybrid bream, Israeli carp, buffalo, and paddlefish. The hatchery produces approximately three to four million fish annually for Arkansas’s public lakes and streams. In addition to stocking public waters, the hatchery provides some species of fry and fingerling fish for the three other warm-water state fish hatcheries and for other state conservation agencies. The hatchery also provides more than 250,000 eight-inch catfish to the Pot Shoals Net Pens on Bull Shoals Lake and the Jim Collins Net Pens on Lake Ouachita, which are also owned and operated by the AGFC. These facilities grow the catfish to a larger size to stock area lakes.

Tour 20: Chicks, Sweet Corn and Row Crop Verification

Arkansas Department of Correction

The Arkansas Department of Correction farm at Cummins has three commercial layer houses that produce more than 100,000 eggs per day when at peak production. This supplies all the eggs needed by ADC at all locations in the state and any excess is sold on the open market. Houses were put into operation in 2015 and use a caged layer production system. There is also a fully automated processing facility that cleans and grades the eggs and a cold storage facility to hold eggs for later shipment. Biosecurity measures will be in place for the above stop. No one who has been on a poultry production farm in the last 5 days will be allowed and protective equipment may be required.

Esau’s Sweet Corn Farm

This is a fresh-picked sweet corn operation located in Desha County. This farm features mechanical harvesting, grading and bagging of corn.



Corn, when in season, is sold to consumers all over Southeast Arkansas and beyond. Also raised on this farm are melons, squash and other vegetables.

Justin and Ryan Keeter Farm – Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Soybean and Corn Verification Fields

This will be the second year for the Verification Program to be on this farm. Corn and soybean program coordinators and producers will be on hand to explain how the program works along with its benefits.

**Tour 21: Downtown Little Rock
Walking Tour: History,
Politics and Beer**

*(Entry fees are covered but
food and beverages are on your own.)*

Old State House Museum

The first stop of this walking tour of downtown Little Rock features the Old State House Museum. The Old State House is the original state capitol of Arkansas. Begun in 1833, the Old State House has been the site for many historical events over the years, including two acceptance speeches by the President of the United States. The attraction features intriguing permanent and rotating exhibits as well as art, food and historical collections. Don't leave without exploring the museum gift shop, where you'll find a unique item to take home from your Arkansas visit.



Clinton Presidential Center

After exploring the historical and stately Old State House building, it's time to walk a few blocks east to the state of the art, LEED (energy efficient)-certified Clinton Presidential Center. The impressive Presidential Center is adjacent to the Clinton pedestrian bridge, which offers visitors spectacular views of downtown Little Rock, the William Clark Presidential Wetlands Park, and the peaceful flow of the Arkansas River. The Center offers entertaining and educational exhibits including campaign and inauguration exhibits and a recreation of the Cabinet Room and the world's only full-size replica of the Oval Office.

Lost 40 Brewing

Kick up your heels and relax those walking shoes and feet at our last stop, Lost 40 Brewing. This local treasure began in 2014 and has quickly become a "must see and eat" locale for foodies and beer lovers. The microbrewery is deeply rooted in Arkansas and we will tour the facilities, learning about their processes and tasting samples of their craft!

The food is second to none, as is the service.

Extras

Also nearby on the walking tour path and kid friendly: The Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center, The Museum of Discovery, and Riverfront Park.

**Tour 22: Baseball and Submarines
Walking Tour**

*(Entry fees are
covered but
food and beverages
are on your own.)*

**Dickey-Stephens
Park (Kid friendly)**

No need to stay just in Little Rock on your visit to Arkansas. A short trolley ride, directly across the Arkansas River from downtown Little Rock, is the city of North Little Rock, where we will be touring Dickey-Stephens Park, home of the Arkansas Travelers baseball team. The tour includes a discussion of the ballpark's soil and grounds with park superintendent Greg Johnston. Learn about the 100 years of Arkansas baseball history while touring the baseball museum located right in the stadium. If a baseball game is scheduled that evening, you can return later to watch a game at a discounted rate, and all tour attendees will receive a free souvenir!



USS Razorback

The USS Razorback, a Balao-class submarine of the Sandlance variant, was built at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Her keel was in 1943 and she was launched, along with two sister ships, the U.S.S. Redfish-SS 395 and U.S.S. Ronquil-SS 396, in 1944. U.S.S. Scabbardfish, SS 397, was also launched at the shipyard the same day, making it the largest single-day launch of U.S. submarines ever. The Razorback conducted five combat patrols during World War II, sinking Japanese vessels, capturing Japanese POWs, and rescuing American pilots who had been shot down. At the end of WWII, she was one of only 12 submarines selected to be present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrender was signed.

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LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM

Life Members Breakfast to feature Dr. Rick Cartwright Tuesday- July 26 - 6:30 am- 8:00 am

Dr. Rick Cartwright will provide a humorous view on how retired agents can assist other agents in state and regional work.

Rick Cartwright currently serves as Associate Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources, where he coordinates statewide extension programs with Unit Heads and District Directors.

He grew up in North Central Arkansas on a diversified farm, later earning the B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Arkansas. After working in industry a few years, he returned to graduate school, completing the M.S. in Plant Pathology at UA Fayetteville, then the Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of California, Davis. Dr. Cartwright has worked in research, teaching and extension for the UA System

Division of Agriculture since 1992, and is best known for his work in rice diseases. He has been recognized with the John White Outstanding Extension State Faculty Award from the Division, the Distinguished Rice Research and Education

Award from the Rice Technical Working Group, the Extension Excellence Team Award, the Outstanding Plant Pathologist Award from the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society, and the 2011 National Rice Industry Award.

He is married to Lynette Warren, and they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.



NACAA Life Member Tours - 2016

Tour 1 - Edamame Soybean Production, Wine Country Tour, and Fruit Research

The first stop will be at American Vegetable Soybean & Edamame's edible soybean processing plant. This is a relatively new enterprise for western Arkansas, having been in business since 2012. AVSE contracts with local producers to grow edamame soybeans for processing and marketing for human consumption. The company processes, packages, and markets several edamame products. This tour will provide an up-close look at the processing and history of the edamame soybeans.

Next, explore Arkansas wine country and taste the tradition of Arkansas winemaking. Arkansas is the oldest and largest grape juice and wine producing state in the southern United States. Three wineries operate in Altus, AR, with two others found in Wiederkehr Village. Experience Arkansas wine making at its best and possibly sample a variety of wines produced in the Arkansas River Valley. Lunch will be provided at Post Winery in Altus, AR.

The last stop will be the University of Arkansas Fruit Research Station in Clarksville. The station provides a site for research on a number of fruit crops due to its location within a unique microclimate. Research covers peaches, apples, nectarines,

grapes, blueberries, raspberries, pecans, and one of the largest blackberry breeding programs in the world. You will have the opportunity to sample fruit grown at the station.

Tour 2 - Garvan Gardens/Hot Springs Tour

Experience Garvan Woodland Gardens, the botanical garden of the University of Arkansas. Nestled in the picturesque Ouachita Mountains, Garvan Woodland Gardens' mission is to preserve and enhance a unique part of the Ouachita environment, provide people with a place of learning, research, cultural enrichment, and serenity, develop and sustain gardens, landscapes, and structures of exceptional aesthetics, design, and construction, and partner with and serve communities of which the Gardens is a part. From the dynamic architectural structures to the majestic botanical landscapes, Garvan Woodland Gardens offers breathtaking sights (and fantastic photo opportunities) at every turn.

After Garvan Gardens, walk through the beautiful historic district of Hot Springs. Restored buildings dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s now house art galleries, coffee houses, restaurants, and shops. The Arlington Hotel, built in 1875, was a favorite of Al Capone. Bathhouse Row offers eight turn-of-the-20th century buildings, including a visitor center and museum, along with an art gallery, a spa and the oldest continuously operating bathhouse in Hot Springs.

Tour 3 - Blanchard Springs Caverns

Blanchard Springs Caverns

Travel by bus to Blanchard Springs Caverns. Blanchard Springs Caverns can hardly be described in words! You must visit the caves to truly understand and appreciate their beauty. Entering the world of the underground is always a thrilling experience. This tour will showcase some of the wonderful and majestic sights. There are different tours offered at the caverns: the Dripstone Trail, the Discovery Trail, the Discovery in the Dark Headlamp Tour and the caverns newest trail, the Wild Cave Tour. Led by knowledgeable Forest Service Guides the tours wind through water-carved passages; including an underground river, and the world's largest flowstone. Each trail is a little different in intensity and visitors should be aware this before choosing a trail.

Folk Center Tour

Then travel to Mountain View, Arkansas to experience the Ozark Folk Center where we will eat lunch. "A Wonderful Way to Enjoy Yesterday" Arkansas's unique Ozark Folk Center State Park is America's only facility that works at preserving the Ozark heritage and sharing it in an entertaining way. They keep the crafts, music and herb-lore of the Ozarks alive. Tap your toes to mountain music at one of your favorite Arkansas state parks located in Mountain View, Arkansas in the heart of the Ozarks. See blacksmithing, pottery-making and more than 18 other pioneer skills and crafts.

Tour 4 - Little Rock Tour

Walk and ride the trolley as your guide leads you through the sights and sounds of downtown Little Rock. In the heart of downtown, the River Market District offers a market hall with an exciting mix of food vendors that will entice your senses and fit any culinary cravings. Shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, visit several art galleries and souvenir stores, stroll through the park, take in multiple works of public sculpture, or enjoy the incredible and relaxing view of the river.

William J. Clinton Library and Museum

The Library sits on 29 acres of beautifully maintained grounds with walking trails. The Library contains a replica of the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room, a theater, President Clinton's presidential limousine, and other ever changing exhibits.

Heifer International Headquarters

Based in Little Rock, AR, Heifer's headquarters use 52 percent less energy than a conventional office building of similar size and use. All of the materials used in the building were sourced within 500 miles of Little Rock (except for the bamboo). Heifer chose bamboo because it is fast growing and sustainable. People come to Heifer Village to shop, play and learn.

Hop on the trolley and cross the river to visit the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. The focus of AIMM is to commemorate America's rich naval and maritime heritage through the preservation and exhibition of historic naval vessels with an emphasis on the era of World War II through the present. While there, be sure to tour the USS Razorback Submarine.



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SPOUSE MEMBER PROGRAM

2016 National Association of County Agricultural Agents Spouses Tour Summary - MONDAY - JULY 25, 2017

Tour 1 - HISTORY BUFF

Includes visiting Civil War sites highlighted by lunch at an antebellum estate, next to the Mississippi River. This includes a tour of the house.

Tour 2 - HOT SPRINGS

This tour will encompass visiting Garvan Gardens and the historical downtown and bathhouse district of Hot Springs, which includes the option for a thermal bath and massage.

Tour 3 - NATURE LOVER

For this excursion, there will be a wildlife tour of the Dale Bumpers National Wildlife Refuge, lunch at the Arkansas Rice Research Station and a duck calling demonstration.

Tour 4 - CALL TO ARMS

On a different gauge, here is an opportunity to participate in a skeet shoot and possibly even using muzzleloader firearms. Afterward this group will join others at the Arkansas Rice Research Station for rice tasting and a duck calling demonstration.

Tour 5 - LOCAL CULTURE

To wind up the official tours, there will be an opportunity for those who like to shop and look at local horticulture. The trolley of downtown Little Rock will be available to see the sites of the area. This includes a visit to the famous Heifer International Facilities and Clinton Presidential Library.

And if none of these interest you: There are shopping opportunities galore at local establishments or golf outings for those who want to bring along their clubs.

SPOUSE LUNCHEON TUESDAY - JULY 26 - 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

FEATURING Leslie Rutledge Attorney General of Arkansas

Leslie Rutledge is the 56th Attorney General of Arkansas and the first woman to be elected to the Office.

A native of Batesville, Rutledge is a graduate of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and the UALR Bowen School of Law.

She clerked for Arkansas Court of Appeals Judge (now Supreme Court Justice) Josephine Hart and was Deputy Counsel for Governor Mike Huckabee, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Lonoke County, and Attorney for the Division of Children and Family Services.

Nationally, General Rutledge worked in Washington D.C. as Counsel for the Republican National Committee and National Republican Congressional Committee, as well as led a 50-state legal team as Counsel for the 2008 Mike Huckabee presidential campaign.

Prior to being elected Attorney General, she practiced law in Little Rock at The Rutledge Firm.

In addition to her state responsibilities, General Rutledge actively works on multi-state issues with other states' attorneys general, and she re-established and serves as Co-chair of the National Association of Attorneys General Committee on Agriculture as part of her commitment to protect Arkansas's largest industry.



Spouses Workshop Options Tuesday July 26, 2016

SESSION #1 - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Workshop 1 - Painting Arkansas: This is an opportunity to learn various techniques in painting Arkansas landscapes and more, taught by a well-known local artist. Take home your very own work of art after the workshop

Workshop 2 - Cooking with Arkansas Commodities: A HANDS-ON cooking class taught by an award-winning team of local chefs using locally-grown produce. While rice will be featured, other Arkansas-grown foods will be included.

Workshop 3 - Wildlife Seminar: Arkansas Wildlife writer, Bryan Hendricks, will discuss Arkansas wildlife. He is an avid trout and smallmouth bass fisherman. He also excels in turkey- and deer-hunting. His stories about the wildlife in Arkansas will astound you.

Workshop 4 - Yoga: For those health-conscious individuals, a yoga instructor will lead and teach a yoga class. Yoga not only improves your balance and flexibility, but this class may also help prepare you for the rest of your week in Arkansas.

Workshop 5 -Super Seminar (4 hours - ALL of Session 1 & 2): This workshop is about preparing/preserving Arkansas (as well as other states) fruits and vegetables for future use. Family Consumer Science county extension agents will be on hand to assist with the process of making commodities safe for future use. Again products will be available to take home from the seminar.

SESSION #2 - 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Workshop 6 - Painting Arkansas: This is an opportunity to learn various techniques in painting Arkansas landscapes and more, taught by a well-known local artist. Take home your very own work of art after the workshop

Workshop 7 - Soap Making Class: We want you to get your hands dirty and also be able to clean up. Learn the skills needed to make your own handmade soap. From this workshop you will acquire invaluable knowledge, and most likely, some soap.

Workshop 8 - Photography with your smartphone: We have two excellent instructors teaching how to use your phone and iPad to take wonderful, clear pictures. These two are professionals that use these devices to take pictures on a daily basis. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how to get the most out of your electronic device cameras.

Workshop 9 - Self-guided Tour: In downtown Little Rock there is the River Rail Streetcar that can take you to various destinations. There are many different places to see and visit in the area such as the Statehouse Convention Center, The River Market District, the Historic Arkansas Museum, Heifer International, William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park, Dickey Stephens Ballpark and the Old State House Museum.

AFTERNOON - 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

The NON-Session: In the afternoon, instead of having a session, we are going to play Bingo. This is a game that everyone can enjoy, regardless of skill levels. Prizes will be available to all winners of all games.

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 (Sunday - July 24)

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 Acquainted Party (Sunday - July 24)

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

The Sons and Daughters program will be three fun filled days showcasing the premiere youth attractions in the state of Arkansas.

Monday - July 25, 2016

After getting acquainted on Sunday night the group will travel to the Arkansas 4-H Center to experience the

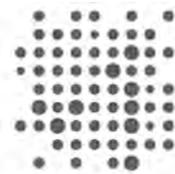


renowned Arkansas Outdoor School and ExCel high ropes course. The sons and daughters will experience two of the most popular activities offered to youth in the Natural State. (ExCel ropes course limited to the first 30 attendees 8th grade and above).



Tuesday - July 26, 2016

Day two will be a truly amazing experience with the youth participating in an Amazing Race style scavenger hunt in the downtown river market area in the morning. The youth will be assisted by Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors



museumofdiscovery

throughout the process. For lunch the youth will be treated at the restaurant 41 at the Clinton Presidential Library and the Heifer



Project International restaurant. The afternoon will be even more exciting as the group moves to the nationally recognized and top 10 ranked Museum of Discovery where they will not only explore but be treated to shows and experiments featured on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon.

Wednesday - July 27, 2016



Day three will be an awesome trip to Magic Springs theme park where everyone will be able to get both a theme park full of rides and the water park full of slides, lazy river, and wave pools. The group will have their own pavilion to come back to during the day.

The group will receive shirts, backpacks, bracelets, and towels to use and commemorate their stay in Arkansas.

Air Travel to the 2016 AM/PIC

The airport for the 2016 AM/PIC will be the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport - (LIT) which has air service from a variety of carriers.



Airport Ground Transportation

The 2016 AM/PIC conference hotels are all within 10-15 minutes of travel time from the airport. The Marriott & Doubletree will provide complimentary shuttle service. Courtyard Marriott does not provide ground transportation - you will need to make your own arrangements via a taxi or shuttle service.

Car rental information and other taxi/shuttle service information can be found at the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport website: <http://www.fly-lit.com/parking-transportation/taxis-shuttles/>



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 attempted to be coordinated by Arkansas & 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. **Bottom line...if you register early...you will have a good chance of getting a ticket...register late...plan on making your own arrangements.**

Final notification of luncheon registrations will be identified on your AM/PIC registration confirmation no later than June 15, 2016. 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 its 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 24-28, 2016

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2016: 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 Statehouse 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, 2016.

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.

- Sunday Evening - Opening Dinner (Beef)** _____ #
- Monday Evening - Welcome to Arkansas (Seafood)** _____
- Thursday Breakfast** _____
- Thursday After Tour Evening Meal** _____

ANNUAL BANQUET

Wednesday Evening July 27, 2016; 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 7/1/2006 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 25, 2016. 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 28, 2016

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 24, 2016 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

___ National Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Luncheon/Workshop
(for current and incoming National Chairs/Vice Chairs only)

Monday, July 25, 2016 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

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

*Tickets
will be
given to
award
winners
first*

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ Poster Session Awards Breakfast (6:30 am - 7:45 am)
- ___ SFE Livestock Production Luncheon
- ___ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers Luncheon
- ___ SARE Fellows Luncheon
- ___ State Officers (Pres/VP/Treas/Sec current & incoming) Luncheon
- ___ Verdesian - Nitrogen Management Educational Luncheon

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

- ___ National Committee Members Breakfast (Current and Incoming)
- ___ SFE - SARE - Luncheon
- ___ SFE Farm Health & Safety Luncheon
- ___ Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance Educational 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 24 at 12:00 noon. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome. Meal cost is \$30/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

SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

Spouse/Guest Name _____

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Monday, July 26, 2016

Tours #1-6	# of people on Tour
1 st Choice	_____
2 nd Choice	_____
3 rd Choice	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON - Tuesday, July 27, 2016

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

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS & WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, July 27, 2016.... # of people at Workshops _____

Morning Session 1 8:30-10:00 a.m.

(Workshops 1-5)

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

(Reminder - Workshop 5 expands across Morning Session 1 & 2)

Morning Session 2 10:30 a.m. - Noon

(Workshops 6-9)

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

Afternoon Session - Bingo 2:00-3:30 p.m.

(Yes I want to play Bingo) _____

LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE'S ACTIVITIES

LIFE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST - Tuesday, July 26, 2016

(6:30 am - 8:00 a.m.) Number Attending _____

LIFE MEMBER'S TOURS - Tuesday, July 26, 2016

(Immediately following the breakfast)

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

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 currently 12.5% (subject to change).
5. Rooms will be held using a credit card. To hold your room with another form of payment - please contact NACAA for options.
6. The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2016 to guarantee accommodations.

Please **NUMBER (1,2,3)** your preference in each box (Marriott Little Rock 340 Rooms, Doubletree 190 rooms, Courtyard by Marriott 50, Hampton Inn 35 rooms)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriott Little Rock (Headquarters Hotel) | \$149 + 12.5% tax Single/Double/Quad Occupancy (1-4) \$22/day parking valet only
Additional parking in City Lot \$5/day - 2 blocks away at Second & Main
Parking Garage - to receive this discounted rate - ticket must be validated at AM/PIC
Registration - otherwise cost is \$12/day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doubletree by Hilton | \$146 + 12.5% tax Single/Double/Quad Occupancy (1-4) - \$9/day self parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtyard by Marriott | \$149 + 12.5% tax - Single/Double/Quad Occupancy (1-4) - free parking - Trolley to
Convention Center - runs every 20 minutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton Inn & Suites | \$149 + 12.5% tax - Single/Double/Quad Occupancy (1-4) - located several blocks from
Convention Center - must be willing to drive and park at Convention Center -
shuttles will not be provided - Hotel parking \$9/day self parking |

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, 2016.

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 24, 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.

<u>SUNDAY, JULY 24</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Let's Get to Know You Party!	_____	_____	_____ _____

<u>MONDAY, JULY 25</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Arkansas 4-H Center - Outdoor School	_____	_____	_____
ExCel high ropes course (8th grade and above only)	_____	_____	_____
(ExCel 1st 30 - priority will be given to youth)	_____	_____	_____

<u>TUESDAY, JULY 26</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Explore the River Market District of Little Rock	_____	_____	_____
Clinton Library for Lunch	_____	_____	_____
Museum of Discovery	_____	_____	_____

<u>WEDNESDAY, JULY 27</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Magic Springs Theme Park	_____	_____	_____
Going Away Party (Dinner)	_____	_____	_____

SON'S & DAUGHTER'S MEDICAL RELEASE FORM: Medical release forms will be required for all youth participants. Please complete the following page and submit WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM - OR EMAIL TO: NACAAEMAIL@AOL.COM

2016 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Release Form

This form must be completed in its entirety prior to youth participating in any 2016 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 Jesse Bocksnick, jbocksnick@uaex/edu - 501-889-2661 to discuss accommodations no later than June 30, 2016.

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 2016 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 2016 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 2016 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 2016 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: (_____) _____

Cross Country Adventures to NACAA

by Doug Warnock

One thing we “old timers” do is reminisce about past experiences. This leads me to tell about my earliest trips to NACAA Annual Meetings (they weren’t called AM/PICs until the mid 1990’s). I traveled across country with a group of County Agents from Washington State in a camper. That way we could attend and participate in the NACAA meeting and keep the costs of attendance to an affordable level.

Elvin Kulp, an Extension Agronomist serving the Grant-Adams Area of Central Washington owned a one-ton Dodge truck upon which he had a custom built camper, designed to sleep six people. Six times during the 1970’s his rig crossed the country for NACAA annual meetings.

Agents heading off for the NACAA meetings would meet at a central location in Washington, we’d leave our cars for a week and climb aboard the Dodge for a drive across country.

Washington State County Agents making the trips, included Duane Erickson, Emmett Fields, Roland Hintze, John Moore, Jack Waud, and Ken Waud, in addition to Elvin and myself.

The first trip I made in the camper was to Baltimore in 1973. Now that’s a long drive from the Pacific Northwest and takes several days. We had developed a system for traveling in that rig. We always had two people up front in the cab, a driver and a navigator. The navigator’s job was to make sure the driver was alert and to be a human GPS. Our policy was that no one drove for more than four hours at a time. The guys in the back of the camper could eat, sleep, play cards, read or just talk. Any time the guys up front needed food or water, the guys in back passed it through the connecting window.

We prepared a lot of our meals in the camper, so that helped keep the cost down. We kept the rig moving 24 hours a day, stopping only for fuel and an occasional restaurant meal. Once we arrived at the site of the annual meeting, two of our guys moved into a hotel room and the rest of us took turns using their shower. Those of us not staying in the hotel slept in the camper.

In 1975 we drove to Milwaukee. That included my first visit to Mount Rushmore. We pulled in to the Mount Rushmore parking lot one morning, cooked breakfast and spent a few hours at the park before moving on.

The trip to Hartford, Connecticut in 1977 was quite an adventure! Driving by Minneapolis on our way to Hartford the engine threw a rod. After being towed to a shop, we explained our dilemma to the manager and he put a crew to work on the engine and we went to a motel.

Twenty-four hours later the repairs were completed and we were back on the road headed east.

Arriving in Hartford in the early evening, we stopped by a local tavern to have a beer. We went in, sat down and looked around before deciding it was a seedy looking place. Walking back out to the camper, we discovered the camper door had been pried open and the camper ransacked. There wasn’t anything of value taken, because we came back soon enough to scare away the thieves before they could do a thorough job.

When the banquet was over on Thursday night, we climbed in the camper to drive back home. Ken was driving and I was navigator. He said, “I’ve always wanted to visit New England when the leaves are in color, let’s go north.” So, we did. When the guys woke up the next morning they couldn’t figure out where we were. We spent time in New Hampshire and Vermont seeing the fall foliage and learning about the maple syrup industry. A couple of the guys were concerned about getting back in time for their annual reviews, which were scheduled for Monday morning. We got them back just in time for their review without the benefit of much sleep.

An antelope hunt in eastern Wyoming topped off our drive to the 1979 annual meeting in South Dakota. A Wyoming County Agent connected us with a couple of ranchers and we brought home some antelope meat.

Most of the NACAA AM/PICs I’ve attended over the years have been by airline travel or driving the family car, but my memories of those early trips with fellow County Agents in Elvin Kulp’s camper hold a special place in my memoirs.



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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!

Upcoming Issues of The County Agent Magazine		
June, 2016	October, 2016	December, 2016
Open Topic/Report to the Membership	Post AM/PIC Edition	Awards/Committee Directory
Deadline for Articles: May 20, 2016	Deadline for Articles: September 1, 2016	Deadline for articles: December 1, 2016
Mail Date: June 15, 2016	Mail Date: September 20, 2016	Mail Date: December 28, 2016

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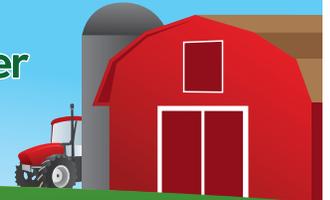
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The County Agent

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The County Agent - NACAA, 6584 W. Duroc Rd.,
Maroa, IL 61756 - Attn: Scott Hawbaker

ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE DATES

2016
Little Rock, Arkansas...July 24-28

2018
Chattanooga, Tennessee.....July 29-Aug. 2

2017
Salt Lake City, Utah....July 9-13

2019
Forth Wayne, IndianaSeptember 8-12

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