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# President's Corner

I am so excited to join the Indiana Educators in hosting you for the NACAA's 104th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. NACAA and our host Indiana are planning an outstanding educational program with opportunities for professional development as well as fun and fellowship. The AM/PIC is a chance to renew old acquaintances and develop new ones. Some of the traditions of the AM/PIC are planned, as well as some new twists that we hope you find to your liking.

In this issue of *The County Agent* Magazine is all the information you need to register for the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. Be sure to look over all the events and activities that are happening so you do not miss anything. There will be many sessions that you will not want to miss. There are four Pre AM/PIC educational subject matter tours to choose from if that interests you. On Thursday, there are also 24 professional improvement tours that you may choose from.

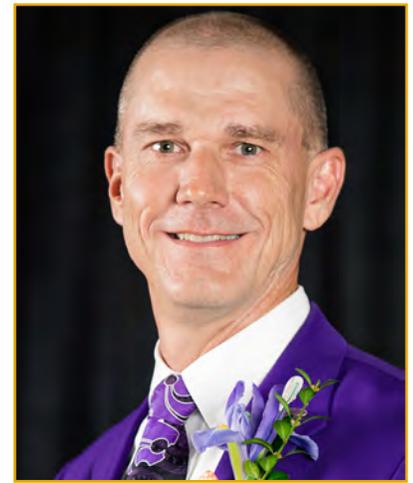
Sunday evening is the opening session and inspirational program. After several years of having music at the opening session, we have gone back to an inspirational speaker. Marine Corporal Joshua Bleill will provide remarks about patriotism, service, and the role of family in everyday life. Joshua has an incredible story to tell of his tour of duty in Iraq and how it changed his life. What a great way to start the AM/PIC by hearing from a true American Patriot.

The keynote speaker on Monday morning will be Damian Mason. Damian is a Purdue University graduate that is not only a speaker, but also owns a farm in Indiana. Damian will use a mix of comedy and agriculture knowledge to deliver a message that you will not want to miss.

Monday and Tuesday will be the awards related luncheons. NACAA and sponsors will be providing box lunches for any member that registers for one. You must register for a luncheon to receive a ticket for a box lunch. Once you receive your lunch, you can attend any of the award luncheons you so desire, depending on room size. Also, on Monday there will be a Climate Applications super seminar with lunch and The Fertilizer Institute will have a sponsored lunch. So, no one should be without a lunch on Monday or Tuesday. On Wednesday, our friends at Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance and the Indiana Soybean Alliance/Illinois Corn Marketing Board will have an educational luncheons that you can sign up for as well.

As members have requested more professional development opportunities at the AM/PIC, we have tried the last few years to accommodate this. Last year, additional presentation slots were added on Wednesday morning and this will continue this year. This year members will also have five super seminars to choose from. In addition to the Climate Applications super seminar on Monday, there will be an Ag Economics/Community Development super seminar and Teaching and Educational Technologies super seminar. These two super seminars will be during the committee meeting time. This is something new that is being tried this year.

Wednesday there will be two additional super seminar opportunities -- The Sustainable Agriculture "SARE" and the Public Relations & Ag Issues. On Wednesday morning, there will be a Crop Systems Modeling session using the NRCS Integrated Erosion Tool. Our friends from NRCS will join us to make this presentation. There will be an opportunity for CEU's for attending this session.



**Richard Fechter**  
NACAA President

While members are obtaining professional improvement and checking out the exhibits and posters, the spouses and children will be enjoying the sights of Indiana and attending interesting workshops. Our life members continued attendance and support of NACAA helps keep our association strong and viable. There is a multitude of activities, tours and meetings planned for them as well. Again, this year, much of the life members and spouses programs will be together. With a September AM/PIC, attendance at the Sons and Daughters program may not be as many as the traditional July meetings, however, a great program is planned for those that attend.

A highlight every year of the AM/PIC is the Distinguished Service Award banquet on Wednesday. This year we will be recognizing and honoring the four Hall of Fame award winners at the banquet as well.

A big thank you to the Indiana members, NACAA committees, council chairs and officers that have been working hard on the details to provide a fantastic conference filled with educational opportunities, fun, fellowship, and unique features for attending members and families to make this a memorable AM/PIC.



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# Welcome to Indiana

On the behalf of Purdue Extension and the State of Indiana, we look forward to you joining us for the 2019 AM/PIC in Fort Wayne. Indiana - Agriculture That Works, isn't just a tag line, it's a way of life and Fort Wayne is a shining embodiment. A city in an oasis of fields, Fort Wayne is our second largest city in our largest county.

Fort Wayne is where agriculture and manufacturing meet. From local chocolate companies and vibrant city farmer's markets to biodiesel and truck assembly plants; Fort Wayne is a stellar example of how Indiana combines food, fuel, fiber and steel to create a thriving economy while providing the inputs and finished products that American consumers and producers use to support and embellish our way of life.

We hope that while you are in Fort Wayne you will take the time to stroll some of the city parks, the fort and visit the Zoo.

You will find that most of our activities are centered around the convention center of which two of the hotels are attached. States

night out should be a breeze with several eateries located within walking distance.

The spouse and life members will enjoy several tours and activities in and around Fort Wayne. From BBQ cooking and how to make your own clay pottery to trips to the home of Gene Stratton Porter or a day of trap shooting, there is a lot of variety, education and fun waiting for you.

Like the activities for the spouses and life members, we have a lot to showcase for our active members. Of course we know corn and soybeans will be celebrated with visits to Pioneer, Beck's, Louis Dreyfus and others. We'll share with you insights into our egg, mint and dairy industries. We also have offerings for those with an interest in horticulture and forestry with stops at Pike Lumber Company, Roberta's Greenhouse and Clearspring Produce Auction to name a few.

ANR Educators from throughout the state have planned for you to come spend some time in the land of Hoosier Hospitality.

Come and celebrate with us Purdue's 150th Birthday. We have a lot to offer. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Scott Gabbard & Kelly Heckaman  
Co-Chairs, 2019 NACAA AM/PIC



*Scott Gabbard*



*Kelly Heckaman*

## Welcome First Timers!

The 2019 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) First Timer Committee and Early Career Development Committee cordially invite you to attend the 104th NACAA AM/PIC in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The program includes a wide variety of events and activities to offer something for everyone. If you are attending the NACAA event for the first time, be sure to attend the First Timer Orientation and First Timer Luncheon.

The First Timer Orientation will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 8, 2019, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Extension can be a challenging and rewarding career and we want to provide you with information and insights that will help you succeed. The program will let you know about an assortment of opportunities that NACAA has to offer to help you build your career in Extension.

The First Timer Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, September 9, at 11:45 a.m. Here you will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow first timers from around the country and hear from Mike Manning, a highly successful agriculture educator who has worked with Purdue Extension for over 36 years. He has attended NACAA meetings as a member and delegate and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Indiana Extension. Mike will provide insights as well as motivational words of wisdom that will be an asset to your career in Extension. Mike's message will be "The Past, the Present and the Future".

Take a close look at the County Agent magazine for details on the 2019 NACAA AM/PIC. The 2019 conference website has additional information that will be of interest (<https://extension.purdue.edu/NACAA2019/>). Another great resource available to you is a

free webinar on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. EST developed by the National Early Career Development Committee. The hour-long webinar will highlight the benefits of attending an AM/PIC, highlight events and activities first timers should attend throughout the week, and walk you through the steps of the registration process. Additional information about the webinar is being finalized and a link for the webinar will be sent to all NACAA members via email.

If you have specific questions about Indiana, or any of the events that are planned, please contact a member of the First Timer or AM/PIC planning committee. Your First Timer contact is Steve Mayer (MayerSL@purdue.edu). We hope to make your first AM/PIC a great experience, and we are here to help in any way we can!

# Opening Ceremony to Feature Inspirational Words from Marine Corporal Joshua Bleill

Join us as we celebrate the official kick-off of the 2019 NACAA AM/PIC at Sunday evening's Opening Ceremony. In addition to kicking off the AM/PIC, this session will feature our traditional flag ceremony honoring each state and territory of the great United States of America.

The session will also feature the inspirational words of Marine Corporal Joshua Bleill. Bleill graduated from high school in Greenfield, Indiana, and attended Purdue University. He joined the Marine Corps Reserves in 2004 and was activated

for a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006. He was conducting combat patrols in Fallujah on October 15 of that year when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. He suffered multiple injuries, including the loss of both of his legs. Bleill moved home to Indiana in August 2008 and married his wife, Nikki, in 2009. He resides in Anderson, IN with Nikki and their two children. His remarks will cover patriotism, service, and the role of family in everyday life.



## Damian Mason to address NACAA Members at Monday General Session as Keynote Speaker



Damian Mason is a Businessman, Agriculturist, Speaker, Podcaster, Writer, and Consultant.

Damian speaks on the two subjects he knows best: Business and Agriculture. Since 1994, he has spoken to nearly 2,000 audiences in all 50 states, 5 provinces, and 7 foreign countries. Damian delivers crisp, current, Ag commentary packed with humor. In addition to speaking at Ag meetings, Damian produces and hosts "The Business of Agriculture" podcast. He's also extremely active on social media discussing Agriculture and occasionally fighting with Ag's online opponents.

Damian was raised on a dairy farm, owns and manages 300 acres of farm and timber land, and has a degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University. He also studied comedy writing and improvisation at The Second City - Chicago. Damian is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and the National Speakers Association. He is one of less than 1000 public speakers in the world to hold the Certified Speaking Professional designation.

When he's not traveling for work, Damian can be found on his Indiana farm with his wife Lori, or escaping from winter at their Arizona residence.

## Evening Dinners in Indiana

Work up an appetite and enjoy Midwest hospitality at Sunday evening's "Welcome to Indiana Dinner" sponsored by Purdue Extension. The Hoosier Favorites Dinner Buffet features classic Indiana dishes using Indiana-grown products including Wicks Famous Sugar Cream Pie. Hoosier hospitality will continue on Monday night with good food and fellowship. So, come hungry and leave satisfied with the hearty food of the Midwest.

## 4-H Talent Revue Full of Diverse Musical Acts

Join us Monday, September 9 for an evening of amazing entertainment performed by a group of talented Indiana 4-H members. Our Hoosier vocalists will perform songs from Broadway as well as the classics. Our resident 4-H rocker will get your hands clapping with his original music. No show would be complete without guitars and ukuleles. Our southern Indiana fiddle player will get your toes tapping at the 2019 NACAA 4-H Talent Revue. Each entertainer will perform two acts for a total of 16 acts for the evening.

## Annual Banquet

Join us at the annual awards banquet on Wednesday, September 11, as we celebrate Distinguished Service Award winners and another successful year of NACAA. Dinner will include ribeye steak. Enjoy décor partially provided by the Allen County Master Gardener Association.

## Farewell Dinner

Wrap up your week in scenic Fort Wayne with a delicious meal featuring the Indiana poultry industry at the farewell dinner. We will be highlighting our duck, turkey and chicken produced by Hoosier families. Enjoy sharing your highlights of the AM/PIC with friends new and old. Continue connecting with conference attendees by participating in popular outdoor Hoosier games.

## Connect with Us

Now is the time to start working on having a great conference experience by visiting our website and connecting with us on social media for the most up-to-date conference information available. Check out the website for links to things to do and places to eat, including State's Night Out options.

Website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/NACAA2019/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NACAA2019/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NACAA2019>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NACAA2019/>

## Exciting Plans for the Trade Show

The 2019 NACAA AM/PIC trade show will highlight agriculture and green industry companies from across the nation plus nonprofit and government organizations. Attendees will also find many fun activities for the whole family including a photo booth to capture fun memories, program highlights within Purdue University and Purdue University Extension. The ice cream socials on Sunday and Monday night will be a great time for families to explore the trade show. Check out your registration packet upon arrival for details on how you can win awesome door prizes just for visiting the trade show. The trade show will be located in Convention Hall C.

## Welcome Information to Fort Wayne for the 2019 NACAA AM/PIC

### Getting to Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne is located in the northeast corner of Indiana at the intersection of I-69 and US-30 (historic Lincoln Highway) and is accessible from Fort Wayne International Airport (approximately 8 miles away from the Grand Wayne Convention Center; get more airport info at <https://fwairport.com/>).

Travel early or stay after the conference to enjoy the Hoosier Hospitality that Indiana has to offer. Experience our country's newest (61<sup>st</sup>) National Park, Indiana Dunes, to one of the icons of Hoosier Hysteria, Milan High School, as well as a growing number of Indiana wineries and all points in between. Learn more about things to do along the way by visiting <https://visitindiana.com> and <https://indianawines.org/>.

### Getting Around Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne International Airport makes it easy for you to access the city through a variety of ground transportation services such as airport car rentals, taxis, hotel shuttles, and ride share services UBER and LYFT. You can find more information about these services at <https://fwairport.com/fort-wayne-international/ground-transportation/>. **Hotel shuttle service from the airport is available to the main conference hotels: Courtyard by Marriott and Fort Wayne Hilton.** Contact info is on the hotel websites.

Downtown Fort Wayne is very walkable and several attractions are connected to the Grand Wayne Convention Center through a skywalk. See the rest of downtown Fort Wayne and take in the abundance of public art by walking or biking the sidewalks. Check out [www.visitfortwayne.com/mapexplorer/](http://www.visitfortwayne.com/mapexplorer/) for an interactive map of the city.

See more information about Fort Wayne at [www.visitfortwayne.com](http://www.visitfortwayne.com) or on the conference website.

# NACAA Horticulture PRE-AM/PIC Horticulture & Turfgrass Study Tour 2019

## *Sustainable Horticulture Initiatives: Hydroponic Focused Workshop and Tour for Agents*

The National Horticulture Committee invites you to join us for another awesome horticulture study tour to be held pre-conference on September 6-7th, 2019 in Indiana.

Cost to Participants: \$100/person; does not include hotel or travel costs. Includes evening meal on Friday, breakfast-lunch-dinner on Saturday.

Participants may apply online (or within this edition of *The County Agent* - page 30) to attend. You will need to complete a short application answering 3 questions on your interest for this tour.

### **Basic Daily Itinerary:**

Participants should make arrangements to arrive in Ft. Wayne, IN on Friday, September 6th before 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. that evening, participants meet in the hotel lobby and take the hotel shuttle to Lakeside Park and Rose Garden where we will have dinner and self-guided tour. This will be a casual meet and greet time.

On Saturday morning breakfast will be provided from 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. at the hotel or conference center. At 7:45-8:00 a.m. load bus/van and travel to Lafayette/Purdue. Attend a hands-on training hosted by Purdue University from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Then, we will have dinner and tour of the Purdue Arboretum and Horticulture Gardens.

The training at Purdue will be conducted by Krishna Nemali, Assistant Professor Controlled Environment Agriculture-Horticulture and Landscape Architecture; Petrus Langenhoven, Horticulture/Hydroponic Crop Specialist; Annette Wszelaki, University of TN Vegetable Specialist and other faculty/staff from Purdue.

Our basic agenda for our day at Purdue will include:

- Putting together a hydroponic system in greenhouse.
- How to build a multi-level indoor production farm.
- Basics of fertilizer injection and fertigation.
- Lighting and heating requirements for crops.
- Identifying nutrient deficiencies during production.
- There will also be a demonstration of different high wire greenhouse crops, i.e. pepper, eggplant, cucumber and tomato. Production methodology of the different crops.

# **Sustainable Agriculture - SARE Pre-Tour**

NACAA and SARE are excited to offer a Sustainable Agriculture Pre-Tour for up to 12 Agriculture Extension Agents/Specialists on Friday, Sept. 6 -Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 in Indiana. Participants should arrive Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> in time to depart early morning Friday. Tour vans will be centralized at the NACAA headquarters hotel (Hilton) in Fort Wayne and will return to that location Friday night – then travel again on Saturday to several sustainable agriculture locations within a 100 mile radius of Fort Wayne.

### **Tentative tour stops shall include:**

#### **Friday, Sept. 6**

**Emphasis: Organic Agriculture in Northeast Indiana –  
Seed to Feed to Processing**

*BioSteward Farms* - <https://www.facebook.com/biostewardfarms/>

*WOLF (Wolcottville Organic Livestock Feed) Cooperative*  
<http://www.wolfco-op.com/>

*Organic Valley Farm – Sunrise Acres, LLC*  
<https://www.organicvalley.coop/>

*Miller Poultry – Pine Manor Farms Poultry Processing*  
<http://millerpoultry.com/> - <http://www.pinemanorfarms.com/>

#### **Saturday, Sept. 7**

**Emphasis: Soil Health and Nutrient Management and their Impact  
on the Lake Erie Watershed**

*Dean Farms Cover Crop Sales and Service*  
<http://www.deanfarmscovercrops.com/>

*Ag Incubator Foundation*  
<https://www.agincubator.org/>

*The Center for Innovative Food Technology*  
<https://www.agincubator.org/cift-nock/>

*Hirzel Farm Production/Processing*  
<http://www.hirzelfast.com/>

*Lake Erie Water Quality Monitoring and Nutrient Management  
Farm(s) in the Lake Erie Watershed*  
<https://www.adamscountysoilandwater.com/>

You may register online thru the AM/PIC registration process - or by checking the box on the registration form found within the registration page 30 of this edition of *The County Agent*. Registration cost is \$100/person and will include 2 nights lodging (shared double occupancy). If you are sharing with family or prefer to room by yourself, only 1 nights lodging will be covered by the registration fee. Friday and Saturday lunch will also be included (you will be on your own for breakfast/dinner on both days). You will need to complete a short application answering 3 questions on your interest for this tour.

## **2019 NACAA Animal Science Pre-Tour**

This year's Animal Science Pre-Conference tour will take a look at animal agriculture across the state of Indiana. We will begin our tour in Louisville, KY on the evening of Thursday, September 5th. The driving plan includes working our way to the north staying to the west of Indianapolis, then turning east, and traversing across the north end of the state, ending in Ft. Wayne around supertime on Saturday, September 7th.

Tour participants will arrive in Louisville, KY on Thursday the 5th, where we will gather for supper, orientation and a tour of the facility that houses the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE), the largest livestock exhibition in the world. Although the facility will not be in use at the time, the size and scale of the facility needed to put on such a show is still impressive. We will also hear from the assistant manager of the NAILE event. Friday morning we will board our transportation to head north into Indiana. Friday's planned stops include a cow-calf operation, a poultry egg operation, a sheep producer, the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Bull Test Facility and the Feldun Purdue Agricultural Center in Bedford, IN. Friday will end in the Indianapolis area where we will spend the night.

Saturday we will continue our journey to the north, stopping at a swine operation where they also do custom manure application, and at Fair Oaks Farms - a large agro-tourism farm – where we will discuss transparency in livestock and dairy production. After Fair Oaks, we will turn east and head towards Ft. Wayne. Other planned stops include either a swine packing plant or a duck processor, and a youth project show cattle operation. We will end the tour in Ft. Wayne, IN and deliver you to your conference hotel around supertime.

We hope you will take the time to join us on the Animal Science Pre-Conference Tour and experience the variety of livestock production and industry in Indiana! Tour cost for participants is still being determined (range of \$150-\$250), and will be dependent on the amount of external support secured from donors. Registrants will be notified of the final cost, and invoiced by NACAA prior to the AM/PIC.



## **NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE PRE-AM/PIC TOUR: SEPTEMBER, 7, 2019**

The 2019 Natural Resource Pre-Tour will start off the day by visiting Eagle Marsh/Little River Wetland Project. The location is just on the southwest side of Fort Wayne. We can actually hike along the “continental divide” and hear about the geology, restoration, and wildlife of the area. Betsy Yankowiak will be our host/tour guide there.

A link to that site:

<https://www.lrwp.org/eaglemarsh>

Our second stop will be down near Bluffton – 25 miles south of Fort Wayne. We will visit Ouabache State Park (French spelling of the Wabash River). This park has an interesting history as a wildlife game park, a camp site for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) back in the 1930's, and home to an American Bison herd. Jody Heaston will be our host/guide at this park. She will tell us about the bison, and we can experience a close-up feeding. Jody is the Indiana State Coordinator for the Indiana Master Naturalist (IMN) program. We will plan to have lunch at this park.

Here is a link to that park/info:

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2975.htm>

For our last stop, we will go about 20 miles southeast to the Gene Stratton Porter/Loblolly Marsh site, in Geneva, Indiana. We will enjoy historical talks/tours at their museum/house and then spend time visiting and walking the Loblolly marsh -- learning about the native plants and the restoration projects going on there.

Info on that location:

<https://www.indianamuseum.org/limberlost-state-historic-site>

Tour cost for participants is still being determined (range of \$100-\$150), and will be dependent on the amount of external support secured from donors. Registrants will be notified of the final cost, and invoiced by NACAA prior to the AM/PIC.

For more information - please contact Jessica Warren at [jkwarren@uga.edu](mailto:jkwarren@uga.edu).

# AM/PIC Super Seminars

## Climate Applications for Extension Professionals

**Monday – September 9**  
**10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
*Lunch will be provided.*

Discover new tools and methods to apply climate science to your Extension programs. Stay up to date on the latest climate trends and projections. Learn how to best communicate and start a conversation around climate.

Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

## Ag Economics/ Community Dev.

**Monday – September 9**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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 on Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. Janet McAlister, the PDP Coordinator for Northeast SARE will lead this practical session titled "Making Cents Out of Your Program Impacts". Participants will be equipped to measure the economic, environmental or social impact of their extension programming based on sound design, implementation, and evaluation. Several resources will be shared. The topic and space limit this session to 30 people. We are able to offer this seminar through the generous sponsorship of the National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS).

## Teaching & Educational Technologies

**Monday – September 9**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### Video Production

With smartphones, it is easy to take video but have you ever wondered how to edit

that video to share information with your clientele? If so, join us for a two hour hands-on super seminar on video production where we will showcase two tools your peers are successfully using (Camtasia and CyberLink). We will use a flipped classroom design so participants will need to RSVP in order to receive instructions prior to attending the AM-PIC. Learn how to remove poor quality audio, add high quality audio, background music, branding, and tips to take video with your smartphone.

## Crop System Modeling NRCS

**Wednesday - September 11**  
**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Topic: Crop System Modeling – using the NRCS Integrated Erosion Tool (IET)  
Two hours with possibility of 2 CEUs (1 in soil mgt and 1 in water mgt.)

Speaker: Justin Mount is a natural resource specialist with NRCS's Conservation Planning Technical Assistance Division (CPTAD) in Fort Collins, CO. He has been with NRCS and USDA for about for 14 years in four distinct locations and is a fifth-generation farmer from Southernmost, IL

## Sustainable Agriculture - SARE "Reading the Farm" Super Seminar

**Wednesday – September 11**  
**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Often envisioned as a three-legged stool, sustainable agriculture has three objectives: farm profitability, environmental stewardship, and quality of life and considerations related to equity in food systems. Helping farmers improve the sustainability of their farm requires a whole-systems approach that recognizes the complex interactions among

the physical, biological, economic and social components. The primary goal of the Reading the Farm program is to enhance the ability of extension to understand farms as holistic systems so they can help farmers improve the sustainability of their farms.

Reading the Farm will be conducted as a super-seminar to provide the background information required to plan and facilitate a Reading the Farm program. **There will be a required farm visit on the day of the Professional Improvement Tours (Tour 24) to complete the requirements of the program.** The Super Seminar and Professional Improvement Tour will be hosted by the outgoing class of SARE Fellows.

Space is limited to 50 people and pre-registration is required.

## Public Relations & Ag Issues "Hot Topics: GMO Questions and Answers" Wednesday – September 11 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We live in an era of 24-7 media exposure and are constantly bombarded with misinformation on the internet, social media, television, and marketing messages on food labels. There's no shortage of agricultural issues and public relations challenges that face every agriculture extension agent in the nation. This year's oral presentations at the NACAA AM/PIC will cover some of the hot topics that cross over state boundaries and touch a diverse audience. If you didn't submit an abstract this year, please consider submitting one for next year and sharing your exceptional work with colleagues around the nation.

This year, our committee will feature a Super Seminar at the upcoming NACAA Conference titled "Hot Topics: GMO Questions and Answers." This will be a 90-minute presentation about genetically engineered crops and how to communicate answers to common questions surrounding

their use with the public. Our featured speaker, Dr. Wayne Parrott, is a Professor of Crop and Soil Science at the University of Georgia. He is a member of the university's Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Genomics. Wayne was recently recognized as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was selected for this prestigious award "for distinguished contributions to the development and implementation of plant transformation technologies and to the discussions of the science and regulatory processes associated with genetically modified organisms." Perhaps no one in the world has been a more ardent defender of and advocate for genetically modifying agricultural crops for a more bountiful, nutritious and sustainable food supply.

*Pre-registration requested to ensure that you have a seat - see registration form on page 30.*

## **Educational Breakfast/Luncheon Opportunities**

### **Extra, Extra Read All About It!**

**Educational Breakfast  
sponsored by  
Bayer CropScience LP  
Monday - September 9  
6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**

**Speaker:**  
Dr. S. Eliza Dunn (Halcomb), MD

Pesticides play an important role in public health. With the emergence of novel insect-borne illnesses and global warming, it is critical that people make science-based decision regarding the regulation of pesticides because there has been increasing pressure on policy-makers to ban these products.

One of the most important pesticide products on the market is glyphosate. In 2015 the International Agency for Research On Cancer released its monograph on glyphosate and labeled it

a probable carcinogen. Since then, there have been many questions about the health effects and safety of glyphosate based herbicides. Fortunately, we have forty years of research and regulatory studies that specifically address these concerns. This talk will discuss the benefits and safety of glyphosate. It will also cover how pesticide residues are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency to protect human and environmental health. **(Seating available for 150 max.)**

### **Developing Your State 4R Presence**

**Educational Luncheon  
sponsored by  
The Fertilizer Institute  
Monday, September 9  
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

Education and implementation of 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices at a local level are critical to agricultural sustainability efforts. This session will feature a panel of stakeholders who will discuss how regions from across the country have developed their own 4R strategies. The panel will include perspectives from agricultural business, a state nutrient specialist, and a farmer. Learn how to integrate 4R research, on-farm practices and stakeholder events into a comprehensive 4R plan. Find out more at <http://www.nutrientstewardship.org/4rs/>. *Seating is limited to 75 participants.*

### **Indiana Farmers: Leaders in Export Market Development**

**Educational Luncheon  
sponsored by  
The Indiana Soybean Alliance  
(ISA) and the Indiana Corn  
Marketing Council (ICMC)  
Wednesday - September, 11  
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

The Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA) and the Indiana Corn Marketing Council (ICMC) have seen great success in developing global markets for both soybeans and corn. Learn about the efforts of these

farmer-led checkoff programs to expand market access for Indiana farmers. Since livestock and poultry are the largest consumer of both soybeans and corn, ISA and ICMC have also invested heavily in expanding markets for Indiana meat and poultry products. Learn how these efforts are creating value for Indiana farmers and the positive impact this has on rural communities.

*Seating is limited to 60 participants.*

**Educational Luncheon  
sponsored by  
Pipeline Ag Safety  
Alliance  
Wednesday - September, 11  
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

The Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance (PASA) is a team of pipeline operators, working in collaboration with NACAA members and 811 Center representatives, dedicated to protecting the agricultural community, our nations buried infrastructure, and the environment through safe digging education.

Farming is one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in America. By working with PASA you can help your clients avoid the grievous injury, environmental destruction, and financial ruin that would result from a serious pipeline incident. Hear how agents are already making a difference, and learn how you can get involved. For more information on PASA, visit [PipelineAgSafetyAlliance.com](http://PipelineAgSafetyAlliance.com).

*Seating is limited to 150 participants.*



# 104th Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### Friday, September 6

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. NACAA Board Meeting  
Animal Science Committee/Horticulture Committee  
and Sustainable Agriculture Committee Pre-Tours

### Saturday, September 7

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. NACAA Board Meeting  
Animal Science Committee/Horticulture Committee/  
Sustainable Agriculture Committee and Natural Resources  
Committees Pre-Tours

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. VIP Dinner

### Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Registration and Scholarship Auction Drop Off

8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Commercial Exhibit Trade Show, Educational Exhibits,  
and NACAA Poster Session Setup

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Life Members and Spouses Hospitality Room

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Regional Directors and Vice Directors Workshop

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Scholarship Selection Committee

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Past Officers Luncheon (Dutch Treat)

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs  
Luncheon and Workshop (for all present and incoming  
committee members)

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting and  
Board of Directors Meeting

1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Commercial Exhibit Trade Show, Educational Exhibits,  
and NACAA Poster Session Display Open

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. State Officers Workshop

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Program Recognition Council, Professional  
Improvement Council, and Extension Development  
Council Workshops

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. First Lady's Tea & Reception

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Life Members Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. First Timer Orientation

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Welcome to Indiana Dinner

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Parents Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Opening Session & Inspirational Program  
Presentation of Colors: Indiana Air National Guard  
Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge: Peyton Fechter  
National Anthem:  
Presentation of State Flags: Rob Winter, Farm  
Director AM 1400 WOWO  
Inspirational Speaker: Josh Bleill  
Closing Announcements: Kelly Heckaman/  
Scott Gabbard, Indiana Co-Chairs

9:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. State Pictures

9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Hospitality Rooms

10:00 p.m. Indiana AM/PIC Committee Meetings

### Monday, September 9

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Voting Delegates Breakfast & Poster Judges

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Bayer CropScience Educational Breakfast

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Life Members Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Life Members and Spouses Hospitality Room

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Scholarship Auction Drop Off

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. NACAA Poster Judging

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. General Session  
Presiding: Richard Fechter, NACAA President  
Call to Order and Welcome  
Welcome: Dr Jason Henderson, Senior Associate Dean for  
Faculty Development and Director of Purdue Extension,  
Associate Dean, College of Agriculture  
Welcome: Dr Karen Plaut, Glenn W. Sample, Dean of  
Agriculture Purdue University  
Report to the Association - Richard Fechter, NACAA  
President  
Recognition of Donors and Introduction of New  
Programs - Gene McAvoy, NACAA President-Elect  
Pipeline and Ag Safety Alliance Comments  
Presentation by Bidding States for 2023 AM/PIC  
Keynote Address: Damian Mason  
Announcements: Kelly Heckaman/Scott Gabbard,  
Indiana Co-Chairs

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibit Trade Show, Educational Exhibits  
and NACAA Poster Session Display Open

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break  
Meet the Author - Poster

10:30 - 11:40 a.m. Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions: Open to all members

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Climate Super Seminar with Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Agriculture Awareness & Appreciation Awards Luncheon

11:45 a.m. First Timer Attendee Luncheon

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence  
Luncheons  
(Ticket Required)  
Crop Production  
Farm and Ranch Financial Management  
Consumer & Commercial Horticulture

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Excellence in 4-H Programming Luncheon

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Developing Your State 4R Presence - Luncheon  
The Fertilizer Institute

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Spouse Luncheon  
Speaker: Donya Lester, Former Purdue Ag Alumni  
Executive Secretary

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 4-H Talent Revue Rehearsal

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Teaching & Educational Technologies Super Seminar

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Agriculture Economics and Community Development Super  
Seminar

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Committee Workshops for all NACAA Members

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Life Members Business meeting

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Spouse Activities
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	4-H Talent Revue
9:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	State Pictures
9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Hospitality Rooms
10:00 p.m.	Indiana AM/PIC Committee Meetings

## Tuesday, September 10

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Poster Session Breakfast
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Registration and Scholarship Auction Drop Off
7:30 a.m.	Life Members and Spouses Assemble for Tours
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Life Members and Spouses Hospitality Room
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Delegate Session
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Excellence in 4-H Programming Workshops Leadership and Administrative Skills Seminars Extension Development Council Seminars Early Career Development Seminars Teaching and Educational Technologies Seminars Agricultural Economics and Community Development Seminars
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Commercial Exhibit Trade Show, Educational Exhibits and NACAA Posters Open
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Communication Awards Luncheon
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Search for Excellence in Livestock Production and Awards Program
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning, or Small Farms/Rancher Program
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Search for Excellence in Environmental Quality, Forestry & Natural Resources
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Search for Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture Program
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Commercial Exhibits Close and Take Down
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Professional Improvement Council Seminars
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Break
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Trade Show Takedown
4:30 p.m.	States Night Out
7:00 p.m.	NACAA Scholarship Silent and Live Auction Preview
8:00 p.m.	NACAA Scholarship Live Auction
10:00 p.m.	Indiana AM/PIC Committee Meetings

## Wednesday, September 11

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	National Committee Members Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	NACAA Policy Meeting
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Registration
8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	General Session Presiding: Richard Fechter, NACAA President
	Welcome Greetings from JCEP: John Kushla and Karen Munden, JCEP Board JCEP Creative Excellence Award Presentation Greetings from Outstanding Young Farmers Program Outstanding Service to American and World Agriculture Award Presentation and Remarks Looking Ahead to the New Year: Gene McAvoy, NACAA President-Elect Announcements: Kelly Heckaman/Scott Gabbard, Indiana Co-Chairs
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Life Members & Spouses Assemble for Tour
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Life Members & Spouses Workshops
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Extension Development Council Seminars
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Professional Improvement Council Seminars
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Crop System Modeling -- NRCS
11:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Administrative Leaders Luncheon and Meeting
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance Educational Luncheon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Travelogue
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	ARPAS Testing, Animal Science
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Sustainable Agriculture Super Seminar: Reading the Farm
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Ag Issues Public Relations Super Seminar
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Life Members & Spouses Workshops
4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	NACAA Board Reception
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Formal Picture Opportunity
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	DSA & AA Recipients, Hall of Fame Recipients, NACAA Board Members, Region Directors, Past Officers, Special Assignments, Special Guests, Council Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Assemble for Banquet
6:30 p.m.	DSA and Hall of Fame Recognition
9:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Presidents Reception
10:00 p.m.	Indiana AM/PIC Committee Meetings

## Thursday, September 12

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours
	Professional Improvement Tours on Route
	Non Tour Participants - Shuttle Buses to Dinner
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Indiana Farewell Dinner
10:00 p.m.	Indiana AM/PIC Committee Meetings

## Friday, September 13

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	NACAA Board Meeting
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# 2019 NACAA AM/PIC Professional Improvement Tours

## Tour 1 - Milk, Malted Barley, and Agritourism

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This tour will travel to Boone County, IN with ventures in bottling milk, malting barley, and agritourism with Christmas Trees. Dandy Breeze Creamery began milking over 30 years ago, but only began bottling their own pasture based Jersey milk in mid-2017. Sugar Creek Malt Company is located about 40 miles North of Indianapolis and is a third generation farm. In 2015, they diversified their 1,400 acre corn, soybean, and wheat farm to include malting barley. Now they malt barley for many family farms within a 200 mile radius to provide locally sourced barley to breweries across Indiana. Our last stop will be to Dulls Trees in Thorntown, IN. This second generation agritourist destination began planting Christmas trees in 1985. When their son decided to come back to the farm in 2013, the Dulls' planned to start a pumpkin patch and fall maze. Both ventures have continued to grow and they have continued to share their agriculture knowledge with everyone who visits. 🌿

## Tour 2 - Lumber, Ag Equipment Manufacturing, and Beef

Northern Indiana is home to some of the best hardwood species in the world. The forest contains a diverse mix of hardwood species including fine quality White Oak, Walnut, Cherry and Poplar. Pike Lumber Company is Indiana's largest manufacturer and distributor of quality kiln dried lumber. We will be visiting this community minded company's main mill in Akron, IN. Next, what started out as a man working in his garage has developed into a 4th generation family team manufacturing a variety of springs for agriculture



use. They provide springs for John Deere, New Holland, Polaris and many more. You may be using some of their springs. When you take a strong agricultural background and combine it with a Purdue Masters in Electrical and Computer Engineering, you will end up with a different approach to a beef feedlot. Ault Farms finishes 3000 Holstein cattle yearly and incorporate handling facilities inspired by modern animal handling principles. Lunch will be at the Fulton County Historical Museum home to a round barn and various historical treasures. 🏡

## Tour 3 - Berries and Gardens



Tour 3 will begin with the Indiana Berry and Plant Company in Plymouth, IN. Established in 1993, Indiana Berry and Plant has been providing premium bare root plants for home and commercial growers for over 25 years. Today, they provide rootstocks from many fruits, including multiple berries, grapes, currants, asparagus, rhubarb, and a variety of novelty plants. We will then travel to Dogwood Hills Tree Farm, established in the mid-1990s by Todd and Cindy Lederman. After a few years, they

began selling trees at local tree auctions, and realized the potential for a local retail tree nursery operation. In April of 2017, a new chapter began as long-time employee Curtis Bontrager and his wife Melody purchased the business. The third stop will be at the Wellfield Botanic Gardens designed by the Elkhart Rotary Club as a community service project in 2002. The project was officially handed over to the Board of Directors in 2005 when construction began on the 25 themed gardens and event spaces. Thirty-six acres in size, half of which are water, Wellfield inhabits a historical piece of property originally known as the “North Main Street Well Field.” The property has been a source of hydraulic energy and drinking water for the City of Elkhart since the mid-1800s with 13 active wells still on the site. The last stop for this tour will be at Kercher Sunrise Orchards in Goshen, IN. For 96 years, through 5 generations of Kerchers, they have continued to “proudly grow fruits and vegetables for ourselves, our community and our world.” Throughout the summer and fall they offer tours of the apple and pumpkin areas, u-pick pumpkin and apples, or offer a large variety of pre-picked fruits and vegetables at their on-site farmers market. ☺

### Tour 4 - Alternative Agriculture



We will begin this tour with a stop at Wappel Grain and Herb in Pulaski County, IN. Their farm began in 1940 and has continued on to the fourth generation of family farmers, Larry Jr and Eric Wappel. They have greatly diversified their field crops to include not just corn and soybeans, but sunflowers, milo, various herbs, and mint. The Wappel’s mint is distilled on the farm for the essential oil in the leaves. The peppermint grown at Wappel Grain & Herb is used to flavor many products we are familiar with. Our next stop is at Lambert Farms. While similar to Wappel’s, growing mint has long been a part of the Lambert operation. “My grandfather started growing mint in the 1930s so it has been a staple of Lambert Farms since the beginning,” Ed Lambert, third generation mint farmer says. The Lamberts grow sterile hybrid mint varieties that originate from root plantings. As part of their sustainable cropping practices, they dig and replant roots on other acres in rotation with corn and soybeans. The third stop of the

day will be to Black Gold Farm in Winamac, IN. Black Gold is the largest potato grower in Indiana. Black Gold supplies the late summer and fall demand for chip potatoes. A modern grading facility was built in 2000, enhancing efficiency and capability. The final stop of the day is to Hoosier Shrimp Farm. The Troikes discovered shrimp farming after spending many years wanting to live closer to family and be part of a farming operation. After several tours, classes, and a business proposal later, Hoosier Shrimp Farm was born. The land was purchased in 2013, the first two shrimp tanks went in on September 15th, 2014, and their retail sales began in the end of January 2015. Today, they raise Pacific White Shrimp, using 16 indoor saltwater tanks, which hold between 6000-7000 shrimp in each tank. ☺

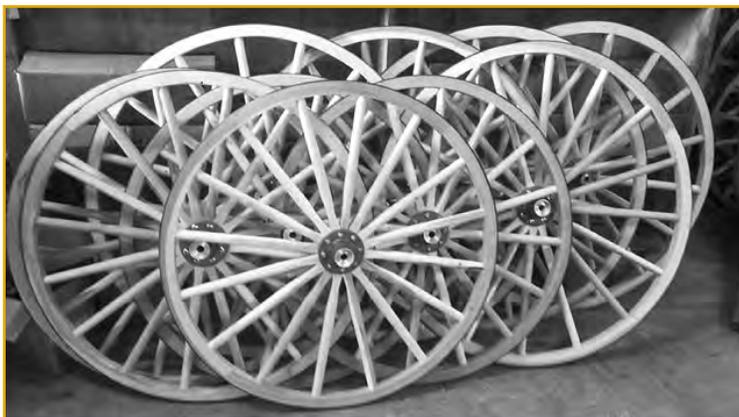
### Tour 5 - Potatoes, Production, and Produce

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Lennard Ag is a leading grower and distributor of potatoes in the Midwest. Having started over 70 years and two generations ago, Lennard Ag has been a leader in potato handling, building the first refrigerated potato storage facility in Indiana and more recently developing a system of tracking devices to improve customer satisfaction. They store potatoes year round for use as chips, fresh pack, and processed. Oxbo International develops, manufactures, supplies and services specialized agricultural equipment worldwide. They offer equipment for pesticide, nutrient, waste application, berries, coffee, commercial corn, fresh market vegetables, forage, jatropa, olives, processed vegetables, seed corn and vineyards. Moving on to the Clearspring Produce Auction will allow tour participants a chance to see one of the local produce auctions in action. Clearspring nets more than \$1 million annually through its sales of fresh produce, flowers, and other products from more than 700 acres of land. Our last stop for the day will be to the Shipshewana Corn Maze. The Shipshewana Corn Maze has 11 acres of corn featuring almost 5 miles of trails with 3 different mazes. Other activities are offered to make this a yearly fall venture for many families. ☺

## Tour 6 - Northeast IN Industry



This tour will begin with an Amish steel fabricator with custom machining and welding. D.A. Hochstetler and Sons began in 1950 on the family farm. Over the years their business increased and the wooden buildings aged, so in 1999 they expanded by removing the old buildings and building a spacious steel building. All of their manufacturing is in one building now, increasing their work capacity with more space overall. The next stop will be to E&S Wood Creations. E&S Wood Creations has been crafting quality furniture in rural Indiana since 1987. At first, custom kitchens and custom furniture were their main focus. In the late 1990s as the wholesale market became a factor they adapted accordingly; adding bedroom furniture, office and living room furnishings. We will follow with a stop to Miller Carriage Company. Miller Carriage Company, in Shippshewana, IN, has been the area's premier carriage manufacturer for over 40 years. They not only carry needed carriage and hard to find parts, but also manufacture and wholesale carriage and buggy parts. The last stop of this tour will be to Highland Ridge RV. Highland Ridge RV was formed in March of 2014 when Jayco purchased assets of Open Range RV, which had started manufacturing RVs in 2007. Highland Ridge set out to develop RVs that were more spacious on the inside and weighed less than the competition. With features such as the outdoor patio and the flush floor slide, Highland Ridge RV has pioneered many of the advancements seen in the RV industry. This tour will include moderate walking, participants MUST wear close-toed shoes, and pictures/videography are not permitted at a few stops. 📷

## Tour 7 - Alternative Livestock *Supported by SARE*

This tour will feature several farms raising livestock in a non-traditional manner. Gunthorp Farms is a leading producer of pasture-raised poultry and hogs. They also have their own USDA inspected processing plant on-farm, so they can get the product to their customers faster and to their own standards of perfection. Their meat is featured in many restaurants throughout Chicago,



Indianapolis, and the Midwest. Cook's Bison Ranch began in 1939 when Grandpa Everett Cook purchased an 83-acre farm, complete with house and barn, for a grand total of \$5,000. After being told it was the worst investment he had ever made, he paid it off with two good years of popcorn. Today, that "worst investment" has become a third-generation dream with the purchase of 30 bison in December of 1998. The herd has since grown and the Cook's have enjoyed educating the public about bison, the benefits of the meat, and the heritage behind it. Wolcottville Organic Livestock Feed Cooperative (aka WOLF's) is the next stop. WOLF's began as a venture for 80 local organic producers in 2011. They offer organic feed and minerals for many types of livestock in Northern Indiana. Lastly, participants will visit Steve Hooley's organic dairy. He is one of only a few "Englishmen" in an Amish dominated community that has transitioned his dairy to fully organic. 📷

## Tour 8 - Family Farm Sustainability *Supported by SARE*

This tour will look at 3 farms of varying size and how their families are fully involved in the entire process. The first farm visited will be RiverRidge Farms. They are a small 3 1/2 acre family farm with eight young children. They grow approximately 1 1/2 acres of naturally grown vegetables and small fruits and provide year round seasonal produce by way of high tunnel greenhouses. They market their crops through the Wabash Farmers Market, the local community schools, and at a retail store directly on the farm. The second stop will be to Hawkins Family Farm. They are a fourth generation farm that raises poultry, hogs, cattle, and vegetables on 99 acres. They maintain a very active CSA with participation of members each week. They strive to maintain the same health and wholeness of the soils started over 50 years ago. The last stop will be to Seven Sons. In the late 1990s they embarked on a radical journey to transition a conventional farm to a regenerative pasture based farm. Due to overwhelming support from loyal patrons, their vision was eventually realized as a farm-to-fork food venture that serves thousands of families with nutrient-dense foods



grown from healthy regenerative soils. All seven sons have helped diversify the farm with different ventures. They have become a leading name in networking natural and organic foods across the Midwest. ☺

### Tour 9 - Poultry: Eggs, Ducks, and Automated Livestock Systems



This tour will begin with a visit to Chore-Time Brock, Inc., a leading global designer, manufacturer, and marketer of systems and solutions for preserving grain; producing poultry, pigs, and eggs; processing poultry; and for various equestrian and industrial applications. Founded in 1952, they have been a Berkshire Hathaway company since 2002, helping to spread their product further around the globe. The second stop on this tour will be at Egg Innovations. This family owned and operated company has been providing specialty eggs for over 25 years. They are currently America's largest originator of 100% free range and pasture raised eggs. The third stop on this poultry themed tour will be at Creighton's Crazy Egg Cafe & Coffee Bar. Creighton Brothers have been in the egg business since 1925 and are now in their

fourth generation. They produce almost 1 billion eggs each year, managing every level of the egg from hatch to shipping to the store. They also farm over 8,000 acres, providing a portion of the food their hens eat. The final stop of the day will be to Maple Leaf Farms. Founded by Donald Wentzel in 1958, Maple Leaf Farms produced just 280,000 ducks. By 1964, Maple Leaf Farms quickly grew its annual duck production to more than 1 million. Today, the fourth generation has joined the family business and together the Tucker family continues to set the direction for the company. No photography (including cell phone cameras) is allowed inside plants. Exterior photos are okay. Tour participants should wear closed-toe shoes -- no flip flops or sandals are permitted. Tennis shoes are fine. ☺

### Tour 10 - Agriculture Production



This tour will begin with a visit to the Pioneer Seed Corn facility in Plymouth, IN, which broke ground in 1988. As of 2013, they had 90 full-time employees and over 115 contracted growers that produce over 3 million bushels of seed. The Plymouth facility is one of Pioneer's major production plants, providing seed to much of the US and Canada. The second stop for this tour will be to Tom Farms. Tom Farms is a multi-generation, family owned organization that has evolved into a global crop production, sales and service company. Today they are one of the leading suppliers to the DEKALB seed production, shipping more than 30 million pounds of seed corn, 100 million pounds of corn, and 13 million pounds of soybeans each year. They farm over 17,000 acres across 7 counties in Indiana plus Argentina. We will then visit Chore-Time Brock, Inc., a leading global designer, manufacturer, and marketer of systems for preserving grain; producing poultry, pigs, and eggs; processing poultry; and other industrial applications. Founded in 1952, they have been a Berkshire Hathaway company since 2002, helping to spread their product further around the globe. The last stop of the day will be to the Northeast Purdue Agriculture Center (NEPAC) in Columbia City, IN. Established in 1991, NEPAC is the newest Purdue Agricultural Center. Recognizing the agricultural importance of the Northeast part of the state, as well as its unique characteristics, Purdue acquired

three tracts of land totaling almost 440 acres. Here, researchers are able to do trial plots along with full scale field trials on new and continued research of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cover crops. No photography (including cell phone cameras) is allowed inside plants. Exterior photos are okay. Tour participants should wear closed-toe shoes -- no flip flops or sandals are permitted. Tennis shoes are fine. 📷

## Tour 11 - Dairy, Beef & Camels



We will start this tour with a stop at Homestead Dairy. The dairy operation, owned by Floyd Houin, began in 1945 when Elmer and Lena Houin bought 216 acres and began milking nine cows. Fast forward to today, when Homestead Dairy manages 3,800 dairy cows (3,200 in milk and 600 dry cows) at three dairy farms, as well as 4,000 replacement heifers at their own farms and at contract grower locations. They updated their milking parlors in February 2017 to robotics. Currently, 36 robotic milkers are running. They also installed a methane digester in October 2013 that turns their manure into enough electricity to power 1,000 homes. The second stop of the day will be at Double Bar R Ranch in Plymouth, IN. Double Bar R Ranch is one of the largest Angus producers in the Midwest. At any given time, they have ~900 head throughout their 900 acre spread. They are leaders in seed stock utilizing DNA testing, artificial insemination, and in vitro fertilization. They also have their own auction ring where they hold a bull sale in the spring and a female sale in the fall. Our last stop will be to River Jordan Camel Dairy. Their love with camels began in the summer of 2015. What started as a simple desire to raise camels to ride (and mow the grass), quickly grew as they learned more about the numerous health benefits that camel milk and camel milk products can provide. Today they own 4 camels and make a variety of soaps and lotions. 📷

## Tour 12- Transforming Corn and Beans

Tour 12 will begin with a visit to Louis Dreyfus. The Louis Dreyfus location at Claypool is a manufacturing facility, comprised



of a soybean crush plant, a biodiesel plant, and a glycerin refinery. They began marketing USP Food Grade Glycerin in 2015 with the addition of a new onsite refinery. They are currently the largest North American producer of USP Food Grade Glycerin that is both kosher and halal certified, with a production capacity of 80 million pounds per year. The second stop on this tour will be at POET Biorefining. POET began as a small experiment on a family farm in South Dakota in 1986 and has since grown to one of the largest producers of ethanol, feed solutions, and other oil replacement products in the world. Their North Manchester plant began operations in September 2008. The state-of-the-art ethanol production facility uses approximately 24 million bushels of locally-grown corn to produce 68 million gallons of ethanol annually. The final stop on this tour will be at Clunette Elevator, which was founded in 1951 by three brothers and has been family owned since. From its beginning as a small grain elevator, Clunette has since expanded into one of the largest agricultural retailers in Northern Indiana. 📷

## Tour 13 - Grapes, Wine, Organics, and Spirits

Tour 13 will begin with a stop at Dulcius Vineyards. Soon after Austin Fergusson received his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from Purdue in 1971, he bought a 100 acre farm in Noble County, IN. Growing tired of corn and soybeans, Austin founded Dulcius Vineyards in 2012 to cultivate extraordinary wine grapes. At 19 acres and more than a half-dozen varieties of grapes, Dulcius Vineyards is the largest vineyard in Northern Indiana. The next stop will be at Country Heritage Winery and Vineyard. Constructed on their family farm, owned for over 100 years, Jeremy and Jennifer Lutter opened their winery in 2011. Since opening, Country Heritage



Wines have won 182 medals, been chosen Best of Class 11 times, and received 4 trophies at the world renowned Indy International Wine Competition, including the Indiana Farm Winery of the year two years in a row and the prestigious Indiana Winery of the Year in 2017. The third stop on this tour will be at Wood Farms. Wood Farms is a 500 acre organic farm that produces organic forages for dairies and maintains an organic Angus beef herd, providing quality meat to local restaurants. The final stop on this tour will be at Three Rivers Distilling Company just blocks from the Convention Center. As a veteran-owned and operated company, Three Rivers Distilling makes a high-quality alcohol by only bottling the best cuts off of the still. Every aspect of the spirit is locally grown and made, from the organic, non-GMO grain sourced from within 30-miles of the distillery to the barrels that are sourced from a Fort Wayne cooerage. ☺

### **Tour 14 - 1/2 Day Tour Labs and Gardens**



The first half day tour features A&L Great Lakes Laboratories and the education gardens maintained by the Allen County Master Gardeners. A&L Great Lakes was established in 1976 to provide agricultural analyses to the Great Lakes region. Originally, A&L

Great Lakes was part of a network of A&L laboratories that included nine different facilities around the country. In 2002, they became their own independent lab, but still enjoy a cooperative relationship with the original labs of the A&L group. Since 2002, they've continually expanded their testing and analytical capabilities to include all of the latest technologies as well as a wide variety of sample matrices including soils, plants, feed, fertilizer, manures, and composts. Master Gardener volunteers serve Allen County in various ways including: answering gardening questions on the Master Gardener Hotline, delivering garden seminars, assisting teachers with school gardening programs, teaching children about gardening, attending tours and workshops, and working with others to maintain the display gardens at the Extension office. We will get to take a look at the display gardens and how they are used to educate the public. ☺

### **Tour 15 - 1/2 Day Tour Feeding Northeast IN**



This half day tour features the prominent Community Harvest Food Bank, their innovative Preservation Center, and the CookSpring Shared Food Kitchen. Community Harvest Food Bank was established in 1983 as a response to the closure of the International Harvester plant that sent tens of thousands into unemployment. During the first year of operation, Community Harvest distributed 200,000 pounds of food to the hungry. Today, they are the regional food bank for northeast Indiana, serving the counties of Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley. Annually, they distribute nearly 13 million pounds of food to an average of more than 90,000 unique individuals. In August 2015, Community Harvest became the first regional food bank in America to open a blanch, chill, and freeze produce preservation facility. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Produce Preservation Center allows them to preserve the bountiful harvest to distribute to hungry families year round. The CookSpring Shared Kitchen at The Summit in Fort Wayne, IN, is a 4800 square foot commercial/commissary kitchen for rent to culinary entrepreneurs. Established in 2015, CookSpring

currently serves 24 culinary entrepreneurs, including caterers, food trucks, and pastry chefs, among others, and is the only one of its kind in Fort Wayne. Most members pay a monthly membership fee and can choose storage and usage options that best fit their needs. The kitchen is also available for hourly rental for companies and individuals who just occasionally need commercial kitchen space. ☺

## Tour 16 - Glass, Beck's, and Peppers



This tour will begin with an exciting tour of Kokomo Opalescent Glass (KOG). KOG has been in continuous operation at their current location in Kokomo, IN since 1888. The primary product first produced was sheet glass, with the excess glass being used for electric insulators for Edison General Electric. They continue to be a source for restoration glass. They still have and mix many of the same “recipes” that originally made them a premier glass manufacturer. The second site for this tour will be to Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta, IN. In 1901, Lawrence Beck purchased an 80 acre farm where the headquarters of Beck's Hybrids is still located. In 1937, he and his son Francis each planted a three-acre allotment of hybrid parent seed corn offered by the Purdue Botany Department. This corn became the first crop of Beck's Superior Hybrids. Today, Beck's Hybrids is the largest family-owned, retail seed company in the United States, serving farmers across 11 states. The final stop for this tour will be at G and G Peppers in Gaston, IN. G and G Peppers, LLC is a pepper processing facility founded, owned, and operated locally by Gary Reichart and Greg Cox since 1992. At G and G Peppers, they grow, process, and store 5 varieties of peppers. Currently, Gary and Greg raise over 150 acres of peppers using drip irrigation to ensure a uniform and top-quality pepper with consistent heat levels. The seedlings are raised in Greg's greenhouses and then transplanted into fields that are just a short distance from their processing plant and greenhouses. This tour will include moderate walking, and completely enclosed shoes are required. Also, if you have your own safety glasses, we ask that you bring those for the glass tour. The Glass tour may also get quite warm as the building is not temperature regulated. ☺

## Tour 17 - Grain, Manufacturing, and Chemicals



Tour 17 will begin with a visit to IOM Grain in Portland, IN. In 2003, IOM Grain opened their doors with a goal to supply the highest quality food grade grain worldwide. Today, they specialize in cleaning and packaging high quality Non-GMO soybeans for domestic and international food manufacturers. Their state of the art facility built in 2014, is now able to process 35,000 pounds of beans per hour. They currently have contracts with more than 200 farmers within roughly a 100 mile radius of the plant. The second stop of the day will be at J&M Manufacturing in Fort Recovery, Ohio. J&M Manufacturing Co., Inc. has been a leading manufacturer of grain handling equipment for over 50 years. Starting in 1961, they built their first gravity wagon, holding 110 bushels, for a local farmer. Today their grain carts have grown in size and unloading speed - up to 1,500 bushel capacity with a 22" diameter unloading auger, delivering over 600 bushels per minute. The final stop on this tour will be to Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC in Huntington, IN. Founded in 1957, Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC has grown to be one of the nation's leading agricultural and specialty companies in the United States. Products and services offered include Crop Protection Products, Fertilizer and Application Services, Specialized Nutrients, Seed and Seed Treatments, Financial Services, and Precision Ag Services. This tour will include moderate walking, and closed toed shoes and long pants are required. No pictures or video recording on portions of this tour. ☺

## Tour 18 - Produce, Pickles, and Community Partnerships

This tour begins with a visit to Kurtz Family Farm in New Haven, IN. The Kurtz Family Farm is operated by the 5th Generation of Ralph and Diana Kurtz with over 1,400 acres of corn and soybeans, along with 50 acres of fresh vegetables and pumpkins. Open three seasons of the year, they offer fresh vegetables throughout the summer, pumpkins in the fall, and fresh cut and

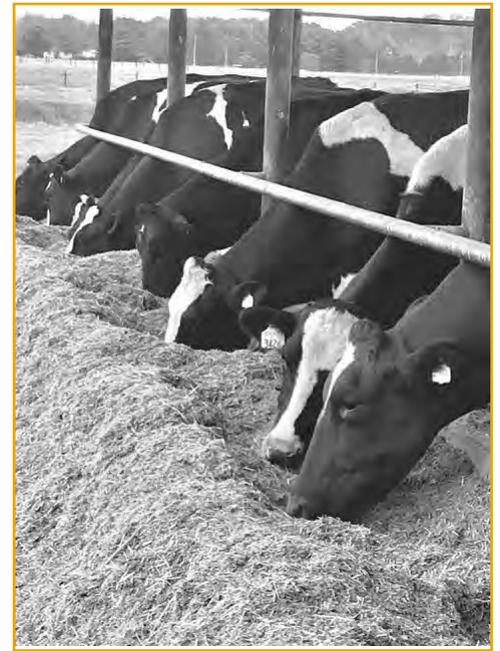


live potted Christmas trees during the holidays. We will continue the tour to Sechler's Pickles in St. Joe, IN. Family-owned since 1921, Max Troyer, company president says, "We're the only family-owned pickle company in the state of Indiana." Creating varieties ranging from spicy to sweet, Sechler's Pickles produces a total of 54 varieties of pickled products. You will tour their processing line, visit their 1,000 bushel cypress aging barrels, along with the cutting and packing rooms. The third stop will feature the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Produce Preservation Center operated by the Community Harvest Food Bank. Opened in August 2015, this facility takes produce waste elimination to the next level with the ability to blanch, chill, and freeze fresh produce. This center has the distinction of becoming the first regional food bank in America to open a facility for the purpose of preserving the harvest. This tour will finish at the Johnnie Mae Farm in Fort Wayne. The Johnnie Mae Farm is a partnership between the City of Fort Wayne, Purdue Extension - Allen County, Vincent Village, Community Harvest Food Bank, the Renaissance Pointe YMCA and Neighborhood Association. Following an historic renovation of a former fire station in 2015, this site boasts a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, community meeting space, and three-quarters of an acre of community garden space. Johnnie Mae's location is perfect for serving a market that for years has had very little access to the fresh produce necessary for a healthy diet. This tour will include moderate walking, and closed toed shoes are required along with no dangling jewelry. 🚶

### **Tour 19 - Conservation & Agritourism**

Tour 19 will begin with a stop at Brand Dairy Farm. Family owned since 1972, Brands have become a leader in conservation farming practices and Holstein genetics. They practice the 4-R's technique, meaning applying the right nutrient source, at the right rate, at the right time, and in the right place. As a result of their generations-long practices, they have been awarded the Fertilizer Institute's 4R Advocate Award, as well as earning the Indiana River Friendly

Farmer Award and the Conservation Farmer of the Year Award. The family grows corn, soybeans, wheat and hay on 2,500 acres and milks 400 Holstein cows three times daily. Our second stop for the day will be to Hartland Winery, 2018 winner of the prestigious Indiana Winery of the Year. Since beginning with homemade wines in 2011, they have won 37 medals and



been chosen Best of Class 5 times at the world renowned Indy International Wine Competition. What began as a hobby in 2006 slowly came to fruition in 2016 when the official winery opened. Their vineyard is planted on 4 acres with 6 varietals planted. They specialize in creating small batches of wine with lots of care and thoughtfulness poured into them. By doing so, Hartland can have a wider variety of wines that are produced at the peak of flavor and freshness. The final stop of our day will be at Ridenour Acres in Angola, IN. The Ridenour family operates an 11-acre corn maze, pick-your-own pumpkins, straw maze, hayrides, corn box, and other family-fun activities throughout the fall. Even though they are only in full operation just 6 short weeks of the year, they see over 10,000 people take part in their corn maze and fun fall activities. This tour will include moderate walking and closed toed shoes are required. 🚶

### **Tour 20 - Cover Crops, Bees, and Pressed Oils**

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Participants in this tour will be treated to one the region's leaders in cover crop advocacy, extensive knowledge about honey bees, and harvesting of sunflowers and the pressing process to make oil. Jamie Scott, owner of Scott Farms, has been a cover crop advocate since the early days. He also sells cover crop seed and services in northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwestern Ohio. The service includes a "turn-key" aerial seeding operation. Today, all 2,000 tillable acres are no-tilled or strip tilled and have had cover crops planted for years. The family has implemented many conservation practices earning them recognition as the IASWCD Conservation Farmer of the Year and regional and national Conservationist of the Year awards from the American Soybean Association. Our second stop to Shenefield Bees will give



participants a glimpse of the honey industry and all the intricacies it entails. Shenefield's are owners of the largest honey bee operation in Indiana, keeping over 3,000 hives at a time. Their venture began in the 1950's as a hobby. Since then, Don has specialized in queen rearing and transporting bees across the US during different seasons. The last stop will be to Healthy Hoosier Oil owned by Mark Boyer. Mark is the sixth generation on his farm. In 2014, the farm diversified by starting to raise and cold-press canola and sunflowers. Then in 2018 he began experimenting with Purdue University on pressing hemp seeds for oil. 🍯

## Tour 21 - Greenhouses, Glads, and Gardens



The first stop on this tour will be to Raker-Roberta's Young Plants in Litchfield, Michigan. Raker-Roberta's Young Plants started in the Fall of 2017 when Roberta's Unique Gardens, supplier of plants and flowers to QVC, purchased C. Raker and Sons Greenhouses, a leading commercial wholesaler of custom-grown young plants. Through seed and vegetative propagation, Raker-Roberta's supplies over 3,000 plant varieties to greenhouses and nurseries around the world. They also maintain 4 acres of trial gardens examining over 3,000 plant varieties. The next stop will

be at Great Lakes Glads. Great Lakes Glads has been a major producer of cut flowers in the region since 1971, producing over 1,200 acres of field grown fresh cut flowers a year. We will then travel to the ParGil Natural Resource Learning Center. ParGil is a 40 acre property donated by Paul and Evelyn Gilman to the LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District in 1993. The Gilman's purchased the property in 1964, when it was a row crop farm and by the early 1990's had planted most of the property to trees, including areas of hardwood and evergreens. Today, the property operates as an environmental learning center. This tour will finish with a stop at the Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility. In 2010, the Noble County Master Gardeners teamed up with Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility to offer the inmates an intensive 80 hour training program in Horticulture and Landscape Design. The idea was to teach the inmates skills that would help them secure jobs when they were released. The initial class wanted to do more hands-on, and using only donated hand tools, tended a 75' X 75' gardening plot that netted over 1,100 pounds of produce to local food banks its first year. Since then, the program has grown each year, having over 120 individuals graduate from the training, while raising over 11 tons of produce on almost an acre of land now. 🍷

## Tour 22 - Livestock Production



Tour 22 will take us through 3 different livestock product facilities. The first is Millers Poultry in Orland, IN. Miller Poultry has been family owned since 1942, beginning as Pine Manor Farms where they began hatching, raising and processing turkeys. In 1974 Pine Manor began raising broiler chickens, then they started raising ducklings for Culver Duck Farms in Middlebury, IN by 1985. In 1992, they took over Booth Poultry, processing 16,000 chickens per week at that time. Today, the increased capacity in their new plant allows them to process 35,000 chickens per day. The second stop of this tour will be to Clemens Food Group in Coldwater, Michigan. Based in Hatfield, PA, Clemens Food Group is a

sixth-generation family owned company that continues to be an industry leader in customer solutions. Clemens Food Group is a vertically coordinated company that includes hog farming, food production, logistical services, and transportation. Their newly opened facility in Coldwater is a 550,000 square-foot pork processing plant. The final stop of this tour will feature MOO-ville Creamery in Nashville, Michigan. MOO-ville Creamery is family owned and operated. They milk 200 cows with robots. They believe in producing high quality milk and processing it as little as possible. They bottle their own milk, make their own ice cream, cheese, and butter, all under the MOO-ville logo. Their products are sold in 2 personal retail locations along with almost 100 other stores throughout mid-Michigan. 🍷

first began construction by adding on to Mr. Byler's concrete shop on the property. The beautiful and vintage look was achieved by using old barn wood salvaged from four local barns. Since their opening in 2016, they have won 41 medals and taken home 4 Best of Class distinctions at the world renowned Indy International Wine Competition. 🍷

**Tour 23 - Cars, Cortlands, and Chambourcin**

**Tour 24 - Reading the Farm**  
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Tour 23 will begin with a guided tour of the historic Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum. The ACD Museum offers over 120 cars on exhibit. Nine automotive themed galleries exhibit everything from classic cars, to Indiana built cars, to the original Auburn Automobile Company showroom and company offices. You will be allowed time to go back and visit favorite cars you have seen or delve further in to the history of these gorgeous cars. The second stop will be to Orchard Hill Farms in Kendallville, IN. This corn and bean farm became an apple orchard when the Meyer family planted the first 600 trees by hand in 1969. Over the years, approximately 3000 trees were planted this way, with another 750 more recently planted with machine. When Orchard Hill Farms was established in 1969, there were nine existing farmers market orchards in the Kendallville area. In 1995, when the last orchard of the original nine closed, Orchard Hill added their own farm market, offering 26 apple varieties. Today, the second generation of Meyer's provides customers with over 50 varieties of fresh fruit throughout the year. The final stop of this tour will be to Byler Lane Winery in Auburn, IN. Byler Lane is a joint venture between two adjoining neighbors, the Byler's and the Lane's. Their facility

This tour will visit Hoffman Certified Organics to implement principles learned in the "Reading the Farm" Super Seminar sponsored by SARE and the Sustainable Ag Committee. The goal is to take an in-depth look at a farm--including production, marketing, and finances--and make recommendations on how the farm could become more sustainable based on the farm's unique context, goals, and resources.

Hoffman Certified Organics is a USDA Certified Organic farm located in Hometown, Indiana, just 12 miles north of downtown Fort Wayne. They are the only USDA certified organic farm in Indiana specializing in pasture-raised certified organic poultry. Hoffman Certified Organics is a family company ran by brothers Ben and Don Hoffman. They produced nearly 8,000 broilers in 2018, with a goal of further expanding production in the coming years. Additional enterprises include pasture-raised turkeys and pork. Future enterprise developments include a pork aging facility and greenhouse-based vegetable production.

*Note: Limit of 50 participants and must have participated in Wednesday SARE Sustainable Agriculture Super Seminar. 🍷*

# LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES PROGRAM

NACAA and Indiana bid a special welcome to Life Members, spouses, and other guests. This year, the Life Members and Spouses will participate together in a shared hospitality room, workshops, tours and other selected activities. Some events, such as the Life Member Breakfast and Spouses Program Luncheon, will remain separate. See a summary of Life Member and Spouses Program functions by conference day below.

## Sunday, Sept 8

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room
- Life Member Committee Meeting (2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

## Monday, Sept 9

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room
- Life Member Breakfast Program (For life members and their spouses.) (6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.)
- Spouses Program Luncheon (12:00 - 1:20 pm)
- Life Member Business Meeting (all Life Members) (1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
- Life Member and Spouses Activities (Begin at 2:30 p.m., ending time varies)

## Tuesday, Sept 10 Tours

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room
- Life Member and Spouses Tours (times vary)

## Wednesday, Sept 11

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room
- Life Member Travelogue Program (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
- Life Members and Spouses Tour 2 (tentatively leaving at 8:00 a.m.)
- Life Member and Spouses Workshops (times vary)

## Life Member & Spouses Activities for Monday, September 9

Life members, spouses, and guests can choose among four activities for Monday afternoon

### **Activity 1 - Paint Mugs for Our Believe Big Program**

(2:30 p.m. start)

Presenting - Bisque Pottery

Come join the fun, painting ceramic mugs that will help bring some cheer to a local cancer patient. You will paint it with the design of your choice, say a prayer of healing for the person who will receive it, and write the word "BELIEVE."

The mugs are \$15 each.

### **Activity 2 - Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center Tour**

(2:30 p.m. start)

Visit the Allen County Public Library, home one of the largest research collections available in the United States. Their collection incorporates records from around the world. The tour will involve a 1 block walk from the convention center to the Allen County Public Library.

### **Activity 3 - Hey Baby Cakes**

(2:30 p.m. start)

Presenting - Country Kitchen Sweetart

Come learn different decorating techniques as you decorate three jumbo cupcakes. Country Kitchen Sweetart will supply every tool necessary to successfully complete the class, so you can focus immediately on decorating and creating.

Max 18 participants.

### **Activity 4 - BBQ Bootcamp**

(2:30 p.m. start)

Presenting - Dr. Stacy Zuelly, Assistant professor of Meat Science, Purdue University.

This program is designed to remove some of the mystery that surrounds a great meat experience. Understanding where meat cuts comes from, various cooking methods, temperatures we should be using, and ways to bring in our own flavor. This program will help you better understand how to get the most out of your meat purchases.

**Life Member Breakfast**  
**Monday, September 9**  
**6:30 a.m.**

Join us for breakfast with our featured speaker, Dr. Fred Whitford. Dr. Fred Whitford is the coordinator of Purdue Pesticide Programs through Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. He received a B.S. in wildlife management from Louisiana Tech University and an M.S. and Ph.D. in entomology from Iowa State University. He has written four books, crafted more than 200 research, Extension, or regulatory publications, and has delivered over 4,000 presentations to a wide array of audiences. He is a highly valued speaker for Purdue Extension.



*Dr. Fred Whitford*

Fred will bring forward knowledge he gained in writing his most recent book, "Scattering the Seeds of Knowledge: The Words and Works of Indiana's Pioneer County Extension Agents." It chronicles the tales of the first county Extension agents, from 1912 to 1939. Their story brings readers back to a day when Extension was little more than words on paper, when county agents traveled the muddy back roads, stopping at each farm, introducing themselves to the farmer and their family.

**Spouses Luncheon**

**Monday September 9**  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**"Living The Dream: Brought to You by Cooperative Extension"**

Donya Lester has lived her dream life, working for more than 30 years supporting the land-grant university system starting at her alma mater, the University of Georgia, and spending more than 28 years at the Purdue University College of Agriculture. For more than twenty years, she has been married to a Midwest grain farmer; a dream she foreshadowed while in high school, long before she ever visited the Midwest or knew anyone who farmed there. She is quick to tell you her dream life began in elementary school when she joined 4-H. From there, each step in her life fell into place because of the people she met and those who mentored her. At the top of the list were extension professionals. Donya will share her journey, with lots of laughter, while inspiring us all with examples of how extension professionals shaped her career path and presented opportunities that made her dreams a reality.



*Donya Lester*

**Life Member & Spouses**  
**Tours for Tuesday,**  
**September 10**

Life members, spouses, and guests can choose among nine tours options for Tuesday.

**Tour 1 - Fruit, Cars, & Gardens**



Participants of this tour will start with a visit to the beautiful Orchard Hill Farms just North of Fort Wayne. The orchard's motto is "Tree ripened fruit with taste." Of course we'll be arriving at a nice time of the year for apples. This family-run farm grows almost

30 varieties and has a retail market. Next the tour will feature time at the National Automotive and Truck Museum which is housed in the original factory buildings of the Auburn Automotive Company. We'll see over 250 car and trucks, a vintage vehicle toy gallery, and an automotive library. After lunch we will be guided by local Master Gardener volunteers through the display gardens of Allen County. Each of the 22 distinct gardens has been created with education in mind and provides living examples of plants and trees suited to our area's unique growing conditions.

**There is uneven terrain and it can be difficult at times to maneuver some paths.**

**Tour 2 - CSA, Historic Mill, Covered Bridge, & Textile Arts**

Hawkins Family Farm is a fourth generation farm raising poultry, hogs, cattle, and



vegetables. About half the sales of this father and son's operation go through a CSA. They also participate in farmers markets and sell to local restaurants.

We will hear about pizza night. A Friday night community event featuring artisan

pizzas made with all-natural, locally-sourced ingredients and baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven.

Stockdale Mill is a historic grist mill and dam on the Eel River in Roann, IN. Constructed in 1857, the mill continued to operate until 1964, and all of the equipment present then is still in the building. Here is the opportunity to view and experience the ingenuity and foresight that allowed for the intricate workings of a thriving mill.

Lunch will be on the Roann covered bridge. The Roann Covered Bridge is a massive Howe truss structure that uses two spans to cross the Eel River. The total span is 288 feet, it has an 18 foot clearance height, and is 16 feet wide.

The historical town of Wabash is home to the Wabash Woollen Works and Fiber Arts Center. They manufacture luxury yarn, roving, felting, and rug-making cord. The only mill of this kind in Indiana. They offer educational classes on the textile arts, such as spinning, weaving, knitting, and using natural dyes grown onsite to color various fibers.

### **Tour 3 - Grissom Air Museum, McClure's Orchard, & Honeywell House**



As Mark Honeywell, founder of the thermostat company, sat in his Wabash Indiana mansion in the 1960s, 18 miles away at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, a B-58 "Hustler" jet capable of Mach II set fully fueled with up to 5 nuclear bombs on board. It is one of three bases in the United States to have this aircraft.

On this tour we will visit Grissom (formerly Bunker Hill) Air Museum that currently has 32 aircrafts, 24 on display (including a B-58) and 7 in different stages of restoration.

The Grissom Air Museum was also the home of the 305th Bomb Wing and the 319th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, and is now the home of the 434th Air Refueling Wing.

Up the road is McClure's Orchard/Winery, a family-run apple orchard. Once a rundown 60 acres, it is now a flourishing apple orchard restored to a place within the community for everyone to enjoy. Their ciders and wines are made with fruits, vegetables and honey grown and raised onsite.

Honeywell House is a beautiful home erected in the 1880s. Currently, it is used for a variety of cultural events for the community.

### **Tour 4 - Shooting Clay Pigeons, Pickles, & Wine**



Our first stop will be at the St. Joe Valley Conservation Club. Opportunities will be available for new and experienced shooters, including one round of each of Trap and Skeet shooting with trained instructors onsite. Guns and ammunition will be furnished at the site.

Our next stop will be at Sechler's Pickles where they have been perfecting the art and science of making pickles for almost a century.

Our last stop of the day will be at the Byler Lane Winery. We will stop by for a tasting

and stay for a relaxing afternoon overlooking the vineyard and pond. The wines are made from local grapes, as well as grapes from New York, Chile, and California.

### **Tour 5 - New Trucks & How They Were**

Attendees will be escorted on a walking tour of Fort Wayne Assembly's General Assembly department. The 3.03 million square feet Fort Wayne plant currently builds GM's full size pickup trucks including the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra 1500 and HD models.

After a stop for lunch, we will visit the National Auto and Truck Museum located in the former factory buildings of the Auburn Automotive Company. This is home to more than 100,000 square feet of displays including over 100 trucks covering more than 100 years of production and rotating galleries providing new vehicle exhibits.

This tour is limited to only 20 participants.

### **Tour 6 - Essential Oils, Nature Writer, & Indiana Winery of the Year**



Lavender Lane is northeast Indiana's secluded lavender farm. Learn about the joys and benefits of this wonderful intoxicating herb. Although the peak bloom time for lavender is in June, we sometimes have a smaller second bloom in September that is

lovely with the ornamental grasses. “The Cabin at Wildflower Woods” is the beloved home and final resting place of Gene Stratton-Porter, one of Indiana’s most widely read authors and one of the world’s first nature photographers and conservationist. The Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society seeks to share her legacy with visitors by telling her story and making her achievements relevant for today’s society and future generations.

Our last stop of the day will be at the Hartland Winery; the 2018 Indiana Winery of the Year at the Indy International Wine Competition.

**Tour 7 - Let’s Go RVing**

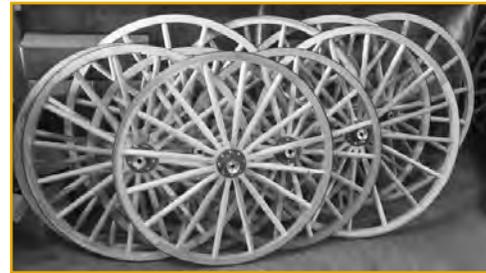


Start the day with a tour of the JAYCO RV factory. There, you will go behind the scenes to learn how Jayco luxury fifth wheel products are brought to life.

We will then stop at the Famous Das Dutchman Essenhaus for a buffet lunch. After lunch we will head to Elkhart to the RV Hall of Fame. The museum features a

variety of recreation vehicles dating back 100 years and continuing through the 1980s. The museum is divided into areas that highlight key events in the history of RVs.

**Tour 8 - A Visit to Amish Country**



E&S Wood Creations has been crafting quality furniture in rural Indiana since 1987. At first, custom kitchens and custom furniture were their main focus. In the late 1990s they added bedroom furniture, office and living room furnishings. They are the makers of furniture that is worth the wait and likely to be passed on to heirs for generations to come.

Miller Carriage Company, in Shipshewana, IN, has been the area’s premier carriage manufacturer for over 40 years! They are your one-stop shop for carriage parts and hard to find parts.

We will stop for lunch at the famous Blue Gate Restaurant and then we will have time to stroll downtown Shipshewana. Their boutique shops offer an eclectic variety of

jewelry, home goods, garden accessories and décor. You can also travel back in time and discover a treasure you’ll love from one of their many antique shops.

**Tour 9 - Candyland & Pioneer Village**

Spangler Candy Company is a family-owned private company making candy since 1906. Spangler manufactures 12 million Dum Dums®, crafts 2.7 million Candy Canes and over 500,000 Saf-T-Pops® per day.

We will then head for lunch at the Barn in Sauder Village. After lunch you will then take a step back in time and tour the Sauder Village with a walk through time from 1803 to 1928. Hear stories shared by costumed guides in historic homes and shops, take a ride on the Erie Express train, visit animals in the farmyard and marvel at working craftsmen blending skill and creativity in glass, metal, fiber, wood and clay.

Minimum of 30 participants.



**Life Member & Spouses  
Tour for Wednesday, September 11**

Life members, spouses, and guests have several options for activities on Wednesday including a tour to Sweetwater Sound, travelogue, morning workshops and/or afternoon workshops.

**Tour 10 - Sweet Views, Sounds, & Tastes**

Come entice your senses! The day begins with stunning views at Lakeside Park & Rose Garden. Undergoing reconstruction in



2005, the formal garden holds more than 2,000 rose plants with 150 varieties. Next the tour goes to Sweetwater Sound—a huge music store and a whole lot more. They educate and inspire music makers of all ages and skill levels. We will tour their 350,000 sq. ft. building which includes impressive studios. Lunch that day will even be at their Downbeat Diner. Then for dessert, we venture to DeBrand Fine Chocolates. They have exquisite, fresh chocolates for a luxurious experience. Tour participants will get to see and taste the remarkable productions.



# Life Member & Spouses Other Events & Activities for Wednesday, September 11

## Travelogue Program - (1:00-2:00 p.m.)

### *Purdue International Programs - Hello Vietnam!*

Purdue University endorses international educational diversity. Purdue is in the top 10 in university International Student Attendance in the USA. Almost 40% of the Purdue School of Agriculture graduates have participated in study abroad.

Amanda Dickson is the International Extension Program Coordinator. She will be talking about a few of the international programs which Purdue is actively involved in. Last year Purdue Extension Educators began to accompany the study abroad students. Mark Kepler, Purdue Extension Fulton County Educator for Agriculture and Natural Resources, accompanied students to Vietnam. Mark is a 34 year Extension veteran with previous work trips to Russia and the Ukraine. Mark has presented numerous programs on these trips to local and regional groups. He has also written 20 newspaper articles on his foreign travels. Mark will highlight issues in Vietnam agriculture and also the potential for United States sales to that county. Topics include general culture, life in Hanoi, markets, dairy cattle, pig production, milk manufacturing, environmental issues, communism, markets, and religion. He will take you on a fast pace trip through Vietnam.



*Amanda Dickson*



*Mark Kepler*

## Morning Workshop Options

Choose among three workshop options scheduled for Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

### Morning Workshop 1 - Basket Making

Presenting - Deb Klemp

In this class you will weave a tray basket with a solid bottom. It will be a great class for beginners, but more experienced weavers will also enjoy the class. This workshop will last approximately 6 hours.

### Morning Workshop 2 - How to Talk about Agriculture to Non-Ag Clients

Presenting – Whitley County Farm Bureau

Learn from an active Whitley County Farm Bureau member who, by birth, comes from a non-agricultural background and in recent years, has come to find herself on the front lines of this very issue: talking about agriculture and all that comes with it.

## Morning Workshop 3 - Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

You will cross the street from the convention center and have a guided tour of the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. Once there, you will find 3 indoor gardens and 4 outdoor gardens for you to explore.



## Afternoon Workshop Options

Choose among three workshop options scheduled for Wednesday afternoon starting at 1:30 pm.

### Afternoon Workshop 1 - Flint Napping

Presenting – Flintnapper Edward Mosher

Have you ever wanted to see how to make an Arrowhead? Here is your chance to see how they are made and make your own. Once you make your arrowhead you will be able to turn it into jewelry.



### Afternoon Workshop 2 - Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

You will cross the street from the convention center and have a guided tour of the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. Once there, you will find 3 indoor gardens and 4 outdoor gardens for you to explore.

### Afternoon Workshop 3 - Creative Cookies

Presenting – Country Kitchen Sweetart

You will have fun decorating three cookies using different techniques. Instructors will be on hand to help you throughout the class. They are there to teach, help with techniques, provide assistance as needed, trouble shoot, and offer encouragement. Maximum of 18 participants.

# SONS AND DAUGHTERS PROGRAM

## Come Visit the Hoosier State!

### Sunday September 8 - Back Home in Indiana

Come see all of the fun Fort Wayne, Indiana has to offer youth through the Sons and Daughters Program! Parents and youth are welcomed to join us at the end of the Opening Ceremony to go over the program for the week, introduce program leaders, and participate in fun ice-breaker activities! What a fun way to get familiar with all of the other participants!

### Monday, September 9 - Lions, Tigers, and Bears Oh My!



Participants will enjoy an exciting day at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. Take a journey across the continents by traveling through the African Journey, Australian Adventure, Indiana Family Farm, Indonesian Rain Forest, and more! The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo has been ranked one of the top ten zoos in the nation and will be a stop the participants won't forget!

<https://kidszoo.org/>

*\*Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.*

### Tuesday, September 10 - Preserving Nature

A day of animals awaits the participants as they tour the Black Pine Animal Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is home to almost 100 displaced, captive-raised exotic animals! Big and small cats, canines, bears, primates, birds, reptiles, and more make up the 50 plus species that call the Black Pine Animal Sanctuary home!



<https://www.bpsanctuary.org/>

Participants will then travel back to the conference center where they will spend time with the Noble County Master Gardener Association doing fun, hands-on activities!

### Wednesday, September 11 - Explore Your Creative Side

Participants will take part in two of the most creative spaces Fort Wayne has to offer! First up is a stop at Science Central, a place with over 200 hands-on exhibits for participants to explore the science, technology, engineering, and mathematical fields!

<https://sciencecentral.org/>  
<https://www.vpix.net/index.php?tour=449647>

Next up, participants will take a tour of Sweetwater, the world's leading music technology and instrument retailer. Sweetwater's campus includes recording studios, performance venues, a music academy, along with their own retail store! After the tour participants will be able to dream about rock 'n roll while looking around the music store which includes guitar galleries and a drum room.

[www.sweetwater.com](http://www.sweetwater.com)

### Farewell Party

Cap off your experience in the Hoosier state with a Sons & Daughters Farewell Party Wednesday night! More details will be available during the Sunday night activity.



REGISTRATION FORM

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

September 8-12, 2019

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before July 15, 2019: 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 Grand Wayne Convention Center Foyer.

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 if different from above)

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 August 15, 2019.

Are you an NACAA Member (Active or Life) 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 prior to August 1st to make request or send a note with this registration).

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

LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

LIFE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST - Monday, September 9, 2019 (6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.) # Plan To Attend

SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON - Monday, September 9, 2019 (Spouse/Guest Only) (12:00 - 1:30 p.m.) # Plan To Attend

(Please select 1 activity - 2:30 p.m. start for all Activities)

- Act. 1 - Paint Mugs for Our Believe Big Program # Plan To Attend Act. 2 - Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center Tour # Plan To Attend Act. 3 - Hey Baby Cakes # Plan To Attend Act. 4 - BBQ Bootcamp # Plan To Attend

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE'S TOURS

- Tour 1 - Fruit, Cars, & Gardens Tour 2 - CSA, Historic Mill, Covered Bridge, & Textile Arts Tour 3 - Grissom Air Museum, McClure's Orchard, & Honeywell House Tour 4 - Shooting Clay Pigeons, Pickles, & Wine Tour 5 - New Trucks & How They Were Tour 6 - Essential Oils, Nature Writer, & Indiana Winery of the Year Tour 7 - Let's Go RVing Tour 8 - A Visit to Amish Country Tour 9 - Candyland & Pioneer Village

Table with 2 columns: Tour No., # on Tour. Rows for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Choice.

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Tour 10 - Sweet Views, Sounds, & Tastes # Plan To Attend

Travelogue (1:00-2:00 p.m.) # Plan To Attend

- Morning Workshop 1 - Basket Making # Plan To Attend Morning Workshop 2 - How to Talk about Agriculture to Non-Ag Clients # Plan To Attend Morning Workshop 3 - Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory # Plan To Attend

- Afternoon Workshop 1 - Flint Napping # Plan To Attend Afternoon Workshop 2 - Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory # Plan To Attend Afternoon Workshop 3 - Creative Cookies # Plan To Attend

## REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

**Check ALL Blocks That Apply to You**

**Participant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

	Last Name		First Name		
<b>NACAA Member</b>	<b>Agent Fee # Attending</b>		<b>Spouse/Guest Fee # Attending</b>		<b>Total Fees to be Paid</b>
First Time Attending (5 yrs. or less) employed after 9/1/2014	(\$200.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Regular Member	(\$450.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Life Member	(\$325.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
<b>OTHERS</b>					
Sons & Daughters ( <i>participating in activities</i> )	(\$275.00 x _____)			=	\$ _____
Visitor	(\$450.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Univ. or USDA Administrator	(\$450.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Guest of NACAA President	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____
National Donor/Exhibitors	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____

**Past National Board Luncheon** (\$30 x Number of People \_\_\_\_\_) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sustainable Ag Pre-Tour** (\$100 x Number of People \_\_\_\_\_) (limited to 12 people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Horticulture & Turfgrass Pre-Tour** (\$100 x Number of People \_\_\_\_\_) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Pre-Tours on Page 6-7 & 30 (Fees to be collected later)**

**PART-TIME ATTENDANCE**

Number Attending Each Day: Sun\_\_\_\_; Mon\_\_\_\_; Tues\_\_\_\_; Wed\_\_\_\_; Thurs\_\_\_\_  
Daily Fee (\$240 x Number of Days\_\_\_\_ x Number of People\_\_\_\_) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attending only Wednesday Night Banquet: (\$55 x Number of People\_\_\_\_)  
(Cost is already included in full registration - this is only for non-registrants or daily registrants) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee: Applies to all registrants listed above whose registration form and fees are postmarked after July 15, 2019 - \$100 per individual** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Facilities Fee (FOR ALL ACTIVE AND LIFE MEMBERS):**  
**NACAA has initiated a facilities fee for this Conference.** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not plan to stay at one of the approved hotels listed on this registration form - and make that reservation through NACAA - a \$250 fee will be administered. The lodging form must be completed with reservation information- or the fee will be added to your total registration cost.

**TOTAL FEES PAYABLE WITH REGISTRATION: (Make checks payable to NACAA)** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF FEES ARE NOT PAID AT THE TIME OF REGISTERING (I.E. WAITING FOR SECONDARY FUNDING). IF A PERSONAL CHECK/COUNTY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION IS NOT SENT WITH THE REGISTRATION - YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE PLACED ON HOLD UNTIL THE MONIES ARE RECEIVED.**

**IF PAID BY CREDIT CARD:**

\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ Discover Card \_\_\_\_ American Express - No other cards will be accepted.

Person's Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_; Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_; (List all numbers 16 digits - 15 for AMEX)

Address of Credit Card Billing Statement if different than address given on Personal Information

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(IF CARD INFORMATION IS INCORRECT OR NOT ACCEPTED DURING THE CARD APPROVAL PROCESS, YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE DELAYED)

**CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY**

There shall be a **75%** refund of registration fee when a request is made before August 23 (no later than 16 days before the AM/PIC begins). Between August 24 and September 7 (prior to the start of the AM/PIC) there shall be a **25%** refund. No refunds will be given if a request is made after the beginning of the AM/PIC. Appeals due to emergency will be handled on a case by case basis by the NACAA Board with a maximum of 90% reimbursed. **Requests must be made in writing** to NACAA, Attn: Scott Hawbaker, 6584 W. Duroc Road, Maroa, IL 61756 or email to: [nacaemail@aol.com](mailto:nacaemail@aol.com). Refund for part-time attendance is the same, except there will be no refund for the banquet. Members and guests eligible for fee waivers will be refunded upon verification by the National Board of Directors.

## SUPER SEMINARS

### CLIMATE APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS - SUPER SEMINAR

Monday - September 9, 2019 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Do you wish to register for the Climate Applications Super Seminar?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes How many spots \_\_\_\_\_

### TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES SUPER SEMINAR

Monday - September 9, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes How many spots \_\_\_\_\_

### AG ECONOMICS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPER SEMINAR

Monday - September 9, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes How many spots \_\_\_\_\_

### AG ISSUES & PUBLIC RELATIONS - SUPER SEMINAR "Hot Topics: GMO Questions and Answers"

Wednesday - September 11, 2019 1:00-3:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes How many spots \_\_\_\_\_

### SUSTAINABLE AG/ SARE SUPER SEMINAR

Wednesday - September 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Do you wish to register for the SARE Sustainable Ag Super Seminar? *You will also need to register for Tour 24 on Tour Day as this Seminar relates directly to that Tour.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes How many spots \_\_\_\_\_

## PRE-TOURS

### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRE-TOUR (Cost \$100)

(How many people plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### HORTICULTURE/TURFGRASS PRE-TOUR (Cost \$100)

(How many people plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR (Cost to be determined \$150-\$250 range)

(How many people plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### NATURAL RESOURCES PRE-TOUR (Cost to be determined \$100-\$150 range)

(How many people plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Application for Pre-Tours:

On a separate paper - please answer the following questions and submit with your registration forms:

Include:

1. Why you wish to attend the Pre-Tour.
2. How you intend to use the tour information in your educational programs.
3. Describe your major program emphasis within Extension.

*Many of the rural locations being visited during Pre-Tours may require substantial walking along uneven terrains, and may not be ADA compliant. Individuals with mobility issues are encouraged to discuss participation with your physician prior to registering.*

## First Timer Orientation

Sunday - September 8, 2019 - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Do you plan to attend:  Yes  No

# \_\_\_\_\_

## Award Luncheons/Educational Seminars

Several luncheon opportunities are listed for your consideration.

*New this year...box lunches will be provided by NACAA (and sponsors) for Award related luncheons on Monday/Tuesday. You must register for a Luncheon in order to receive a box lunch. Those not attending award luncheons, will be on their own for lunch. Seating may be limited at each of the functions.* Other Ag Industry sponsored luncheons are also listed but will be on a first come/first served basis. Tickets are limited to each function based on sponsorship funding.

## MEALS

Registration for the following meal functions - however tickets must be requested - or one will not be in your registration packet - or available on-site.

All are included in the cost of your registration fee.

Tickets are not available for non-registrants.

	#
Sunday Evening - Welcome to Indiana (Buffet)	_____
Monday Evening - Meal	_____
Thursday Breakfast (for tour attendees)	_____
Thursday Farewell Evening Meal (Duck/Turkey/Chicken)	_____

## ANNUAL BANQUET

**Wednesday Evening September 11. Full Registrations include a ticket (but you still need to register for it - one will not be given to you unless you register) Daily registrations DO NOT include a banquet ticket - must be purchased separately - extra tickets for this event are available for purchase - see payment form).** (Rib-eye) # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend:  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Meal Functions

**Sunday, September 8, 2019 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ National Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Luncheon/Workshop (for current and incoming National Chairs/Vice Chairs only)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Past National Board Luncheon (\$30/person - fee on main registration page)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Which office did you hold:  President  Treasurer  Secretary  Director

**Monday, September 9, 2019 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra, Extra...Read All About It! - Breakfast (6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.) sponsored by Bayer CropScience
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFE Crop Production Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFE Farm and Ranch Financial Management
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFE Consumer or Commercial Horticulture Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Excellence in 4-H Awards Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ag Awareness & Appreciation Award Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer Luncheon (Spouses are welcome - but this event is the same time as Spouse Lunch - so please only sign up for 1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Developing your State 4R Presence - Educational Luncheon - Fertilizer Institute
- \*\*\* Climate Applications Super Seminar - please register in the top left hand column of this page - and do not select another meal function in this section (unless it's the Bayer CropScience breakfast...as other luncheons will conflict with the seminar.

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Poster Session Awards Breakfast (6:30 - 7:45 a.m.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFE Livestock Production Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFE - Sustainable Ag- Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ State Officers (Pres/VP/Treas/Sec current & incoming) Luncheon

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

- \_\_\_\_\_ National Committee Members Breakfast (Current and Incoming - 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance Educational Luncheon (11:45 a.m - 1:15 p.m.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Indiana Farmers: Leaders in Export Market Development Educational Luncheon (11:45 a.m - 1:15 p.m.)

**Note: Achievement Award Breakfast, Communications Award Luncheon, Voting Delegates Breakfast - reservations are all handled by the National Committee Chairs/Officers - by invitation. If you are attending one of these functions - please do not register for a concurrent event listed above.**

# PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Thursday, September 12, 2019

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 (If different from Agent)	Tour No.	# of people on Tour
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	_____	_____	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	_____	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____	_____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____	_____
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	_____	_____	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	_____	_____

## LODGING INFORMATION

THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

### HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Reservations will be made in the order received - but will be prioritized by number of room nights needed and availability.
- 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.**
- 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.
- Room rates do not include tax which is currently 14% (subject to change).
- Rooms will be held using a credit card. To hold your room with another form of payment - please contact NACAA for options.
- The registration form must be postmarked before July 15, 2019 to guarantee accommodations.

Please NUMBER (1,2,3) your preference in each box

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Center (Headquarters Hotel) | \$149 + tax Self Parking \$8/day (Harrison St. Garage)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtyard by Marriott - Fort Wayne Downtown                      | \$149 + tax Self Parking \$8/day (Harrison St. Garage)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton - Fort Wayne Downtown             | \$159 + tax Self Parking \$8/day (Harrison St. Garage) - includes breakfast |

Once these hotels are full - additional hotels within driving distance will be made available on a first come first served basis on the NACAA website.

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)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Bed \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Beds \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Crib \_\_\_\_\_ Roll away (not available in rooms with 2 Beds)

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sharing a room with another NACAA member - 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 assist in finding you a roommate, however you are encouraged to find your own roommate. NACAA will not assign you a roommate. You will be sent a list of others also looking to share a room, and you will then have the opportunity to contact each other to determine if you are a suitable fit to share a room. Once you come to an arrangement, you can then notify NACAA as to whom you will be sharing a room with.

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 following Opening Ceremonies Sunday, September 8. 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	(Name)	Age
<b>Child # 1</b> _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Child # 3</b> _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Child # 2</b> _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Child # 4</b> _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**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	(Name)	Age	Size	(Name)
<b>Adult # 1</b> _____	_____	_____	<b>Adult # 2</b> _____	_____	_____	_____

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

<u><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8</b></u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Orientation & Evening of Fun!	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

<u><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9</b></u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Fort Wayne Children's Zoo	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

<u><b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10</b></u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Black Pine Animal Sanctuary	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

<u><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</b></u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Science Central & Sweetwater	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Farewell Party (Include Evening Meal)	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

**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

This form must be completed in its entirety prior to youth participating in any 2019 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Programs. Upon completion this form should be mailed with NACAA Registration or email to NACAAEMAIL@aol.com. **Please print.**

PARTICIPANTS 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 Mary Rodenhuis, mrodenhu@purdue.edu, to discuss accommodations no later than August 20, 2019.

### **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 2019AM/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 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

# Life Member Corner

## Take Advantage of Opportunities

This issue of The County Agent is the Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference edition. As a ten-year Life Member and a County Agent for more than forty years, one cannot over emphasize the value of the opportunity to participate in your NACAA AM/PIC. The key words are OPPORTUNITY and PARTICIPATE.

My first annual meeting was in Columbus, Ohio. As a first timer, I was impressed with the quality of programming and the professionalism of NACAA leadership and the host Ohio County Agents. I was asked by our Nebraska County Agent group to get involved on the Extension Programs Committee. I accepted and by 1977, was appointed North Central Vice Chair of the Extension Program Committee. Two opportunities happened at this time. NACAA had started the Search for Excellence Program. This opportunity for members to present their top programs changed the annual meeting agenda to Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference. Ideas gained from peer county agents was most valuable in 1) enhancing my own program, 2) my appreciation for the diversity of Extension programming across the nation, 3) the increased professionalism acknowledged by State Extension administrators in the evaluation of agents, and 4) the enthusiasm and pride the agents had for timely serving their clientele in priority needs. When working with North Central State Extension Program leaders on the Search for Excellence Program, I was particularly impressed with two state leaders in how they encouraged a large number of fellow agents to enter their top county Extension programs. These two county agents were Stuart Hawbaker from Illinois and Warren Sifferath from Minnesota. Both became NACAA Presidents. Take advantage of opportunities to participate in various professional improvement programs, serve and grow in state, regional and possibly national committees in leadership positions.

The second opportunity in 1977 was the initiation of the Dow Study Tour funded by the Dow Chemical Company. Because Dow's corporate headquarters was in Midland, Michigan, the North Central Vice-Chair of the Extension Programs Committee was selected to organize and lead the two-week tour on a pilot basis. Don Juchartz, NACAA President from Michigan is credited with the Dow Study Tour idea and funding. My instructions by the NACAA Officers were to develop the tour, lead it, select two

county agents from each of the North Central Region's twelve states, account for the donor grant dollars and present the results to the tour participants, spouses, Dow representatives and NACAA officers at the NACAA Annual Meeting in Boise, Idaho.

The two-week tour extended from Midland, Michigan, Dow's Corporate Headquarters, to their major Field Research Center at Geneseo, Illinois with multiple stops in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio. The tour included livestock, crops, land and water conservation, Land Grant University, horticulture, water quantity and quality, commercial vegetable and fruit production, commodity marketing, field research, environmental issues and more. The success of the Dow Study tour was the Extension family of County Agents. Each state selected their two delegates. Once the route was established, each County Agent helped select the top agricultural and related stops in their area. While in their county, they hosted the group, made local contacts and told the delegates about their county's agriculture, Extension programs and people. After the NACAA officers and Dow representatives evaluated the pilot tour, it was expanded to a national tour with increased donor support. The tour ran for twenty or more years until Dow's leadership changed. NACAA continues to offer evolving opportunities and I encourage you to participate beginning with AM/PIC.

Personal growth and gratification of sharing your programs via presentations or posters, receiving ideas from other agents, tours of the area hosting AM/PIC (Life Members have two days of tours), stimulating keynote speakers, 4-H Talent Revue spectacular, recognition of AA, DSA and Hall of Fame Award recipients, plus the lifelong relationships formed during AM/PIC make NACAA involvement an Extension career enrichment experience---it has for me! ☺



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Life Member - Nebraska

# 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.

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

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Quantities of the actual brochures that will be “well-used” can be ordered free of charge from [carol.somody@syngenta.com](mailto: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. E-mail [carol.somody@syngenta.com](mailto: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.

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 Fort Wayne, Indiana .....September 8-12

**2021**  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania....July 4-8

**2020**  
 Virginia Beach, Virginia.....July 19-24

**2022**  
 West Palm Beach, Florida.....July 17-22

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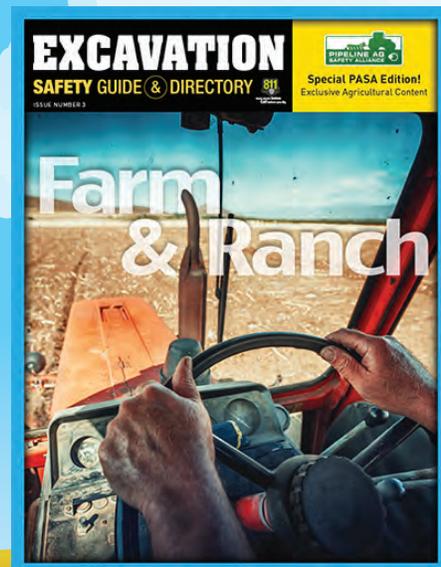
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