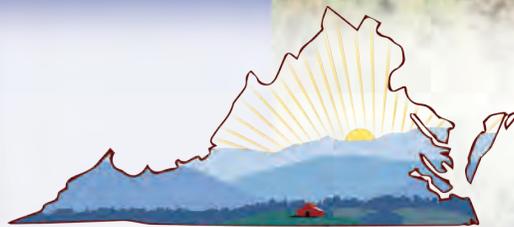


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President's Corner

I hope you are as excited as I am and that you are already making plans to join me and the Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents for the NACAA's 105th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, July 19-24. Having grown up near the shore, Virginia Beach brings back old memories of gentle ocean breezes, the smell of salt air and the kaleidoscope of sights and sounds and the carnival like atmosphere of the boardwalk in the summer. Virginia has a lot to offer and you will not want to miss this meeting.

NACAA and our host state Virginia have planned an outstanding educational program with plenty of 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. Between the covers of 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.

Leading up to the conference, there are three Pre AM/PIC educational subject matter tours (animal science, horticulture and natural resources) to choose from if that interests you.

The Virginia Beach Convention Center will provide a great venue for our meeting. It features a huge exhibit area and most of the meeting rooms are located on the one long second floor hallway making it easy to navigate and locate things.

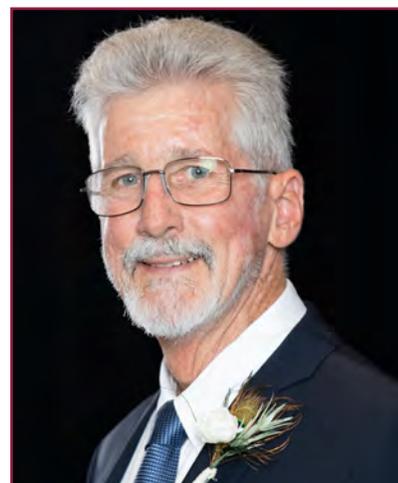
Sundays Opening Session will feature Inspirational Speaker Frank Beamer who was the head football coach at Virginia Tech from 1987 until his final game in 2015. Coach Beamer was one of the longest tenured active coaches in NCAA Division I FBS and, at the time of his retirement, was the winningest active coach at that level. During his tenure, he coached the Hokies to 23 consecutive bowl games, including a national championship appearance, along with seven conference championship titles.

Our Monday Morning Keynote speaker will be Michele Payne. She is known for being a community catalyst, a passionate advocate for global agriculture and antagonizing people into action. Michele will help you stand up and celebrate the people, promise and passion of agriculture. She will make you laugh and cry while celebrating all types of agriculture. Find inspiration and new "fighting moves" that will get you thinking about our opportunity for the conversation and agricultural advocacy around the food plate.

Monday and Tuesday will feature the awards related luncheons. This year we plan to combine the Search for Excellence luncheons for efficiency and to make them similar in size – paired

will be Livestock/4-H, Horticulture/Forestry, Crop Production/Farm Ranch and Young Farmer/Sustainable Ag.

In an attempt to create more chances for state presidents and vice presidents to attend professional improvement opportunities the Board has moved to eliminate the State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon and will incorporate aspects of that luncheon into other functions.



Gene McAvoy
NACAA President

This year's meeting will have six Super Seminars including Ag Economics & Community Development Super Seminar - "Agility: Meeting Farm Opportunities & Addressing Risk in the Current Ag Climate", Ag Issues Super Seminar: - "Adapting Agriculture to a Changing Climate", Ag Issues Super Seminar: "Keeping Stress Levels in Check on the Farm", Leadership & Admin. Skills Super Seminar: - "Comprehending Your Leadership Style to Enhance Personal and Professional Growth at the Local Level", Teaching & Ed. Technologies Super Seminar: - "Innovative Extension Curriculum", and Sustainable Agriculture Super Seminar: - "Reading the Farm".

While members are indulging in professional improvement and checking out the exhibits and posters, the spouses and life member will be enjoying the sights of Virginia Beach and attending interesting workshops. Again, this year, most of the life members and spouses' programs will be together. One of the highlights of the program will be a Tuesday afternoon luncheon cruise in the harbor on the Spirit of Norfolk.

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President's Corner....

For the kids, the Virginia agents have planned an exciting array of trips to local attractions and fun activities including the Virginia Aquarium and Adventure Park, Bush Gardens, the historical Jamestown Settlement and much more.

The highlight of the week will be the Distinguished Service Award banquet on Wednesday, where we recognize the hard work and accomplishments of over 60 NACAA members.

On Thursday, you will have a choice of attending one 24 professional improvement tours that will highlight Virginia's rich agricultural diversity.

The Virginia agents have planned a fantastic meeting which will showcase Virginia as a prime location to live, work, do business, and explore in addition to highlighting the state's \$91 billion agriculture and forestry industries. In addition to the educational and professional improvement opportunities for agents, there is a lot to do in and around Virginia Beach, so you will want to consider bringing the entire family.

Surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean and countless rivers, you will never be far from the water in Virginia Beach. The Virginia Beach Boardwalk has been named one of the top five boardwalks in the nation and families will certainly enjoy the many things to do on the boardwalk, and kids will love the many amusement options on offer. To make sure that you have plenty of time to enjoy the ocean breeze and sight-see, Monday night will feature "dinner on your own" on the boardwalk to allow you time to network with colleagues and enjoy the wonderful sights, sounds and tastes of the boardwalk as you make your way to the 4-H Talent Review which will be held in the 24th street park on the boardwalk. Before you leave be sure to pose with the large 34-foot statue of King Neptune prominently displayed on the boardwalk.

The Theme of the meeting – Virginia Where It All Began – references the historical importance of the area. Nearby is the well named Historic Triangle of Colonial Virginia, which encompasses Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown, an area where early American history abounds.

Jamestown settlement in the Colony of Virginia was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. It was located on the northeast bank of the James and was established by the Virginia Company of London on May 4, 1607 and was considered permanent after a brief abandonment in 1610. It followed several failed attempts, including the Lost Colony of Roanoke, established in 1585 on Roanoke Island. Jamestown served as the colonial capital from 1616 until 1699.

Not far away is Colonial Williamsburg, its 301-acre historic area includes several hundred restored or re-created buildings from the

18th century, when the city was the capital of Colonial Virginia. An interpretation of a colonial American city, the historic area includes three main thoroughfares and their connecting side streets depict the atmosphere and the circumstances of 18th-century Americans. Yorktown is home of Colonial National Historical Park, which contains and preserves Yorktown National Battlefield the site of the siege and subsequent surrender of General Charles Cornwallis to General George Washington and the French Fleet during the American Revolutionary War on October 19, 1781. This British defeat at Yorktown effectively ended the war. The battlefield has many of the earthworks dug by the besieging American and French forces.

The military has a large presence in the region with well over a dozen facilities in the area. Naval Air Station Oceana is a military airport located in Virginia Beach and is a United States Navy master jet base. Home to seventeen strike fighter squadrons of F/A-18 Hornets and F/A-18 Super Hornets, while at the conference you will be awestruck by the frequent roar of fighter jets flying overhead on daily training missions.

Naval Station Norfolk is a United States Navy base in Norfolk, Virginia, that is the headquarters and home port of the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet. It is the world's largest naval station, with the largest concentration of U.S. Navy forces with 75 ships calling this home port.

The Norfolk Naval Shipyard is a U.S. Navy facility in Portsmouth, Virginia, for building, remodeling, and repairing the Navy's ships. I think you will agree that Virginia has a lot to offer. Be sure to bring the entire family, as there will be plenty of educational, recreational, and cultural activities and opportunities for everyone. I believe this is one meeting you will not want to miss! I look forward to seeing you this summer in Virginia Beach.

Past NACAA President - N. John Hansen Passes Away

N. John Hansen, 101, a resident of Dallas, Oregon died Friday, January 24, 2020 at the Dallas Retirement Village. He was born on February 8, 1918 in Hillsboro, Oregon, the son of Harry and Ida Meier Hansen. Hansen was the President of the 1966 NACAA Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was inducted into the NACAA Hall of Fame in 2007.



A memorial service was held on February 8, at the Dallas Retirement Village. To read his full obituary, please go to: <https://www.bollmanfuneralhome.com/memorials/Hansen-N.+John/4087841/>

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, Oregon State University 4-H Foundation for Polk County 4-H Programs or the Delbert Hunter Arboretum. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave a message or memory for the family please go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Welcome to Virginia

Welcome to Virginia From Your 2020 AM/PIC Co-Chairs!

Friends! Welcome to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Old Dominion, the Birthplace of Presidents. The Virginia Association of Agriculture Extension Agents (VAAEA), along with our Land Grant Universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University invite you and your family to come, fellowship and explore Virginia, “Where it all began.”

Agriculture in Virginia is as old as Virginia itself, tracing its roots back to Jamestown in 1607. Along the way, a lanky farm boy named Cyrus McCormick developed the first commercially successful harvesting machine, the McCormick Reaper and planted the seeds for what would become the International Harvester Company.

Heritage and history are important only if you are planning for the future and we are confident that you will find many enjoyable and stimulating learning opportunities when you visit us at Virginia Beach. Virginia Beach is a vibrant tourist destination but its suburban feel and strong agricultural presence will make you feel right at home. Virginia Beach is very family friendly; signs remind visitors that using foul language will earn you a ticket!

Parking is free in Virginia Beach and you will find plenty of food options to fit your budget all within walking distance of the Convention Center and many of the hotels. We are providing shuttles to and from the hotels but if you just can't wait, you can park your vehicle or rental at the Convention Center or Uber and Lyft are very popular and readily available.

We have a robust program of professional improvement opportunities and we also have worked to provide some gaps in the schedule for rest and relaxation. Hey, you

are at the beach! Monday evening for example, we invite you explore the world-famous VA Beach Boardwalk, grab a bite to eat at one of the many fine eateries, and then make your way to Neptune Park to see future stars under the stars at the 4-H Talent Revue.

That said, there will be plenty to see and do at the Convention Center. Each day the trade show area will be occupied. Sunday, you can move among direct to consumer farm operations and sample their products while enjoying the Taste of Virginia welcoming dinner. Monday and Tuesday the area will house our regular trade show and on Wednesday, commodity groups and VT and VSU specialists and departments will share some the work they are doing. This is an excellent opportunity to network with partners that can extend your abilities for your clients back home.

Our well-rounded program extends to our Life Members and Spouses as well. Our own spouses and life members have designed our agenda to not only educate and highlight the area but also allow for free time to explore on your own. If your spouse is a school teacher, as Andrea is, workshops and activities have been designed to allow them to apply for Continuing Education Credits to add to the AMPIC's value to your family.

One treat for our life members and spouses that we are very excited to share is that both groups will enjoy a lunch cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk on Tuesday. On the cruise, you will see part of the world's largest Naval Base as well as many commercial ventures, such as Norfolk Southern Railroad's facility that loads Virginia coal onto seagoing vessels.

Our tour committee has done an outstanding job highlighting all that the area has to offer. You can select everything

from traditional farming to aquaculture. You can tour the East Coast's largest seaport from which 20% of all freight is are ag and natural resources related. You can also see a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at Stihl, headquartered right here in Virginia Beach.

There is so much to see and do at Virginia Beach, you will not only want to attend the 2020 NACAA AMPIC; you'll want to plan your next trip to take it all in.



Andy Overbay



Theresa Pittman

Opening Ceremonies feature Hall of Famer, Frank Beamer

The 2020 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference opens Sunday evening with an inspirational flair. VA Beach is home to Oceana Naval Air Station and Hampton Roads Naval Base, the world's largest naval installation. Our presentation of colors will be led by servicemen from Little Creek.

After we recognize each of our State and territorial members with the flag ceremony, we will be treated to words from a native Virginian and fellow educator, Coach Frank Beamer. Growing up in rural Southwestern Virginia, Coach Beamer played football at VA Tech under Jerry Claiborne while earning a degree in Distributive Education. His first coaching job was at Radford High School, and soon moved to the college ranks. He coached at the Citadel, Maryland, and Murray State, working with future legends of the game, Coaches Bobby Ross and Ralph Friedgen, and players such as Future Pro HOF member, Randy White of the Dallas Cowboys.

Coming home can be tough in this line of work, but Coach Beamer returned to VA Tech in 1987. He guided the Hokies Football program for the next 29 seasons. There were plenty of bumps along the way, but Coach Beamer never wavered. "How many people do you think would survive today, 2-8-1 in their sixth year?"



Beamer said during an interview following his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. "I'm just glad I didn't upset anybody in those first five or six years. I was trying to make friends."

Beamer won 238 games for his alma mater, seven conference championships — three in the Big East and four in the ACC — and reached the 2000 BCS national championship game. He established a bowl streak, now in its 26th straight season, and a double-digit win streak over rival Virginia. His overall 280-143-4 record ranks sixth among FBS coaches.

Coach Beamer sent many players on to the NFL, but stated "... we had a lot of guys that became doctors and lawyers and good business people and good educators, so I felt that was kind of the simple answer that we were going to do everything that we can while we're here to make these people

better. And that's what we worked for."

He also gave freely of his time, helping with community programs encouraging reading (Frank's Mom Herma was a classroom teacher) and assisting 4-H Clubs with items for charity auctions. He and his staff routinely walked the campus for exercise and to chat with students and staff along the way. Coach knows a thing or two about building community support and buy-in!

Coach Beamer knows a thing or two about building successful people and we will gain some of his wisdom Sunday evening as he speaks to "Three Critical Qualities of Success." Be sure not to miss this opportunity to hear from one of Virginia's favorite native sons and a true southern gentleman

“CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE”

Michele Payn, CSP to address NACAA Members at Monday General Session as Keynote Speaker



Michele Payn, CSP, connects the people and science of food and farming as principal of Cause Matters Corp. She is known for being a community catalyst, a passionate advocate for global agriculture—and antagonizing people into action. Michele has worked with farmers in more than 25 countries, raised over \$5 million in sponsorships for the National FFA Foundation, and has been involved in Extension most of her life. She is the author of three books: #1 best seller *Food Bullying*; *Food Truths from Farm to Table*, an IPPY bronze medal winner; and *No More Food Fights!* Michele’s degrees are in Agricultural Communications and Animal Science from Michigan State University. She has earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation, awarded to less than 10% of professional speakers globally. She resides with her ‘city slicker’ husband and cow-loving daughter on a small farm in central Indiana. She enjoys Registered Holsteins, the MSU Spartans, and making memories with friends around the table. Michele connects conversations around the food plate at www.causematters.com and socially through @mpaynspeaker.

Welcome *First Timers!*

The 2020 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) First Timer Committee and Early Career Development Committee cordially invite you to attend the 105th NACAA AM/PIC in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The program includes a wide variety of events and activities to offer something for everyone- at no better place than the beach! If you are attending the NACAA 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, July 19, beginning at 3:00 p.m. We are making some changes to the orientation to give first-time attendees more chances to meet with new(er) Agriculture Extension Agents from across the United States, to learn more about programming that’s being

done, and lead to more friendships, and potentially even partnerships, being formed! The First Timer Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, September 20, at 11:45 a.m. Here you will have another opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow first timers from around the country and enjoy an inspirational speaker who will motivate new agents and leave them with something to think about.

There will be a webinar (to be scheduled) that will be very beneficial to all first time attendees. This webinar will provide you with information about the assortment of opportunities that NACAA has to offer to help you build your career in extension, as well as some basic information about Virginia Beach and what you can expect at the conference. The 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 is being finalized and a link for the webinar will be sent to all NACAA members via e-mail.

If you have any specific questions about Virginia Beach, 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 Sarah Sharpe (seweaver@vt.edu). We hope to make your first AM/PIC a great experience, and we are here to help in any way we can!

Kick-Off Event - Virginia's Finest Food and Beverage Expo

www.vdacs.virginia.gov/vafinest.com

The kick-off event is a celebration of locally grown and produced foods across Virginia. Virginia's Finest Food and Beverage Expo will feature 300 producers of value added, locally produced foods, specialty meats, fruits, vegetables, seafood and spirits of the Commonwealth. Virginia's Finest entrepreneurs and farmers are excited to share all the taste Virginia has to offer from the coastal plain to the mountains and valleys. After visiting and checking out the all the Virginia Finest exhibits, have a drink and sit down to enjoy a "Down South, BBQ Dinner" buffet.

States Night Out – Dining in Virginia Beach

www.visitvirginiabeach.com/taste

Virginia Beach offers some of the East Coast's best dining experiences. Creating a unique dining experience is at the core of Virginia Beach's local cuisine and just one more way that we live the life. We encourage you to be adventurous and explore the options that most befit a great end to your day. You never know what tasty surprises you might uncover. Find your dining experience by browsing the hundreds of restaurants in the city.

Farewell Event @ The Shack Outdoor Oasis

www.theshackvb.com

Beat the heat and experience the coolest place on the oceanfront. The Shack on 8th is an all outdoor oceanfront oasis featuring a restaurant, event center, lawn games, corn hole and more. Ice cold drinks and fresh squeezed orange crushes are the perfect way to unwind. Shaded lounges during the day, become cozy fire pits at night to kick back with your friends and relax. Enjoy a laid-back homemade buffet of crab cakes, steak bite, BBQ sliders, cold bar, fresh fruit, shell fish and more to satisfy foodies of all ages. Experience Virginia Beach like a local.

4-H Talent Revue 4-H'ers Night To Shine

Join us Monday, July 20 at 8:00 p.m. for an exciting evening of diverse and amazing entertainment! We will have 4-H'ers from several states in the southeastern United States whose performances will amaze you with their diverse array of talent! To add a new level of flair and ambiance, the 4-H Talent Revue will be under the stars next to the Atlantic Ocean! We look forward to seeing you there because this is an evening sure to keep you entertained!

Annual Banquet Wednesday, July 22, 2020

The Distinguished Service Awards Annual Banquet will be Wednesday, July 22, 2020. As we recognize of Award winners you will have a chance to dine on an entrée of Prime Rib or Chesapeake Rock Bass (your choice) along with salad, vegetables, and dessert. You will enjoy another opportunity to experience the agriculture and culture of Virginia and the Beach during the Banquet. We hope this will truly be a night to remember, as you get ready to go on our educational tours the next day, Where it all Began!

Connect with Us

Get more out of your conference experience by visiting our website and connecting with us on social media for the most up-to-date conference information available! Come learn about "Where It All Began" by visiting our website to research things to do, places to eat, and more about Virginia!

Website: <https://www.vaaca.org/2020-home>

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/2Ampic>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/2020_ampic/

Exhibit Hall Will Be Busy Every Day!

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2020 Natural Resources Committee Pre-Conference Tour: July 17th & 18th

This year's pre-conference tour will have (2) options. Join us for the full tour, a 1 ½ day excursion to include a coastal day trip experience on an oyster boat, with off-site overnight lodging or select just the 1-day portion of the tour to experience forested uplands and a famous wetland area.

Virginia's Natural Resources are rich, varied, steeped in history and growing! From the water to the woods, Virginia's natural resources have sustained legendary Native American tribes, the first permanent settlement of European Colonists, provided the foundation for the industrial revolution of the New World and continue to play a central role in the economic and social fabric of the Old Dominion.

To experience more variety and the uniqueness of the Chesapeake Bay, join us for the full 1 ½ day tour. This ½ day tour on Friday the 17th will start at noon with an oyster boat ride on the national treasure known as the Chesapeake Bay to experience an oyster catch and learn the rich history of the area's connection with water. Saturday the 18th (Day 2), is full of more adventure starting with a visit to the Big Woods complex where 7600 acres of former industrial timberland are now owned & managed by a mix of

public and private entities cooperating to restore diminished habitat unique to the region and with it the endangered Red cockaded woodpecker. Next stop, a visit to the Southampton Heritage Village/Agriculture & Forestry Museum.

On our way to the final stop of the day, a great big famous swamp! The Great Dismal Swamp has been a National Wildlife Refuge since the mid 1970's and spans into North Carolina with over 100,000 acres of forested wetlands and includes a 3100-acre lake in the middle. Today, while elements of history are still being discovered, the area is home to bears & bob cats, 65 species of butterflies, river otters and over 220 different birds.

Day 2 only: \$75
Register for both days: \$175

*Note: breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks are provided through registration costs, as well as Friday dinner and lodging (for full 1 ½ day tour registrants only).

Lodging and transportation details will be provided in a separate communication, after registration deadline.

Registration fees will be collected thru the registration process (either during on-line registration - or within this magazine on the payment page). A scholarship opportunity for the registration fee is available. A more detailed tentative agenda can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xwDWQ7tXRuqiaHrUmWL1UxbyAMjRvfV4eA9qu0LsXVo/edit?usp=sharing>
For more information, please contact Ray Bodrey at rbodrey@ufl.edu.

2020 AM/PIC Horticulture Committee Pre-Conference Tour: July 17th & 18th

Cost for tour participants: \$130

The 2020 AM/PIC Horticulture Pre-tour is designed to give participants a glimpse of Virginia's diverse horticultural industry and all it has to offer to our Commonwealth, as well as the rest of the world. We wanted to specifically focus on the history of Virginia horticulture, together with the sustainable practices that have been in use since our Founding Fathers began planting their own gardens. In addition, the tour will emphasize continued and new practices that have sustained traditional agriculture and brought to the fore-front the sustainability of new practices in urban agriculture and home horticulture.

The tour will depart from the Virginia Beach Conference Center on Day 1. The tour will overnight in Charlottesville, so please bring what you will need for an overnight stay. The tour will return to Virginia Beach on the second day in time for evening AM/PIC events.

Day 1 Tour: Friday, July 17, 2020

8:00 a.m. Depart Virginia Beach Conference Center (Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th St, Virginia Beach, VA 23451)

New Earth Farm is an award-winning, 21-acre sustainable working and educational farm located in Pungo area of Virginia Beach, VA. Although we are not certified organic, we grow our vegetables using only biological methods. We strive to nurture and maintain the natural ecology of the land and provide our community with the fresh, nutrient dense produce. – Crop Rotation, Cover Crops, and Chicken Rotation

9:30 a.m. Depart New Earth Farm and head to Hampton Roads AREC (stopping at the Convention Center) on the way

Theme gardens at the Hampton Roads AREC (1444 Diamond Springs Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455)

The Theme Gardens comprise 18 individual garden beds within the display gardens at Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center (HRAREC) and also includes the Enabling Garden and the Compost Demonstration Area. Master Gardeners are involved with the plant research and selection, installation, division, pruning and weekly maintenance. The gardens are part of the Display Gardens that are open to the public seven days a week as a teaching and learning garden focused on sustainable home landscape practices. The beds include: Bog/Water Garden, Butterfly Garden, Children's Garden, Daylily and Virginia Hybridizer Daylily Gardens, Edible Landscaping Garden, Enabling Garden, Entry Beds Four Season Bulb Garden, Fragrance & Texture Garden, Groundcover Gazebo (West), Groundcover Gazebo (East), Groundcover Gazebo (North), Groundcover

Gazebo (South), Native Plants Garden, Ornamental Grasses Perennials Comparison White Garden, and Winter Garden.

11:00 a.m. Lunch at Hampton Roads AREC

12:00 p.m. (noon) Depart Hampton Roads AREC

The Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, VA offers year-round beauty on a historic property with more than 50 acres of spectacular gardens, dining and shopping. More than a dozen themed gardens include a Conservatory, Children's Garden, Rose Garden, Asian Valley and Cherry Tree Walk. After meeting with the garden horticulturalist, participants will go on both a guided tour and self-guided tour, discovering sustainable initiatives that help bring Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in balance with the natural world. www.lewisginter.org

6:00 p.m. Dinner and tour of **3Notch'd Brewery**. The brewery restaurant features farm to fork, supporting local farmers. We will also have the opportunity to interact with the brewers, where we will learn about 3Notch'd Brewery's interest in Virginia-grown ingredients in their award-winning brews. <https://threenotchdbrewing.com/charlottesville-craft-kitchen-brewery/>

Overnight Lodging at Fairfield Inn and Suites Charlottesville Downtown / University Area, VA (401 Cherry Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia 2290); telephone 434-295-0100 We have a block of rooms at a negotiated rate of \$129; mention "NACAA Hort" for the rate. Upon registration for the tour, we will send you a link for reservations. Tour participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservation, and the cost of lodging is not included in the registration fee. Participants are encouraged to share rooms to reduce the cost of the tour; contact the tour organizers if you need help finding a roommate.

Day 2 Tour: Saturday, July 18, 2020

Breakfast at the hotel

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello (931 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Charlottesville, VA 22902) for garden tour and open tour

Jefferson's Monticello garden was a Revolutionary American garden. One wonders if anyone else had ever before assembled such a collection of vegetable novelties, culled from virtually every western culture known at the time, then disseminated by Jefferson with the persistence of a religious reformer, a seedy evangelist. Here grew the earth's melting pot of immigrant vegetables: an Ellis Island of introductions, the whole world of hardy economic

plants: 330 varieties of eighty-nine species of vegetables and herbs, 170 varieties of the finest fruit varieties known at the time. Equally important are Jefferson's contributions to sustainable agriculture – support of local farmers, emphasis on a vegetable-focused cuisine, and development of a garden that focused on American conditions and included American plants. He lived his famous quotation "The greatest service which can be rendered any country is to add a useful plant to its culture." Participants will attend the Highlights Tour. This is a private two-hour experience tailored around history and horticulture, that covers the first floor of the home as well as the flower and vegetable gardens. Participants will have opportunities to walk around and self-immense in the beauty and history of Monticello. www.monticello.org

12:00 p.m. Box lunch on the bus

Barboursville Vineyards (17655 Winery Rd, Barboursville, VA 22923) tasting, tour, history

The Barbour family preserved this priceless landscape in pastoral farming from the middle of the 18th Century through the middle of the 20th, by the wise rotation of crops and a continuous maintenance of sheep grazing. It was the second-generation heir, James Barbour, born 1775, who set the plantation on that path of sustainable agricultural practices while others, lamentably, depleted their soils in singular commitment to tobacco. Barbour took his turn as President of the Albemarle Agricultural Society (1825), the most prominent and scientifically forward-looking farm association in the region in its day, and was active in the Virginia Agricultural Convention 10 years later, proposing significant educational innovations including an experimental farm and an agriculture chair at the University of Virginia, which were adopted generations later at Virginia Tech.

Tour by Luca Paschina, winemaker and general manager at Barboursville Vineyards for an introduction to the storied estate history and winemaking processes. Tastings are included in this tour of beautiful Italian inspired Virginia wines. The Octagon Barrel Room presents a permanent exhibition of the biography of their signature wine, Octagon, and a brief film about the estate is shown throughout the day. Participants may guide themselves on a tour of the Landmark Ruins, one of Jefferson's true architectural masterpieces. In its elegant Palladian proportions and siting on a gentle knoll, the house unmistakably recalls Jefferson's own, and deeply refreshes our appreciation of structural balance in wine. <https://www.bbvwine.com>

Return to Virginia Beach Convention Center in time for evening activities.

2020 AM/PIC Animal Science Committee Pre-Conference Tour: July 17th & 18th

The tour will return to Virginia Beach on the second day in time for evening AM/PIC events.

Cost for tour participants: \$195 (includes Thursday and Friday night hotel, transportation on the tour, and most meals)

The 2020 Animal Science tour will begin on the evening of Thursday, July 16th in Roanoke, VA. Participants should plan to fly into the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA). For those who may be planning to drive to the conference, we will assist with arrangements for carpooling/vehicle parking to get everyone to the start of the tour.

Tour Itinerary:

Thursday, July 16, 2020 – Roanoke, VA

5:00 PM – Participants gather at the Hotel Roanoke for Tour Orientation and Icebreaker Dinner

Guest Speaker: Dr. Scott Greiner, Professor and Extension Beef and Sheep Specialist with Virginia Tech

Thursday night at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA

Friday, July 17, 2020 – Roanoke, VA to Farmville, VA

Stop 1: Tuck Farms. Tuck Farms is an Angus and commercial cattle operation situated on 350 acres in Moneta, Virginia, operated by Keith Tuck. The farm utilizes rotational grazing and implements best management programs from the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Peaks of Otter Soil and Water Conservation District. Keith was named the 2017 Virginia Forage and Grassland Council's "Outstanding Forage Producer of the Year" and is currently the Vice President of the Virginia Forage and Grassland Council (VFGC). Tuck Farms also participates in value added feeder cattle sales through the Bedford Beef Producers' Association and Springlake Stockyards, an LMA member.

Stop 2: Locust Level Farm. Locust Level Farm is an Angus seedstock cattle operation owned and operated by Michael McDowell. The family farm has its origins as a cattle, tobacco and grain operation, but began focusing on purebred angus cattle after Mike graduated from Virginia Tech in 1978. They utilize both embryo transfer and artificial insemination programs to improve the herd and have received numerous awards for conservation efforts such as improving water quality through cross fencing, improved rotational grazing, cover crops and livestock stream exclusion. Michael was recently named the 2019 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year and is involved with a variety of local agricultural events, including volunteering with the both 4-H and FFA, the local livestock show, and the Virginia Angus Breeder's Show, held in nearby Chatham.

Stop 3: Knoll Crest Farm. Knoll Crest is a seedstock cattle operation, offering purebred cattle genetics since 1944, when James Bennett and his father Paul D. purchased their first polled Hereford heifer. Today the cow herd numbers 800 females and has consistently produced top genetics in the Hereford, Gelbvieh and Angus breeds. The farm remains a family operation with James's sons Paul, Brian and Jim Bennett along with grandson Dalton all working on the farm. Bull sales are first Friday in December and second Saturday in April. Both sales account for about 350 bulls sold annually at the farm. Bulls have been sold to Select Sires, ABS, Alta Genetics, Genex SEMEX, ST Genetics and countless satisfied purebred and commercial cattle producers.

Stop 4: TBD

Friday night at the Hotel Weyanoke in Farmville, VA

Saturday, July 18, 2020 – Farmville, VA to Virginia Beach, VA

Stop 5: S and R Meat Goats. S and R Meat goats began in 2010 with the acquisition of a herd of does from Chandler Show Goats and the lease of the buck "TEXAS INK" from Glen Martin in Mason, TX. Over the last 9 years S and R meat goats has

successfully grown in the goat show industry, raising numerous show winners in both breeding does and market goats. Notably, S and R Meat Goats is a huge supporter of 4-H and FFA youth livestock programs as well as the Virginia Showmasters Circuit. S and R Meat Goats number one goal is to raise wethers that are heavy muscled, structurally correct and easy to feed.

Stop 6: Virginia Dept. of Corrections Agribusiness – State Farm James River Facility. The Virginia Dept of Corrections Agribusiness Program is the farm system for the correctional centers of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The goal of the program is to improve the job skills and re-entry success of offenders, reduce food expense for the Commonwealth within the correctional system, and improve agricultural production through working with other state agencies and institutions, notably Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. As part of this agreement, Virginia Tech's Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine provides veterinary services for the purpose of improving herd health and instruction opportunities for veterinary students. Research and demonstration projects by graduate students, Extension and other university faculty are also conducted. Starting in 2013, milk from Virginia Tech's dairy farm began traveling every other day to the VADOC Grade A milk processing plant inside Powhatan Correctional to be pasteurized and homogenized and shipped back to VT for dining hall consumption, a win-win for both organizations.

Stop 7: Richlands Dairy and Creamery. Richlands Dairy Farm has its origins in the Jones family dating back to the 1700s. Ray Jones transitioned the mainly tobacco farm to dairy in 1952. The farm is home to approx. 800 acres and 500 total head of cattle. In response to changing markets, the Jones Family decided to open Richlands Creamery in June 2019. The Creamery focuses on ice cream but also promotes other dairy products such as whole milk, 2%, chocolate, heavy cream, seasonal eggnog and half and half. Richlands believes in transparency in agriculture and promotes agritourism heavily as part of their operation. Richlands hosts events, dairy dinners, regular tours, and festivals in accordance with their motto, "Honest to Goodness Dairy."

Stop 8: Land of Promise Farms. Land of Promise Farms occupies a leading place in Virginia's livestock industry is a leading supplier of proven show pig genetics. The farm's history in the hog industry began in 1959 as a registered Hereford operation. In the 1990s Ryan and Shane Horsley began moving the operation toward club and show pig production. The farm holds two online sales each year and sells pigs via private treaty. Genetics focus on proven show ring champions using AI and crossbreeding. The farm also includes a significant row crop operation, with corn, soybeans and wheat being primary cash crops. Additional niche markets of sweet corn and u-pick pecan orchard for fall and winter add diversity to the operation. Don Horsley was selected the 2011 Virginia Farmer of the Year.

Participants will be dropped off at the conference center in Virginia Beach following the conclusion of the tour. Please be sure you have made your own hotel reservations through NACAA for Saturday night, July 18th.

AM/PIC Super Seminars

Monday, July 20

Leadership & Administrative Skills Super Seminar: “Comprehending Your Leadership Style to Enhance Personal and Professional Growth at the Local Level”

10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration fee: \$10.00/person
(covers cost of assessment tool used on-site)

Limited to 45 individuals

Lunch provided

What’s your temperament style? Do you play well with others? Are you an excellent communicator? Find out in this unique four-hour super seminar with a focus on individual leadership growth from a professional vantage point. Focus on bridging the gap between complex foundational leadership potential and application in the Extension profession with a team-based approach.

Utilizing the Real Colors assessment tools, participants will take an active role in learning through small group integration and large group discussion (with a little fun built in throughout the process)!!! This seminar is an in-depth, hands-on approach to leadership style with the integration of various components adapted to both personal and professional enhancement, utilizing five team activities aimed at providing a more in-depth personal analysis of the leadership framework you can utilize in your own programs at home!

Intended audiences include all Extension

professionals (even if you have participated in this before, you can benefit through additional “brightening” exercises). Both seasoned and new hire professionals gain insight into their personal leadership style to enhance their professional growth in all facets of Extension work.

Instructors: David Yates and Melody Rose, University of Tennessee Extension Leadership & Admin Skills Committee: Melody Rose, Nathan Winter, Ed Martin, and Nicole Santangelo

Agricultural Issues Super Seminar - “Adapting Ag to a Changing Climate”

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Intended audience: County Extension Agents that want to learn more about the effects of climate change on crop and animal production.

Topics covered: Is agriculture ready for climate change? The adaptability of farmers and their crops will determine the future of agricultural sustainability and global food security. This presentation will discuss how to communicate the need to adapt and prepare for extreme weather events. It’s not about politics and it’s not about how or why we got here. It’s about doing what’s best for our farmers and making sure they have the facts they need to make informed choices about their farming operations.

Speaker: Pam Knox is the Director of the UGA Weather Network, a network of 86 stations around the state which have been recording weather and climate data starting in 1991. She is also an agricultural climatologist for the University of Georgia in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, which is part of the College of

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. In that position she provides outreach and education on climate and its effects on crops and livestock in the Southeastern US. She also provides weather and climate data and analyses to university scientists and user groups across the region. In addition, she is a regional coordinator for the volunteer CoCoRaHS (Community Cooperative Rain Hail and Snow) rainfall network in Georgia and is serving on the advisory board for the Georgia Weather Network. Pam is also an active Certified Consulting Meteorologist in the areas of forensic meteorology and climatology.

In the past Pam has also worked as the Georgia Assistant State Climatologist, the Wisconsin State Climatologist and in the National Weather Service. She also previously served as President of the American Association of State Climatologists and on the American Meteorological Society’s Board of Applied Climatology and Board of Continuing Professional Development. She now serves on the technical advisory boards for the Southeast Regional Climate Center (NOAA) and the Southeast Regional Climate Hub (USDA).

Agriculture Economics and Community Development Super Seminar - “Agility: Meeting Farm Opportunities & Addressing Risk in the Current Ag Climate”

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Audience: Extension agents and faculty whose clientele include animal and plant ag producers across disciplines, particularly those with stakeholders considering new production strategies, diversification or changes to farm structure.

Short-term outcome: Address the

question of “Should we grow it?”; not “Can we grow it?”. Seminar participants will increase their understanding of the opportunities and challenges of stakeholders faced with making important farm structure decisions. Participants will gain insight in how to develop more balanced educational opportunities for producers that incorporate traditional production education with risk management evaluation. Long-term outcome: Help stakeholders weather the instability currently inherent in minor and emerging crop markets in a dynamic ag climate.

AGility Session 1: The Changing Landscape of Farm Profitability

Dr. Trey Malone, Michigan State University
A retrospective, current and future view of farm profitability in the United States.

AGility Session 2: Farm Profitability Factors

Florencia Colella, Michigan State University
Exploring the impact of scale, diversification, market volatility, the global economy, horizontal differentiation, vertical integration, regulations and marketing on farm profitability.

AGility Session 3: Farm Diversification

Dr. Rob Serrine, Michigan State University
Identifying opportunities for, and obstacles to, farm diversification and modification; including social, climatic, economic and regulatory.

AGility Session 4: Tipping the Profitability Scale

Dr. Trey Malone, Michigan State University
How can growers maximize profitability under current conditions? We will explore the use of food/consumer surveys, marketing techniques, vertical integration and horizontal differentiation.

AGility Session 5: Creating Resources to Support Farm Success

Erin Lizotte, Michigan State University
Learn the keystone resources and considerations to help create economic stakeholder success. This session will focus on providing agents with the tools

to help growers consider their goals, create budgets, understand market analysis, thoughtfully explore the risks and benefits, as well as identify resources.

AGility Session 6: Farm Profitability Panel

All session speakers.

This session will include a guided Q&A with all AGility session speakers.

Tuesday, July 21

Teaching & Educational Technologies Super Seminar - “Innovative Extension Curriculum”

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration fee: \$10.00/person

The TET Super Seminar will highlight extension curriculum incorporating 360-degree pictures to enhance traditional learning experiences. It will begin with a general overview of technologies and platforms needed create innovative extension curriculum and then touch on important factors to consider before beginning, such as faculty appointment and university capacity to host hybrid and/or online extension programming. That will then be followed by an introduction into at least three 360-degree camera setups—varying in affordability and technicality. Finally, learners will be grouped and assigned to at least one of the cameras. Participants will have access to a Teaching & Educational Technologies Video Library at least one month prior the NACAA AM-PIC, with short instructional videos about the technologies used in the Super Seminar.

Wednesday, July 22

Agricultural Issues Super Seminar - “Keeping Stress Levels in Check”

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Intended audience: County Extension Agents that want to learn more about the effects of stress on farmers and ranchers.

Topics covered: Farmers and ranchers have many stressors in their lives. Weather challenges and disasters like many Nebraskans have recently experienced have led to uncertainty in their crop and livestock operations. Machinery breakdowns, debt loads, volatile markets, sleep deprivation, changing regulations, and the stress of holding onto a multi-generational farm/ranch all play a part of the stress and mental health of a farmer or rancher. Farmers and ranchers know the importance of planning and talking about their financial health to bankers, financial planners, spouses, etc. but might not realize how important it is to spend time on their mental health.

“Keeping stress levels in check” will be presented by Nebraska Extension Educators who have been teaching this and related topics throughout the year, as Nebraska has been dealing with the recovery from the “Bomb Cyclone”, in addition to the economic downturn. This workshop will provide strategies for dealing with the stress of farming or ranching in today’s difficult economic environment. Participants will learn: How to recognize the signs and symptoms of stress; understand the role stress plays in our lives; and strategies and resources to manage stress.

Wednesday, July 22

Sustainable Agriculture and Research Education (SARE) - "Reading the Farm" Super Seminar Wednesday – July 22

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sustainable Agriculture and Research Education (SARE) has three overarching objectives: farm profitability, environmental stewardship, and quality of life for farmers, and ranchers, their communities, and society as a whole. Equity and sustainability in food systems are key education and research considerations. Helping farmers and ranchers improve the sustainability of their farm requires an integrated 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 agents and personnel to understand farms and ranches as integrated holistic systems so they can help farmers and ranchers improve the sustainability of their farms and ranches.

Reading the Farm will be conducted as a super-seminar that provides background information and training required to plan and facilitate a Reading the Farm program and assessment of a host Virginia farm. There will be a required farm visit on the day of the Professional Improvement Tours (Tour 29) to complete the requirements of the program.

The Super Seminar and Professional Improvement Tour will be hosted by the Virginia SARE

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

Educational Breakfast/Luncheon Opportunities

Glyphosate – the Science and the Safety

**Educational Breakfast
sponsored by
Bayer CropScience LP
Monday - July 20
6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**

In 2015 the International Agency for Research On Cancer released its monograph on glyphosate and labeled it a probable carcinogen. Since then much has been covered in the press and on social media regarding the safety of glyphosate, putting increasing pressure on policymakers to ban these products from use in agriculture and landscape use. How much of the information that you hear is fact, and what is fiction? Its time to hear the science behind glyphosate. Fortunately, we have forty years of research and regulatory studies that specifically address these concerns. This talk will discuss the agricultural and environmental benefits of glyphosate as well as its safety. 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.)*

Presenters:

**Jim Hruskoci, PhD
Sr. Technical Development Scientist
Bayer CropScience**

**Katie Karberg, MD, PhD
Regulatory Scientific Affairs
Bayer CropScience**



Developing Your State 4R Presence

**Educational Luncheon
sponsored by
The Fertilizer Institute
Monday, July 20
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.*

**Educational Luncheon
sponsored by**

**Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance
Wednesday - July 22
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

The Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance (PASA) is committed to safety and preventing damage to buried utilities through education. PASA consists of a dedicated group of utility operators that have teamed up with the NACAA to help deliver safety messages to farmers and ranchers around the U.S.

Farming is one of the most dangerous jobs in America. By collaborating with PASA you can help educate your clients on working safely, protecting the environment, and avoiding financial implications that could result from a utility incident. Hear how agents are making a difference and learn how you can get involved. For more information on PASA, visit PipelineAgSafetyAlliance.com.

Seating is limited.

105th Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Friday, July 17

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. NACAA Board Meeting
Animal Science Committee/Horticulture
Committee/Natural Resources Committee Pre-Tours

Saturday, July 18

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

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

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

Sunday, July 19

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

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 Noon - 6:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibit Trade Show, Educational
Exhibits, and NACAA Poster Session Setup

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

1:30 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

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Virginia's Finest Food and Beverage Expo

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. "Welcome to Virginia Paint Night" - Sons and
Daughters Program

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Opening Session & Inspirational Program
Presentation of Colors: Little Creek Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance: Makayla Craig, Eastern
View Chapter, State FFA Past President
4-H Pledge: Kennedy Decosta - Southeast District,
4H Ambassador
National Anthem: Zamora Draft, Prince George
County VA 4H, National 4-H Film Festival
Winner, 4-H Youth Voices
Welcome to VA, VDACS Commissioner of
Agriculture, Dr Jewel Bronaugh
Presentation of State Flags: Adria Bordas, Senior
Extension Agent, Fairfax County VA
Inspirational Speaker: Coach Frank Beamer,
Retired, Virginia Tech Football
Closing Announcements: Theresa Pittman/
Andy Overbay, Co-chairs

9:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

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

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

Monday, July 20

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

6:30 a.m. Life Members and Spouses Assemble for Tours

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

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 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

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: Gene McAvoy, NACAA President
Call to Order and Welcome
Welcome: Dr. Ed Jones, Director of Extension,
VCE and Past President of ECOP
Report to the Association - Gene McAvoy,
NACAA President
Presentation of Presidents Hat by Oklahoma
Association
Recognition of Donors and Introduction of
New Programs - Craig Williams, NACAA
President-Elect
Pipeline and Ag Safety Alliance Comments
Presentation by Bidding States for 2024 AMPIC
Keynote Address: Michele Payne
Announcements: Andy Overbay & Theresa
Pittman, Virginia 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 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Leadership & Admin Skills Super Seminar:
Comprehending Your Leadership Style to
Enhance Personal and
Professional Growth at the Local Level

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

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. Search for Excellence in Livestock Production
and 4-H Awards Program (Combined Award Programs)

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Search for Excellence in Horticulture and
Forestry & Natural Resources Awards
Program (Combined Award Programs)

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

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

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Agriculture Issues & Public Relations Super
Seminar: - "Adapting Agriculture to a
Changing Climate."

1:00 pm – 4:00 p.m. Agriculture Economics and Community Development Super Seminar - Agility: Meeting Farm Opportunities & Addressing Risk in the Current Ag Climate
 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 - 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 (on your own)
 8:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. 4-H Talent Revue – 24th Street Park on the Boardwalk
 9:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social - 24th Street Park on the Boardwalk
 10:00 p.m. Virginia AM/PIC Committee Meetings

Tuesday, July 21

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
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Life and Spouse - Spirit of Norfolk Cruise
 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Communication Awards Luncheon
 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning, or Small Farms/Rancher Program and Sustainable Agriculture Awards Program
 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Search for Excellence Crop Production and Farm Ranch Awards Program (Combined Award Programs)
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Teaching & Educational Technologies Super Seminar: Innovative Extension Curriculum
 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. Virginia AM/PIC Committee Meetings

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. National Committee Members Breakfast
 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Life Member Breakfast

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Educational Exhibit Set-up
 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration
 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. General Session
 Presiding: Gene McAvoy, NACAA President
 Welcome
 Greetings from JCEP: Susan Kelly and Terrence Wolfork, JCEP Board
 JCEP Creative Excellence Award Presentation
 Greetings from Outstanding Young Farmers Program
 Outstanding Service to American and World Agriculture Award
 Presentation and Remarks
 Recognition of Top Performing States for Membership
 Looking Ahead to the New Year: Craig Williams, NACAA President-Elect
 Announcements Andy Overbay & Theresa Pittman, Virginia Co-Chairs
 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. NACAA Policy Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m. Educational Exhibit Trade Show Open
 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 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
 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. - 4:00 p.m. ARPAS Testing, Animal Science
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ag Issues & Public Relations Super Seminar: Keeping stress levels in check on the farm
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sustainable Agriculture Super Seminar: Reading the Farm
 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. Virginia AM/PIC Committee Meetings

Thursday, July 23

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. Virginia Farewell Dinner
 10:00 p.m. Virginia AM/PIC Committee Meetings

Friday, July 24

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. NACAA Board Meeting

Saturday, July 25

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. NACAA Board Meeting

2020 NACAA AM/PIC Professional Improvement Tours

Tour 1 - Richmond Horticulture



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden (**Also on the Horticulture Pre-tour**) offers year-round beauty on a historic property with more than 50 acres of spectacular gardens. A classical domed Conservatory is the only one of its kind in the mid-Atlantic. More than a dozen themed gardens include a Children's Garden, Rose Garden, Asian Valley and Cherry Tree Walk. Then we will head to Maymont, a 100-acre Victorian estate and public park. It contains Maymont Mansion, now a historic house museum, an arboretum, formal gardens, a carriage collection, native wildlife exhibits, a nature center, and Children's Farm. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the grounds of Maymont or visit a research site where efforts to combat boxwood blight are ongoing. **This tour will require a 2.5-hour bus ride each way. Participants should expect to walk for long periods of time.** 10 hour day 🚶

Tour 2 - Perdue Poultry

Perdue is a third-generation, family owned, U.S. food and agriculture company. Perdue was founded in 1920 by Arthur Perdue and is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020 as one of the largest producers of broilers in America. This tour will begin with a visit to Perdue's Hatchery in Murfreesboro, N.C. Guests will see the process of incubation and hatching chicks for delivery to local poultry farms. Next, the tour will visit one of Perdue's modern poultry farms where guests will see chickens being raised using modern innovative equipment. From there the tour will have lunch at North Carolina State University Research Station in Lewiston, N.C. to hear about Virginia Type peanut varieties grown in northeast North Carolina and southeast Virginia. In the afternoon guests will have a guided tour at Perdue's Poultry Processing Plant in Lewiston, N.C. This



facility was put into operation in 1977 and continues to be the largest poultry processing plant on the east coast. Guests will see up close the most modern equipment and techniques for delivering the PERDUE® brand of fresh chicken. **No one who has been on a poultry farm in the last 5-days will be allowed and protective equipment will be required. Closed toe shoes please. Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1 mile total = Handicap challenging.**

10.5 hour day 🚶

Tour 3 - Altria, Inc. Tobacco



Tobacco had already been used in America by the time European settlers arrived. American Indian tribes historically carried tobacco in pouches as a readily accepted trade item, as well as smoking it in cultural ceremonies. Tobacco smoke was seen as carrying one's thoughts and prayers to the spirits. Tobacco was taken back to Europe where it where it became popular, thereby fueling colonization. This tour will visit Altria Inc., in Richmond, VA. Altria Inc. is the parent company of Philip Morris USA, producer of Marlboro cigarettes. The first stop will be at Altria Park 500 facility, adjacent to the historic neighborhood of

Bermuda Hundred in Chester, Va. Property has been in agriculture production longer than any other farm in the U.S. John Rolfe (1585–1622) early English settler once farmed here. He is credited with the first successful cultivation of tobacco as an export crop in the Colony of Virginia. This facility processes small pieces of tobacco from other Phillip Morris USA locations and turns them into large tobacco sheets. Next stop is Altria Manufacturing Center which spans 1.6 million square feet. Altria makes all their cigarettes at this facility, which represent half of all cigarettes sold in the U.S. Lunch will be at this facility. In the afternoon, guests will visit Turner Family Farm owned by Donald Turner and his 2 sons, David and Jaime. The Turners farm about 250 acres of flue cured tobacco. They have recently started farming about 120 acres of hemp for CBD oil. They have a state-of-the-art curing system for their tobacco and use the latest machinery for harvesting. Donald won Sunbelt Farmer of the Year for Virginia in 2015. **Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1 mile total**
11.25 hour day ☺

Tour 4 - Pamunkey, Angus, Antique Tractors, and World Record Corn



We'll visit the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Virginia's first federally recognized tribe. This historical tribe was one of the most powerful groups of the Powhatan paramountcy when the English arrived in 1607. They still retain reservation lands assigned by the 1646 and 1677 treaties with the English colonial government. Since 1918, the Pamunkey have been operating a continuously upgraded fish hatchery- first for the restoration of native shad, and more recently to restore the endangered Atlantic sturgeon from newly constructed spawning reefs in the improved waters of the James River. Next we'll meander over to Edgewood Angus for a hosted lunch and learn about this multigenerational operation utilizing AI breeding on purebred Angus consigning bulls to the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association annually the mid-80s. Edgewood Angus uses many tools (pedigrees, EPD's, AHIR data, genomic testing,

phenotypic data and cow family history) to offer "honest cattle" that speak for themselves, so much so that bulls are guaranteed for 4 years (**also on the Animal Science Pre-tour**). Lastly we will visit David Hula's 612 bushel world record corn. This is Hula's fourth world record. David, John and Jeff Hula, third generation producers, continue the long tradition of providing high-quality cereal and soybean seed to the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern farming communities. Renwood Farms produces USG wheat and soybean seed, public wheat, oats and barley varieties, as well as Renwood proprietary wheat seed varieties, seed treatments and inoculants. While we're there we'll take a gander at their impressive collection of antique tractors. **This tour will require about a two hour ride by bus each way and includes moderate walking in farm field situations. Closed toe shoes are advised. ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging.**
10 hour day

Tour 5 - Beverly Hillbillies - Gas Titanium Biomass Solar



Come and listen to some stories about some former farmers who loaded up their trucks and moved to Beverly. The expansion of energy options and mineral demand has pushed land use conversions in some cases and has spurred reclamation efforts in others. We'll hear how the advent of fracking is being used to feed the Brunswick 1,358 megawatt, natural gas plant, which began utilizing this cheap energy source in April 2016. \$1 billion in customer savings is expected over the life of the station, compared with the next-best option for supplying power. We will tour the plant and discuss issues related to siting, installing, and maintaining a gas supply line. In this same rural vicinity titanium and zircon mining operations took place between 1997 – 2016 to produce chloride ilmenite and zircon. After the areas were surface mined, the rehabilitation process continues involving a number of activities including soil testing, land surveying, earthworks, re-vegetation and ongoing monitoring activities. Next we'll visit one of Enviva's 510,000 metric ton wood pellet facilities which has been producing biomass for Europe and Asian carbon neutral energy needs since 2012. And yes we also have solar just a few more miles down the road where Amazon

purchases power from this 100MW solar facility which covers over 1200 acres of former cropland that had produced peanuts and cotton. Here we will talk about the elements involved in zoning and land-use change and the effects that it has on a predominantly row crop county. **This tour will require about a two hour ride by bus each way and includes light walking on mulch, grass and hard surfaces ~ < 1 mile total = Handicap challenging 10 hour day** ♿

Tour 6 - Urban Farm Marketing, Agri-tourism, Beyond No-Till

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The Gardener's Workshop began in 1998 as a small cut-flower farm selling only to local markets. Today it has become so much more. This urban farm now sells at Colonial Williamsburg, florists throughout the Hampton Roads region, supermarkets, farmers markets, a members-only on-farm market, and a bouquet drop-off subscription service. Its owner has



become a leader in the cut-flower growing industry, author, and accomplished speaker. Next stop is Holly Fork Farm a small fruit and vegetable farm, diversifying in recent years to offer classes of all kinds including soap making, gourd painting, canning, etc... Each year kicks off with an Easter egg hunt, followed by strawberry season, into the summer with sweet corn, watermelons, cantaloupes, among other summer crops. Into the fall it offers a large agri-tourism venue including jump pad, wagon rides, barrel train, pumpkin patch, and finishing the year with Christmas trees. Lunch will be at the farm under the pavilion. The afternoon will be at Davis Produce, a father/son farm spanning two generations of retired Extension Agents. This farm has 30+ years of no-till research. Davis Farms continues today to pioneer new farming practices as a private research farm. Research on this farm utilizes grants, partnerships with local Soil and Water Conservation District and Virginia Cooperative Extension as well as private industry. One of the farm's most notable successes has been innovations utilizing high biomass cover crops in no-till pumpkin production. **Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging 10.5 hour day** ♿



Tour 7 - Great and Big

On this tour you will see/hear about a \$4.3M renovation project to turn industrial waterfront not only into a beautiful park but one that is environmentally responsible with a bio retention area and storm water runoff captured under the parking lot, cleaned and dispersed into the Elizabeth River (**also on Tour 16**). Next you will talk with partners of Healthy Chesapeake and tour the Women's Jail production garden (**also on Tour 16**) – learning about different training and support activities improving food access. From there you will take a walking tree tour around the City campus with the originator of 8 tree tours like this. We will then stop to see a special agriculture themed planetarium show. Lunch will be provide by and at the Izaak Walton League local headquarters on the beautiful river banks in Deep Creek. Next we will take a quick look at the Great Dismal Swamp, a national wildlife refuge, and hear some of the history. To continue the history we will visit the newly opened Historical Battlefield and Waterways Museum, have a beer and tour at Big Ugly Brewery and lastly take a short walking tour around the Chesapeake Arboretum (**also on Tour 16 and 24**). **Light walking on mulch, grass and sidewalks ~ 1.5 miles total = Handicap challenging 10.25 hour day** ♿

Tour 8 - Outer Banks

North Carolina Master Gardeners will take you around the Outer Banks Arboretum and Teaching Garden which serves as an outdoor classroom, providing horticultural education highlighting our coastal ecosystem. Next you will see the ocean, salt marshes, Bodie Island and some of the 400 species of birds that migrate through the area or buy a ticket to climb the Bodie Lighthouse for panoramic views. Lunch will be at the Dare County Extension office followed by a visit



to the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island and stop at the Weeping Radish Brewery (also on Tour 15) before returning back to Virginia. **Light walking on mulch, grass and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging Closed-toe shoes for aquarium and requirements for optional Lighthouse climb. 10 hour day** 🚶

Tour 9 - Planes, Grains and Chains(aws) – Agricultural Economics & Community Development in Action



Partnered with the NACAA Professional Improvement Council's Agricultural Economics & Community Development Committee, this tour will focus on industry and agribusiness vital to the communities they serve. First you will visit the Naval Air Station Oceana where operations continue 24 hours a day, 365 days per year to support flight operation requirements of aircraft assigned to the Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic, Commander, and Fleet Logistics Support Wing. You'll see and learn about the Station established in 1943, encompassing 5,916 acres and 250 aircraft, valued at \$823 million when buildings are included. Then off we fly to tour STIHL's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility for over 160 countries, hear about the history of STIHL (also on Tour 17), and see many of the machines of yesteryear in their onsite museum. We will lunch at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market, which is open year-round and features a variety of agriculturally-inspired shops and related businesses including the Master Gardener Kitchen Garden and a Rural Heritage Center. Next we will stay afloat on issues of trade and commerce in agricultural products when we stop at the Port of Virginia (also on Tour 17) to get a bird's eye view of the port, learn about its history, current operations and future plans to compete in the global marketplace. Thirsty for more, we'll show you the state of the art facility at the Hampton Roads Sanitation District where you'll learn about the Sustainable Water initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT), a program that cleans wastewater and recharges the local aquifer to reduce subsidence of the land. Lastly we will visit Perdue Farms, Inc. whose platform is **"We believe**

in responsible food and agriculture." Perdue runs diversified agri-businesses, sourcing, purchasing, and processing agricultural commodities and offers a portfolio of products, including grains, soybean meal, blended feed ingredients, and top-quality oils for the food industry and services.

Funds received by National Crop Insurance Services will be used to underwrite the cost of the transportation and meal provided on this tour. **Closed toed shoes are required with light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1 mile total = handicap challenging. Participants will need to submit their full name (as it appears on their driver's license) with full license information (state and license #) at least two weeks prior and have their driver's license with them on the tour to gain access to these facilities.**

10.5 hour day 🚶

Tour 10 - Home Delivery Lettuces/ Greens, Aquaculture, Niche Crops and Antique Tractors *Supported by SARE*



This tour will begin at The Neighborhood Harvest (TNH) farm in Suffolk, Virginia. In 2012, TNH ventured into greenhouse farming and began supplying fresh basil to local restaurant suppliers and grocers in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Today, TNH operates in 19,000 square foot of greenhouse space year round and delivers fresh hydroponically grown lettuce varieties to more than 4,000 Hampton Roads residents. TNH delivers weekly subscriptions to homes in the Hampton Roads, Virginia area, with a population exceeding 1.5 million residents. In addition to lettuces, greens, herbs, and micro-greens produced, TNH offers its customers a variety of bakery items, eggs, dairy, craft beverages, soups, deli items and dressings. Lunch will be at Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum which opened in 2010 and draws more than 10,000 visitors annually with over 60 trucks and 180 tractors on display. The afternoon will be at Randolph Farm, Virginia State University's teaching, and research farm. The 416-acre farm is home to a variety of topic areas including: traditional row crops, niche/new crops, alternative cropping methods, horticultural crops, nutrient management, water quality, small ruminants and aquaculture. Tour participants will

learn about Urban Agriculture Systems, Aquaculture, Hydroponic/ Aquaponic Greenhouse Systems, High Tunnel Production of Crops, Berry Production and Small Ruminants. **Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging**
10 hour day 🚶

Tour 11 - Virginia's Eastern Shore Agriculture

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Ballard Fish and Oyster Company is the parent company of Cherrystone Aqua Farms. They have been producing the best clams and oysters in the world for over 115 years. Today the 5th generation Ballards produce the great shellfish and their reputation for quality, consistency, and service is unsurpassed. This tour will observe how they hatch their own spat (baby shellfish), produce and package their own shellfish, all while maintaining or improving their growing areas water quality. Next stop, Mattawoman Creek Farms began in 2005 and is today a certified organic farm. Their farming practices promote healthy soil and marshlands, and support the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Located on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and warmed by the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, their family farm enjoys a long growing season and fertile farmland. They grow leafy greens, root crops, tomatoes, potatoes, squash, melons, herbs, beans, and peppers, just to name a few. Lunch will be at the Virginia Tech Eastern Shore Agriculture Research and Extension Center (ESAREC). After lunch, the tour will visit and see on-going research focusing soil health, multi species cover crop growing methods, vegetable production and on-farm food safety. **Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging.**

10 hour day 🚶



Tour 12- Historical Virginia

Take a step back in time and explore Virginia's historic triangle. We will travel to Colonial Williamsburg and explore the historic homes and gardens of prominent Virginians, who lead the way towards revolution in America. See how Williamsburg and Virginia transitioned from a colony into a state wanting freedom from English authority. We will end at Yorktown Battlefield, where General George Washington led an allied force of French and American troops to victory against Lord Charles Cornwallis and his British garrison. The actions at Yorktown would ultimately lead to a birth of a new nation.

This tour will require a 1.5-hour bus ride each way. Participants should expect to walk for long periods of time. 🚶

10.5-hour day (some similar stops on spouses and children's tours)

Tour 13 - Sea to Stars



Core research and extension programs at the Virginia Seafood AREC focus on seafood safety, seafood quality of wild caught and cultured animals and products, business and marketing support for the commercial and aquaculture industries, engineering, thermal processing, intensive saltwater recirculating aquaculture, and

education/ outreach for industry and consumers. Then we will visit the Virginia Air and Space Center (VASC), a museum and educational facility in Hampton, Virginia that also serves as the visitors center for NASA's Langley Research Center and Langley Air Force Base. We will finish at Langley Research Center (LaRC), the oldest of NASA's field centers. It directly borders Langley Air Force Base and the Back River on the Chesapeake Bay. LaRC has focused primarily on aeronautical research, but has also tested space hardware at the facility, such as the Apollo Lunar Module.

This tour will require a 1-hour bus ride each way. Participants should expect to walk for long periods of time.

10.5-hour day 🚶

Tour 14 - Southeast Virginia Crops



Come along with us and tour the many integral crops of Southeast Virginia Agriculture. Guided by the local agent you will get to experience Commonwealth Gin in Windsor, VA. This large gin provides ginning, marketing, warehousing, and production assistance to their customers. Next on the tour is the Wakefield Peanut Company that has been in business for over 150 years. They pride themselves on upholding their motto "From the field to the storefront" (Please note that those with peanut allergies should not attend this tour). This tour will also be visiting the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center which was opened in 1914 and has multiple research and extension programs including row crop agronomy and pest management, as well as swine production. Lunch will be provided by the Suffolk Mater Gardeners at this location. The final portion of the tour will take you to Amadas Industries in Suffolk, VA. Amadas has been in business since 1963 and manufactures peanut harvesting equipment, irrigation reels, and multiple other types of agricultural equipment. **Closed toed shoes are required and will include light walking (approximately 1 mile).**

9.5-hour day 🚶



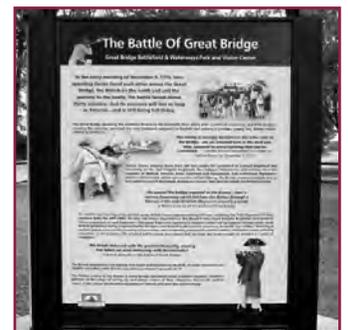
Tour 15 - Air, Water and Land

The first stop on this tour is the Wright Brothers Memorial met their criteria for privacy, steady winds, and wide-open non-vegetated spaces. A little down the road an inland we will take a look at the Nature Conservancy, an extensive ecological preserve on North Carolina's Outer Banks that protects a remarkable range of unique habitats, including forested dunes, interdune ponds, marshes, and wetlands. Box lunches from a local eatery will be provide to eat on the bus or before touring the Elizabethan Gardens on Manteo featuring collections of hydrangeas, camellias, historic herbs and a wide variety of native coastal species. We will take a few minutes to check out the historic Weeping Radish Brewery (**also on Tour 8**) for an afternoon respite before heading back to the Convention Center. **Light walking on mulch, grass and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging**

10 hour day 🚶

Tour 16 - The Food Desert and Oasis

First we will take you to see and hear about projects at Oaklette United Methodist Church funded by Virginia Dare Soil and Water District and the Elizabeth River Project. Next we will go to tour "Nature's Classroom" at the Chesapeake Arboretum walking some of the trails and seeing the gardens around the Historic Farmhouse. A short drive will take us to the Historic Battlefield and Waterways



Museum where you will tour and have a presentation on the historical significance of the Battle of Great Bridge, the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal and the Dismal Swamp Canal (**also on Tour 7**). Lunch will be provided by the Izaak Walton League which has fought for clean air and water, healthy fish and wildlife habitat, and conserving special places for future generations. After lunch Healthy Chesapeake partners will share information at the Women's Jail and SECEP facilities two different facilities producing food for food desert clientele in Chesapeake and providing unique training opportunities, respectively, for the inmates and mentally challenged youth. We will take a photo stop at the National Champion Laurel Oak (**also on Tour 22**) before going to local favorite Big Ugly Brewery (**also on Tour 7**) for a beer tasting and tour. Lastly we will check out the views at Elizabeth River Park which was created from the industrial waterfront under the new Jordan bridge (**also on Tour 7**).

Light walking on mulch, grass and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging

8.75 hour day ☺

Tour 17 - Field to Sea



First we will visit the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD), formed in 1941 and learn about safe and effective use of biosolids for cropland application. Next, we will tour the STIHL's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility for over 160 countries, hear about the history of STIHL Inc. (**also on Tour 9**), and see many of the machines of yesteryear in their onsite museum. Our third stop is one of two grain buying stations in Virginia Beach and our largest grain farmer. A multifaceted agriculture operation, dealing with grain export, production, and grain buying, they pride themselves on being accommodating to the grower, with flexible harvest hours, and timely movement of grain through many avenues including the Port of Virginia. For our final stop we will tie it all together and get a bird's eye view of the Port of Virginia (**also on Tour 9**), learn

about the history, current operations, and future plans for the port to compete in the global marketplace with a focus on agriculture products. **Closed toed shoes are required with light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1 mile total = Handicap challenging. Participants will need to submit their full name (as it appears on their driver's license) with full license information (state and license #) at least two weeks prior and have their driver's license with them on the tour to gain access to the Port.**

9.75 hour day ☺

Tour 18 - Agribusiness and Hydroponics Supported by SARE



Agribusiness within the Virginia Department of Corrections includes sustainable programs in cover crops, no-till, rotational grazing, aquaponic production of lettuce and tilapia. They also market their all natural feeder beef through VCA, raise 1600 catfish and harvest turnips and collards with a single-leaf cut machine. This a diversified farm giving inmates training and experience with beef, vegetables, greenhouses, freezer plant/processing, grist mill (where they grind their own white corn into grits), grain and hay. Offender/detainees annually assist with the 7,000 acres of pastures, 1,800 acres of grain crops, 6,800 acres of forest, and 600 acres of vegetables. Revenue from the sale of farm and dairy products is deposited to the Commonwealth of Virginia general fund. The Agribusiness program may use a portion of this for equipment or repair and construction of Agribusiness facilities. Here we will enjoy a catered lunch before moving on to Cross Country Farms which began producing hydroponic lettuce and off-season tomatoes to help bolster the profitability for this traditional row cropping family. This tour will require moderate walking in farm field situations. **Closed toe shoes are advised. ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging**

8 hour day ☺



Tour 19 - Virginia Beach Gardens

First, we will tour Red Wing Park, a 97-acre park located off of General Booth Blvd. known for its beautiful gardens and annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The Red Wing Park property was acquired by the county in 1879 and was formerly known as the “Old City Poor Farm.” It was developed into a park by the City in 1966 and is now home to many gardens, including the Reba S. McClanan Fragrance Garden, established through the joint efforts of Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation and the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, and the Miyazaki Japanese Garden. Then, we will join Aquarium staff in the education classroom to learn more about Horticulture at the Aquarium. The group will tour a variety of gardens located on the Aquarium property including the Wildflower Garden, along the North Marsh Loop, Nature Trail, and South Marsh Loop. The tour will highlight the native plants that are found on the property, how they maintain the gardens, the problems they encounter and how they solve these problems. Finally, we will tour the demonstration gardens at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, an outreach project of the Virginia Beach Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. The gardens are open to the public and used for tours, workshops, and passive education. The area includes: Theme Gardens (Bog/Water Garden, Butterfly Garden, Children’s Garden, Daylily and VA Hybridizer Daylily Gardens, Edible Landscaping Garden, Enabling Garden, Entry Beds, Four Season Bulb Garden, Fragrance & Texture Garden, Groundcover Gazebo, Native Plants Garden, Ornamental Grasses, Perennials Comparison, White Garden, Winter Garden), an arboretum, and an All-American Selections Trial garden. **Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging.**

6.5 hour day 🚶



Tour 20 - Chesapeake Bay Water Quality, Organic Hemp, and Farm to Table

Supported by SARE

The Brock Environmental Center was built by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) (also on Forestry Pretour and Tour 25) to engage, inform, and inspire generations about the environment and efforts to defend the nation’s most valuable and threatened natural resource, the Chesapeake Bay. The center is an innovative example of environmentally sensitive and smart building design, among the first in the nation to embrace energy and water independence. A boat trip will take you onto the Chesapeake Bay to learn more about oyster restoration, aquaculture and aquatic life in the region. Lunch will be at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market, where local farmers can market their produce to the City’s estimated 450,000 inhabitants. After lunch, tour will visit Veg Out Gardens, an organic certified greenhouse operation which has expanded its focus in 2019 from garden plants to industrial hemp production. Next stop will be Cullipher Farms, owned and operated by 4th, 5th, and 6th generation Culliphers. They are proud of the quality fruits and vegetables sold at their farm stand, u-pick patches, and CSA subscriptions. Cullipher Farms utilize intensive cover cropping, strive to increase soil organic matter through addition of compost and chicken litter, and follow a nutrient management plan. Last stop is Land of Promise (LOP) Farm which operates close to 8,000 acres in grain crops and livestock production. Their swine farm over the years has shifted from strictly commercial production to a premier show pig breeder and supplier of swine for human medical research purposes. LOP uses Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) certification, producing sweet corn to wholesale markets in the Coastal Virginia area. They also are home to the largest pecan grove in the area and offer pecans for u-pick in the fall and winter. **Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging**

9.25 hour day 🚶



Tour 21 - Growing Water

We will first show you the Hampton Roads Agriculture Research and Extension Center (also on Tours) for Virginia Tech which focuses on: nursery production, landscape maintenance, turfgrass, small fruit production, and urban stormwater management. Next we will go the Hermitage Museum noted for its excellent art collection where we have a box lunch in the shade. After lunch you will take a guided walking tour looking closely at brackish water buffer gardens, rain gardens, as well as oyster reef restoration projects.

Light walking on mulch, grass and hard surfaces ~ 1 mile total = Handicap challenging ♿
6 hour day

Tour 22 - The National Champion Tree

For this tour we will be visiting 6 different tree species that are the largest in the United States and 2 significant trees. You will see a *Persea borbonia*, *Pinus*



serotina, *Liriodendron tulipifera*, *Quercus phellos*, *Quercus laurifolia* (also on Tour 16) before lunch at the Izaak Walton League whose mission is to insure clean air and water, healthy fish and wildlife habitat, and conserving special places for future generations. We will then go and see *Diospyros virginiana*, *Quercus nigra* (State Champion), *Quercus virginiana* (significant tree), and lastly *Quercus*

pagoda. Byron Carmean and Gary Williamson will be your tour leaders—they have identified the most National Champion trees in the country.

Light walking on mulch, grass and hard surfaces < 1 mile total = Handicap challenging
9.75 hour day ♿

Tour 23 - Something Across the Water



This tour begins viewing and hearing about the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel which when it opened in 1964 was designated as one of the seven engineering wonders of the modern world. Over 130 million vehicles cross it annually. From here we will also take a rare behind scenes visit of Tunnel Island #2. For lunch we will drop by the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center a leader in commercial agriculture production focusing on: Foodborne illness research and prevention, weed management technologies, vegetable disease epidemiology, soil and nutrient management, molecular identification of plant and human pathogens, drones to monitor and assess plant health, and advanced pollinator habitats. Next we will take a wine tasting at the Chatham Vineyards and Winery, constructed in 2005 and currently producing 3,000-5,000 cases annually on 20 acres of high-density French vinifera varieties. Our fourth stop is C & E Farms, whose innovation and dedication to quality and service have made Red Barn Label green beans a top choice. C&E works with 34 different growers up and down the eastern seaboard of the U.S. producing 40% of all green beans. Our last spot is Kiptopeke State Park which is 526 acres and offers recreational access to the Chesapeake Bay—a great place to explore unique migratory bird habitat along the Atlantic flyway. **Light walking on mulch, grass and hard surfaces < 1 mile total (only 18 and over for wine tasting) (many steps and no elevator in tunnel= Handicap challenging)**

10.2 hour day ♿

Tour 24 - Trees of Tidewater

Virginia Beach's urban forest is a vital component of the city's infrastructure, as important as efficient transportation and clean water. Virginia Beach has a high level of commitment



to protecting trees and sharing knowledge about the important environmental, economic and social roles trees play in building healthy sustainable communities. Take a tour of the many tree species in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. Next, we'll head to Chesapeake to a peach orchard. Slabaugh Farms was established in 1992 as a family-owned farm in Chesapeake, Virginia raising beef cattle, corn, soybeans, wheat, and oats. The opportunity arose in 2009 to start a peach orchard, and James Wenger graciously offered his assistance and years of experience in raising peaches to the project. The orchard has grown quickly with 400 trees planted in the first year and 1,500 trees planted in 2010 including a few apple, pear, and nectarine trees in addition to the peach trees. Mount Pleasant Farms was born in 2011 with the first peach harvest from the new orchard. Then, we will head to the City of Norfolk's Tree Farm where they grow trees for planting in their cityscape. Last we will stop at the Chesapeake Arboretum (**also on Tour 7**), a 48-acre "Nature's Classroom" that promotes horticultural and environmental awareness through displays, education and research. It is designated a Virginia Treasure, an initiative to highlight important ecological, historic, scenic and recreational lands across the state. Dedicated at its current site in November 1996, it boasts one of Virginia's finest trail systems that wanders through a mature hardwood forest with many varieties of trees and plants. **Light walking on mulch, grass, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging**

9.5 hour day 🚶

Tour 25 - Pagoda Art and Water

The tour begins with the Pagoda Tea House, a gift to the City of Norfolk from the Taiwan Provincial Government in 1983. Materials for the building were manufactured in Taiwan and shipped to Norfolk where the Pagoda was meticulously assembled by Taiwanese artisans. The naturalistic landscape surrounding the Pagoda embodies many of the Chinese concepts of harmony and tranquility. Next, tour participants head to The Chrysler Museum of Art. Established in 1903, the museum borders downtown Norfolk and the Ghent district. One of the major art museums in the



Southeastern United States, the Chrysler Museum has fifty galleries, a growing collection of more than 30,000 objects, an interactive family space, and the only glass studio of its kind in the Mid-Atlantic region. For a relaxing, outdoor lunch, tour attendees will then shuttle to one of the area's popular local fishing destinations, the Lake Lawson/Lake Smith Natural Area, a 42-acre preserve with more than 12,000 feet of shoreline located in the Bayside Borough of Virginia Beach. The tour concludes at the Brock Environmental Center, built by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in 2014 to engage, inform, and inspire generations about the environment and how we can all help Save the Bay. The Center, located at Pleasure House Point in Virginia Beach, is an innovative example of environmentally conscious building—among the first in the nation to embrace energy and water independence—and advances CBF's efforts to defend one of the nation's most valuable and threatened natural resources, the Chesapeake Bay.

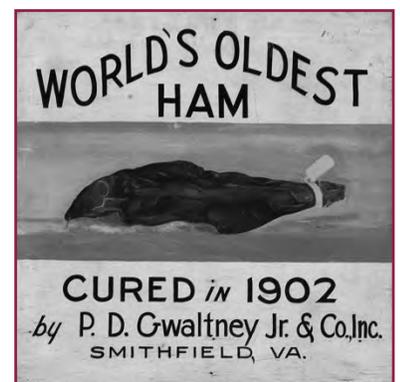
Light walking on mulch, grass, sand, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging

7.5 hour day 🚶

Tour 26 - Welcome to Historic Smithfield

Welcome to Smithfield- home of ham, history, and hospitality! We will start our tour at the Smithfield Innovation Center (Smithfield Foods). Smithfield Foods is a leading consumer packaged meats company. They are a \$15 billion global food company and the world's largest pork processor and hog producer, committed to providing good food in a

responsible way. They employ over 54,000 employees throughout the company. Smithfield Foods was founded in Smithfield, VA 80 years ago and they are still based there! We will visit their Innovation Center tour their pilot plant. We will then have a guided tour of



Historic Downtown Smithfield on the bus followed by some free time to walk around town. You can enjoy local shops or the Isle of Wight County Museum featuring the world's oldest ham and peanut! After free time, we will visit Blue Sky Distillery. Blue Sky Distillery is an award winning micro distillery in Smithfield, VA that produces handcrafted spirits. They have a tasting room, store, and offer tours. Some of their products include The Legend of Blackbeard's Point, Dog Star Vodka, Triple Deuce Whiskey, and Flying Dragon Spiced Rum. From Blue Sky, we will visit the Windsor Land Lab. Windsor Land Lab is located at Windsor Elementary School and is a working farm through the Career and Technical Education department. Students get the opportunity to build fence, coops, and other things as well as work with animals and crops. The lab has heifers, chickens, goats, and pigs. They have an operating greenhouse and bee hives as well as several crops. This program helps students learn more about the agriculture industry and prepare for careers in the industry or other agribusiness areas.

This tour will require about an hour ride by bus each way and includes moderate walking in farm field situations. **Closed toe shoes must be worn and a waiver must be signed as well.** ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging

10 hour day 🕒

Tour 27 - A Touch of Virginia Beach History



Our first stop will be the Military Aviation Museum, home to one of the largest private collections of World War I and World War II era military aircraft in the world. Each of the planes has been beautifully restored to its prior military condition, using original parts whenever possible. Most of the planes are airworthy and flown at the museum during flight demonstrations and at air shows throughout the year. Some being the last flight-ready aircraft of their time, and all of them being one of a kind. Next, we will see the historic Francis Land House, which was once surrounded by hundreds of acres of farmland. It served as the home of Francis Land VI, a wealthy plantation owner from a prominent family in Princess Anne County, Virginia. While the architecture of the house is Georgian, the interior style is Federal. The house is furnished with a mix of period antiques and reproductions to interpret the period that Francis Land VI and his wives and daughters were in residence, circa 1805-1819. Tours of the Francis Land House consider plantation life; the roles of the household members, both free and enslaved; Federal style; and ways that the formation

of the new nation affected private lives. Tour guides also discuss the colorful history of the house in the 20th century, when it functioned as the Rose Hall Dress Shop. A tour of the herb, vegetable and fruit gardens will conclude the tour. Last, we will stop at the Cavalier Hotel. For nearly a century, the grand Cavalier has stood sentinel over the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. Perched on a grassy hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Virginia's most iconic hotel has welcomed ten U.S. Presidents, countless celebrities and distinguished guests from around the world. The history within the stately architecture reveals a sense of timeless elegance and glamour and earned the Cavalier a spot on the National Register of Historic Places. Within the hotel, we will tour Tarnished Truth Distilling Company, offering a portfolio of great tasting spirits within its tasting room and its rustic tavern, The Hunt Room. Indulge in the distinctively styled distillery, where the ancient process of barrel aging fine libations is brought to life in handcrafted copper & brass equipment by our Kentucky partner, Vendome.

Light walking on mulch, grass, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total

9 hour day 🕒

Tour 28 - Gardens and Go



On the way to the horticulturally renowned Norfolk Botanical Garden (**also on Horticulture Pretour**), the tour will stop by Norfolk's Safe Creative Community Space, a community garden/food production space that serves to feed the community and educate the youth participants in horticulture. In collaboration with Virginia Cooperative Extension, this space is managed by Teens With a Purpose, a non-profit, youth development organization formed in 2007, with the goal of providing a platform that empowers young people to impact their communities. Tour attendees will then proceed to Norfolk Botanical Garden, which includes 175-acres, with more than 60 themed gardens that can be viewed by tram, boat or by foot. Themed gardens include the Bristow Butterfly Garden, the Sarah Lee Baker Perennial Garden, the Virginia Native Plant Garden and the Bicentennial Rose Garden. Each of these gardens allow guests to see a variety of plants – from the cultivated to the wild. Attendees of this tour will be treated to The Land, Lake & Lunch Tour, ideal for individuals interested in the full Garden experience! Tour package includes admission to the Garden, guided boat tour, narrated tram tour, gourmet boxed lunches and one hour rental of the Garden Picnic Pavilion. Immediately following

the garden tour, the tour bus will drop by Norfolk International Airport, which sits just next door to the garden, so that attendees looking to catch a flight home may do so.

Light walking on mulch, grass, and hard surfaces ~ 1-2 miles total = Handicap challenging

4.5 hours 🚶

Tour 29 - Reading the Farm

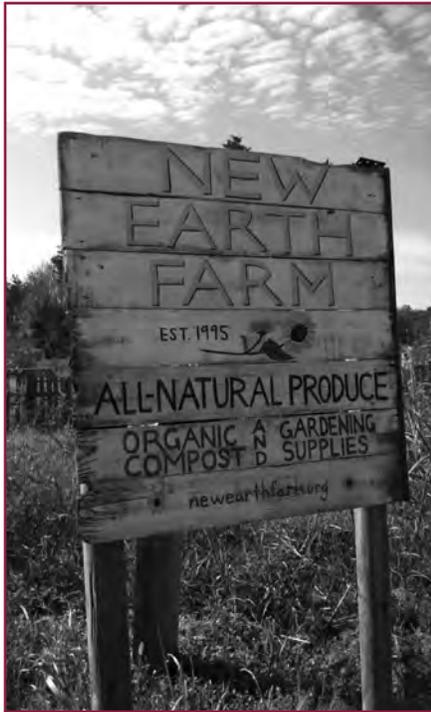
Supported by SARE

This tour will be visiting New Earth Farm located in Pungo area of Virginia, Beach, VA. New Earth Farm is an award-winning, 21-acre sustainable working and educational farm. Although not certified organic, vegetables are grown using only biological methods.

New Earth Farm was founded by John Wilson in 1995 when he bought a tractor and a compost turner and leased a few acres off Indian River Road in southern Virginia Beach. Into the ground out front he pounded a homemade sign: New Earth Farm. He has dedicated the past 30 years of his life to all-natural farming and sustainable practices. In 2017 John Wilson was ready to transfer ownership. Luckily, a team of dedicated people, who worked with Farmer John for many years, were ready to take on the challenge. Kevin Jamison, Marion and Paul Shultz and Eric Cardon partnered together to continue to carry out the mission of New Earth Farm.

Through the practices of cover cropping, crop rotation and chicken rotation, New Earth Farm actively seeks to build the healthiest soil possible, nurture the natural ecology of the land, and provide the community with fresh nutrient-dense produce. 🌱

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



Welcome Information to VA Beach for the 2020 AMPIC

Getting to VA Beach

VA Beach is located in the Southeastern corner of Virginia. By car, when approaching from the west, the easiest routes are Interstate 64, U.S. 460 or U.S. 58. From the north and south, convenient routes are Interstates 85 or 95, U.S. 17 and U.S. 13 (crossing the world-famous Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, a 17-mile span connecting Virginia's Eastern Shore with Virginia Beach). These routes intersect with Interstate 64, which connects with the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway (Interstate 264) and leads directly to the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

By air, Virginia Beach is approximately 17 miles from the Norfolk International Airport (ORF) and approximately 42 miles from the Newport News/Williamsburg (PHF) International Airport. Both airports offer service from multiple carriers with daily flights (some direct) from across the country.

You can also visit VA Beach by train. Amtrak offers train service into Newport News (with connecting bus service to Virginia Beach). Amtrak bus service is available between the train station and 19th Street and Pacific Avenue. Reservations are required. Call Amtrak at 800-USA-RAIL (800-872-7245) or visit them at www.amtrak.com.

Getting around VA Beach

The Virginia Beach Convention Center is a stand-alone property just a short stroll from our headquarter hotel, The Doubletree VA Beach. The Virginia Association of Ag Extension Agents (VAAEA) will be running shuttles to help you get to and from other properties that we have under contract. Most of the hotels are oceanfront and the Doubletree offers a shuttle to and from the beach along with a picnic lunch for a nominal fee. Ride sharing UBER and LYFT services are plentiful. If you choose to drive, parking is free in Virginia Beach and at the Convention Center.

For more information, contact the VA Beach Visitor Center at (757) 385-7873 or vabvc@vb.gov.

LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES PROGRAM

NACAA and the Virginia are honored to welcome some very special groups to Virginia Beach, our Life Members, Spouses, and Special Guests. We have combined many of the activities again this year so we can offer some very exciting tours and activities, while keeping bus riding time to a minimum. The highlight of our offering this year is a lunch cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk on Tuesday! We also left room in the schedule for you to personalize your beach experience and rest and relax with friends old and new.

Sunday, July 19

- Life Member, Spouse and Guest Hospitality Room
- Life Member Committee Meeting (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM)

Monday, July 20

- Life Member, Spouse, and Guest Hospitality Room
- Life Member and Spouses Tours (7:00 to 3:00 PM) Two half day options available
- Life Member Business Meeting (1:30 PM to 3:00 PM)
- All activities end by 3:00 PM to R&R or attending Regional Meetings

Tuesday, July 21

- Life Member, Spouse and Guest Hospitality Room
- Spirit of Norfolk Lunch Cruise and Speaker (9:30 AM to 3:30 PM)
- All Activities end by 3:30 PM for R&R

Wednesday, July 22

- Life Member Spouse and Guest Hospitality
- Life Member Breakfast 7:00 AM
- Life member and Spouses Workshops (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Life Member/Spouses/ Guests Monday Tours

Tour 1- Half Day Fishing Excursion (7:00 am bus loading to 12:30 return to VBCC) 50 person Max

Rudee Tours will be our host for a great morning on the water fishing. Their boats are equipped with two bathrooms, climate-controlled cabin, and a snack bar (which does take credit cards). You can bring food and drink on board in a small cooler but no alcoholic beverages (Beer is sold on board). You will be fishing in the Chesapeake Bay for mostly croaker, spot and small sharks. Everything including your license is provided. They do provide



buckets for your catch and fish cleaning is available back at the dock for \$1 per pound. While you won't be walking too far, some things to note: wear comfortable clothes, sunscreen and a hat that secures would be beneficial, and shoes need to be non-skid/close toed. If you think you will get seasick, please make sure and take some non-drowsy Dramamine. Bring your camera to document the one that got away! The bus will leave the conference center at 7:00 am, we will need to board at 7:30 am, the boat will leave Rudee's Inlet at 8:00 am and return at noon, you will get back the conference center around 12:30 pm for lunch on your own. There is a small gift shop at the dock.

Tour 2 Dolphin Cruise (8:00 AM Bus Loading to 11:45 AM Return to VBCC) 50 person Max



Rudee Tours will be our guide for an hour and a half dolphin watching trip in the Chesapeake Bay. The Cruise will travel along the coast looking for Dolphins. The boat is equipped with two viewing levels, two bathrooms, and a snack bar. You will have a chance to learn about the Dolphins, landmarks, the Chesapeake Bay from than experienced naturalist on board the Cruise vessel. Some things to note: wear comfortable clothes, sunscreen and a hat that secures would be beneficial, and shoes need to be non-skid/close toed. If you think you will get seasick, please make sure and take some non-drowsy Dramamine. Bring you camera to document your trip, the Captain will slow down the vessel when the Dolphins are spotted. The bus will leave the conference

center at 8:00 am, board the boat at 8:30 am, the boat will leave Rudee's Inlet at 9:00 am and return at 10:30 am, you will get back the conference center around 11:00 pm. There is a small gift shop at the dock. Please note lunch will be on your own and you will have the afternoon to attend the Life Member Business Meeting or explore Virginia Beach, sand, water, shopping, sights, sounds and more.

Tour 3 Retail Therapy (10 AM bus loading to 2:30 return) Light Walking



Enjoy a relaxing midday excursion to Norfolk Premium Outlets, located just a short ride from the VBCC. While at the outlet mall, gather in bargains from any of the 60 plus merchants. You can plan your shopping spree at <https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/norfolk>. While there, you can purchase a variety of meals for lunch at their food court and be back to the VBCC in time to relax before dinner and the Talent Revue!

Tour 4 Colonial Williamsburg (7:30 Bus loading to 3:00 PM return to VBCC) Moderate walking

If you are a history buff, Colonial Williamsburg is for you! The 18th century city will come to life through those you meet at government sites, 18th-century homes, and historic trades shops.



Go ahead, ask them questions! There is no script. This is a living breathing city full of stories waiting to be shared.

Life Member, Spouse, and Guest Lunch/Cruise Tuesday July 21, 2020



Sleep in a little bit on Tuesday morning and prepare to take a once in a lifetime ride. You will be spirited away for a Luncheon Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk Cruise Ship. As they say on their website www.spiritcruises.com/norfolk nothing on land compares! While you enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in the comfort of a climate-controlled cabin, you will enjoy panoramic, stunning views of the Norfolk waterfront. The ship features a dance floor and DJ area that we are filling with a local expert to guide you along the route and make sure you do not miss a thing. Bring your camera and your appetite! Once the cruise concludes, we will again be offering you the opportunity to use the remainder of the afternoon as you wish.

Life Member Breakfast Wednesday, July 22, 2020 (7 AM)

Speaker: TBD



VIRGINIA | Where It All Began
NACAA 2020

**Life Member, Spouse,
and Guest Workshops
Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

Morning Sessions

9:00-11:30 AM

Watchable Wildlife



Learn more about the wildlife in your backyard. You will learn to attract and identify wildlife for you and your family's enjoyment. This program is being presented by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The Delicious Virginia Ham



Do you enjoy the delicious Virginia Ham? Do you want to learn more about the curing and preserving process? You can learn this a so much more about this Virginia Delicacy and satisfy the foodie in you. This workshop is being presented by a retired Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent.

Floral and Water Gardening



Enjoy gardening, want to learn more about flowers and water gardens? Then this workshop is for you. The enjoyment and care of amazing additions to your landscape will be taught by a Virginia Cooperative Extension Specialist.

**Let's Learn, Move & Play:
Grow Your Brain
Every Day!**

The Let's Learn, Move & Play: Grow Your Brain interactive session is for participants to learn various physical activity activities that can be adapted and implemented in and outside of the classroom. The participants will learn the daily physical activity recommendation for youth, along with the link between physical activity and academic achievement. In addition, the participants will learn simple yoga poses and breathing techniques can be implemented almost anywhere.

Afternoon Sessions

**Agriculture in the
Classroom**



Learn to incorporate Agriculture into your classroom. This session will be taught by the Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom Director, using National AITC

Curriculum. The projects learned during this workshop will help educators utilize hands-on agriculture projects to emphasize lessons in Science, Math, Reading, Social Studies, and more. These lessons will also help students better understand how Agriculture assists them daily.

Flower Arranging



Learn how to do basic floral arrangements to enhance your home. Bringing in the outdoors inside can improve one's emotional well-being. This session will be taught by a Virginia State University VCE Small Farm Outreach Agent and Florist.

Water's Delicious Bounty



Do you like Seafood? Do you want to learn how to select, prepare, and serve delicious foods from the Bay and Atlantic? This workshop is for you. This session will be taught by a Virginia Cooperative extension Specialist from the Virginia Beach Seafood AREC.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS PROGRAM

VA is for lovers & kids too!

Sunday, July 19th-

Welcome to Virginia!

We welcome parents and youth to join us on Sunday evening for a brief Sons & Daughters orientation. At the conclusion of the orientation, we invite you to stay for our "Welcome to VA" paint night and ice cream social! It's time to reconnect with friends from S&D programs past!

Monday, July 20th-

Virginia Aquarium & Adventure Park and Ocean Breeze Waterpark

Morning adventure:

For our guests 7 years old and older - Participants will enjoy an exciting morning at the Virginia Adventure Park & Aquarium. Zip lining and climbing routes suitable for ages



seven and older, The Adventure Park is an aerial forest ropes and challenge course park – zip lines and much more! Stretching over five acres, with eleven different aerial challenge courses – ranging from introductory to advanced – The Adventure Park presents a fun and rewarding challenge for all ability levels. Youth will learn teamwork, cooperation, and leadership as they navigate their way through this amazing ropes and challenge course.

**Comfortable CLOSED TOE walking shoes are recommended.*

<https://virginiabeachadventurepark.com/>

For our guests under 7 years old or those who are not interested in the ropes course - Whether you're an avid marine lover or just enjoy exploring, there's something for everyone at the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center. Come by and explore



over 800,000 gallons of one of the best aquariums in the country. From hundreds of hands-on exhibits to their National Geographic 3D Theater, it's hard to fit all that the Virginia Aquarium has to offer into just one trip. www.virginiaaquarium.com

Afternoon adventure:

Ocean Breeze Waterpark

Ocean Breeze Waterpark is a family friendly Caribbean destination located 2 miles South of the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. Featuring over 30 slides and attractions including a million-gallon wave pool, the 4-slide monster complex Neptune's Revenge, pirate themed water playground for the littlest Buccaneers, and the quarter mile Adventure River. oceanbreezewaterpark.com



Tuesday, July 21st-

Jamestown Settlement

Relive the experience of America's first permanent English colony.

Jamestown Settlement tells the story of 17th-century Virginia, from the arrival of English colonists in Jamestown in 1607 to the cultural encounters and events that planted the seeds of a new nation. The world



of Jamestown, America's first permanent English colony, comes to life through film, gallery exhibits and outdoor living history.

***Comfortable CLOSED TOE walking shoes are recommended.*

<https://www.historyisfun.org/jamestown-settlement>

Wednesday, July 22nd-

Busch Gardens

Busch Gardens Williamsburg is a 383-acre theme park located in James City County, Virginia, United States. Located about sixty miles northwest of Virginia Beach.



***Comfortable CLOSED TOE walking shoes are recommended.*

<https://buschgardens.com/williamsburg/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

We understand concerns about COVID-19 Coronavirus are top of mind, and we want to be as transparent as possible and share information about what we are doing to prepare for the NACAA AM/PIC in Virginia Beach.

We currently have no plans to cancel our event. With the NACAA AM/PIC (still 3 1/2 months away), NACAA continues to plan confidently.

This unprecedented situation is changing daily, so we remain watchful but also focused on delivering what is an extremely important event for the members of NACAA.

The City of Virginia Beach is monitoring the global and local impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and following the advice of the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). For more information, please visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/>. Another link with the most current Virginia Beach information on coronavirus is: <https://emergency.vbgov.com/coronavirus>

All visitors who are traveling are advised to follow Department of Health guidelines to ensure respiratory hygiene and etiquette.

THE VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER IS PREPARED

The Virginia Beach Convention Center (VBCC) is open and ready to welcome guests for upcoming conventions and events. They are following guidelines from the Virginia State Department of Health and Center for

Disease Control and Prevention to closely monitor and advise on the latest conditions of the Coronavirus.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

The VBCC is monitoring staff and ensuring those who are sick stay home to prevent the spread of any viruses.

2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

The VBCC is running digital signage announcements with recommendations to prevent the spreading of viruses.

3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. The VBCC housekeeping staff have ramped up efforts to clean high traffic areas such as handrails, door handles and elevator buttons. They have also increased the number of hand sanitizing stations available in common areas.

4. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

The VBCC is posting signs in the restrooms with the most effective hand-washing techniques.

The VBCC staff is closely monitoring the situation and will take appropriate steps as needed and directed by local and federal agencies. Our goal is to provide a clean and safe environment for everyone.

NACAA Hotel Facilities Fee

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

Why? NACAA contracts with several hotels 4 years in advance of each meeting in order to meet the lodging needs of our membership. The contracts which are signed have specific room night commitments, which if not met, will have to be purchased by NACAA. This financial obligation made by NACAA on behalf of its membership is a very large commitment that could have devastating financial implications if the membership chooses to

stay at other non-contracted properties. The facilities fee has been put in place to assist in protecting **YOUR** Association from taking a financial loss.

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

Once the NACAA contracted room blocks are full and NACAA has met our contractual obligation, additional hotel rooms will be made available to NACAA members on the NACAA website for you to book direct with hotels. At that time - the facilities fee will not be charged.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

There shall be a **75%** refund of registration fee when a request is made before **JULY 3** (no later than 16 days before the AM/PIC begins). Between **JULY 4 AND JULY 19** (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. 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.

REGISTRATION FORM

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

July 19-24, 2020

Earlybird registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2020: Additional fee (following Earlybird) is \$100/person.

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

On-site Registration will be in the Virginia Beach 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 June 15, 2020.

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 June 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 - JULY 20, 2020

LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE'S TOURS

- Tour 1 - Half Day Fishing Excursion (7:00 am loading - 12:30 pm return) Tour 2 - Dolphin Cruise (8:00 am loading - 11:45 am return) Tour 3 - Retail Therapy (10:00 am loading - 2:30 pm return) Tour 4 - Colonial Williamsburg (7:30 am loading - 3:00 pm return)

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

TUESDAY - JULY 21, 2020

Spirit of Norfolk Luncheon Cruise # Plan To Attend

WEDNESDAY - JULY 22, 2020

LIFE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST - Wednesday, July 22, 2020 (6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.) # Plan To Attend

Morning Workshop 1 - Watchable Wildlife # Plan To Attend

Morning Workshop 2 - The Delicious Virginia Ham # Plan To Attend

Morning Workshop 3 - Floral and Water Gardening # Plan To Attend

Afternoon Workshop 1 - Agriculture in the Classroom # Plan To Attend

Afternoon Workshop 2 - Flower Arranging # Plan To Attend

Afternoon Workshop 3 - Water's Delicious Bounty # Plan To Attend

Special Notes to Registration Committee:

Blank lines for special notes.

PRE-TOURS

HORTICULTURE/TURFGRASS PRE-TOUR

(Cost \$260 - add cost on page 33)
(How many people plan to attend _____)
Name(s): _____

ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR

(Cost \$195 - add cost on page 33)
(How many people plan to attend _____)
Name(s): _____

NATURAL RESOURCES PRE-TOUR

(Cost \$175 for Full Tour, \$75 for Day 2 only - add cost on page 33)
(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.

SUPER SEMINARS

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS - SUPER SEMINAR - "COMPREHENDING YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE TO ENHANCE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AT THE LOCAL LEVEL"

Monday - July 20, 2020 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
(Reg. fee of \$10 on pg. 36)
_____ Yes, Please register How many spots _____

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES - SUPER SEMINAR "ADAPTING AG TO A CHANGING CLIMATE"

Monday - July 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
_____ Yes, Please register How many spots _____

AG ECONOMICS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SUPER SEMINAR - "AGILITY: MEETING FARM OPPORTUNITIES & ADDRESSING RISK IN THE CURRENT AG CLIMATE"

Monday - July 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
_____ Yes, Please register How many spots _____

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES - SUPER SEMINAR "INNOVATIVE EXTENSION CURRICULUM"

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Reg. fee of \$10 on pg. 36)
_____ Yes, Please register How many spots _____

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES - SUPER SEMINAR "KEEPING STRESS LEVELS IN CHECK"

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
_____ Yes, Please register How many spots _____

SUSTAINABLE AG/ SARE SUPER SEMINAR - "READING THE FARM"

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
You will also need to register for Tour 29 on Tour Day as this Seminar relates directly to that Tour.
_____ Yes, Please register How many spots _____

First Timer Orientation

Sunday - July 19, 2020 - 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. *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 Virginia (BBQ Buffet) # _____
- Thursday Breakfast (for tour attendees) _____
- Thursday Farewell Evening Meal (Seafood, Beef, BBQ Buffet) _____

ANNUAL BANQUET

Wednesday Evening July 22. 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.

Do you plan to attend: Yes No # _____

CHOICE OF MEAL...PLEASE MAKE A SELECTION:

- PRIME RIB _____
- CHESAPEAKE ROCK BASS _____

Other Meal Functions

Sunday, July 19, 2020 (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, July 20, 2020 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)
If you are signing up for the Monday Leadership & Admin Skills Super Seminar - do not register for one of these luncheons - that function has a lunch included

- ____ Extra, Extra...Read All About It! - Breakfast (6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.) sponsored by Bayer CropScience
- ____ SFE Livestock & Production & SFE 4-H Awards Luncheon (Combined function)
- ____ SFE Consumer or Commercial Horticulture & Forestry and Natural Resources Luncheon (Combined function)
- ____ Ag Awareness & Appreciation Award Luncheon
- ____ First Timer Luncheon
- ____ Developing your State 4R Presence - Educational Luncheon - Fertilizer Institute

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)
If you are planning to attend the Communications Awards Luncheon (invitation only) do not register for one of these luncheons - you will receive an electronic RSVP request for that function

- ____ Poster Session Awards Breakfast (6:30 - 7:45 a.m.)
- ____ SFE Crop Production & Farm & Ranch Business Management Luncheon (Combined function)
- ____ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers & Sustainable Ag Luncheon (Combined function)

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

- ____ 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.)
- ____ Administrative Leaders Luncheon (for University Administration & Program Leaders) (11:45 a.m - 4:30 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, July 23, 2020

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

LODGING INFORMATION

THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Reservations will be made in the order received - but will be prioritized by number of room nights needed and availability.
2. A Facilities fee for all Active and Life members is in force for this year's AM/PIC. **For those not making a hotel reservation through this lodging form - a \$250 fee will be added to your registration.**
3. All reservations must be made with this housing form. You WILL NOT be allowed to make reservations directly with the contracted facility - all reservations must accompany a NACAA AM/PIC Registration Form and will be submitted to the hotels by NACAA.
4. Room rates do not include tax which is currently 14% + \$2.00/night use tax (subject to change).
5. Rooms will be held using a credit card. To hold your room with another form of payment - please contact NACAA for options.
6. The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2020.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Doubletree by Hilton (Headquarters Hotel)
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn - Virginia Beach - Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center

<input type="checkbox"/> Ramada by Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront
<input type="checkbox"/> Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
<input type="checkbox"/> Clarion Inn & Suites | \$199 - 1 bed - \$209 for 2 beds + tax. Free self parking
\$169 - 1 or 2 beds + tax. Free Parking (Best for individuals driving to Virginia Beach - hotel is approximately 12 miles from the Convention Center)
\$219 - 2 beds + tax. Free Parking
City View \$269, Ocean View \$299 + tax. Self Parking \$10/night, Valet \$16
\$179 single \$189 double - all rooms 2 queen bed suites. Free Parking |
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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:

REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

Check ALL Blocks That Apply to You

Participant's Name _____

	Last Name		First Name			
NACAA Member	Agent Fee # Attending		Spouse/Guest Fee # Attending			Total Fees to be Paid
First Time Attending (5 yrs. or less employed after 7/1/2015)	(\$175.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=		\$ _____
Regular Member	(\$425.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=		\$ _____
Life Member	(\$275.00 x _____)	+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=		\$ _____
OTHERS						
Sons & Daughters (<i>participating in activities</i>)	(\$275.00 x _____)			=		\$ _____
Visitor (\$400.00 x _____)		+	(\$275.00 x _____)	=		\$ _____
Univ. or USDA Administrator	(\$400.00 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 # of People _____)				=		\$ _____
Natural Resources Ag Pre-Tour (Full tour \$175 or \$75 for Day 2 only x # of People _____)				=		\$ _____
Horticulture & Turfgrass Pre-Tour (\$130 x # of People _____)				=		\$ _____
Animal Science Pre-Tour (\$195 x # of People _____)				=		\$ _____
Leadership & Administrative Skills Super Seminar (\$10 x # of People _____)				=		\$ _____
Teaching & Education Super Seminar (\$10 x # of People _____)				=		\$ _____
PART-TIME ATTENDANCE						
Number Attending Each Day: Sun____; Mon____; Tues____; Wed____; Thurs____						
Daily Fee (\$225 x # of Days____ x Number of People____)				=		\$ _____
Attending only Wednesday Night Banquet: (\$55 x Number of People____)						
(Cost is already included in full registration - this charge is only for non-registrants or daily registrants)				=		\$ _____
Late Fee: Applies to all registrants listed above whose registration form and fees are postmarked after May 15, 2020 - \$100 per individual				=		\$ _____
Facilities Fee (FOR ALL ACTIVE AND LIFE MEMBERS NOT STAYING AT NACAA HOTELS): 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

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)

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 prior to the Opening Ceremonies Sunday, July 19. Adult chaperones must be registered for the meeting. This year's program is designed for youth ages 7 - 18. Youth under 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
Child # 1 _____	_____	_____	_____	Child # 3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 2 _____	_____	_____	_____	Child # 4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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

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

<u>SUNDAY, JULY 19</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Orientation & "Welcome to VA"	_____	_____	_____
Paint Night & Ice Cream Social	_____	_____	_____

<u>MONDAY, JULY 20</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Morning Adventure (for guests 7 and older)	_____	_____	_____
Virginia Adventure Park & Aquarium	_____	_____	_____
Morning Adventure (for guests under 7)	_____	_____	_____
Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center	_____	_____	_____
Afternoon Adventure - Ocean Breeze Waterpark	_____	_____	_____

<u>TUESDAY, JULY 21</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Jamestown Settlement	_____	_____	_____

<u>WEDNESDAY, JULY 22</u>	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
Busch Gardens	_____	_____	_____
Return back early to attend the Annual Banquet	_____	_____	_____
Stay at Busch Gardens and return after the banquet?	_____	_____	_____

This form must be completed in its entirety prior to youth participating in any 2020 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Programs. Upon completion this form should be mailed with NACAA Registration or email to NACAAEMAIL@aol.com. **Please print.**

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

AGE: _____

I. MEDICAL INFORMATION

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

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

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

MEDICATIONS CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN: _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

If you are a person with disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in the Sons & Daughters activities, please contact Chair Brittany Council, bcouncil@vt.edu, to discuss accommodations no later than June 1, 2020.

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 2020AM/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 2020 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 2020 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 2020 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

Greetings Life Members!! Wow another Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference is slipping up on all of us Life Members. It is my sincere hope that this article finds all of you well and looking forward to the Annual Meeting. The Life Member Committee has been diligent in their efforts to provide an outstanding Life Member program this year. Thank you to the Committee Chair and fellow District Directors.

If I had a wish it would be that I could click my glass slippers together and bring together more of my colleagues and friends every year. It is generally the only time of the year I get to see friends and make new ones. Well the glass slipper thing most likely won't happen for several reasons. First, we are talking a lot of glass because I have big feet. These feet of mine are not exactly petite size 6 quad A's. Second, if I showed up in glass slippers you all may have some serious concerns about my retirement years.

Speaking of glass slippers and/or crystal balls. My wife and I moved this past winter to a location we had previously spent 12 years living in earlier in our Extension career. Not an activity I would recommend to anyone over 50. What an enlightenment!! How can two people accumulate so many priceless valuables (AKA – junk) over 15 years?

I know several Life Members who ask themselves the question: Why should I attend the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference? A better question for those who do attend as many AMPIC's as possible is: Have I ever attended an Annual Conference that was not enjoyable and a productive use of my time? From my perspective the answer to that question is a "no". In fact I have enjoyed every one I have been able to attend.

This year the AMPIC is filled with exciting and educational tours. The conference is in the heart of American history and it will be filled with fun things to do. Here is what I would challenge the Life Members from across this great country to do. First, register for the conference yourself. Then, call a friend and encourage them to attend as well.

NACAA, to the best of my knowledge, is the only association of professional Extension Service educators that recognizes and plans relevant activities for their Life Members. It is a fantastic benefit for the membership. See you all in July.

Finally, I have a challenge for all of the State Life Member Committee Chairs. Please, please get the names, years of service and affiliation of those Life Members in Memoriam to the Regional Vice-Chair. Also, please let the Regional Vice-Chair know of any Life Member in your state that continues to be active in their community. I am always inspired by how active Life Members stay after they retire.



Milt Green - NACAA Life Member

Life Member Subscriptions to *The County Agent Magazine*

For years, NACAA has mailed a postcard annually to all Life Members with the opportunity to subscribe to *The County Agent* magazine. Several different subscription options are available (1 year, multiple years (you choose), 5 years, and Lifetime).

All future subscriptions will be handled thru our NACAA website, and postcards will no longer be mailed. Here's a link on our website for a form which can be completed and mailed with the appropriate funds to subscribe.

<https://www.nacaa.com/committees/lifepostcard2020.pdf>

NACAA will accept subscriptions throughout the year, but the preferred time line would be for all annual subscriptions to be made by March 15th of each year.

Article II, Section 2 of the NACAA By-laws (which was revised in September, 1999) states the following:

The Life Member shall pay a lifetime membership as determined by the Board of Directors. Life memberships do not include a subscription to the official magazine, The County Agent. (Rev. 9-99).

Life Members who want to subscribe to the official magazine shall pay an annual or multiple year subscription fee as determined by the Board of Directors. (Rev. 9-99).

2020 National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress a Grand Event!

By Tammy Cheely, NACAA OYF Liason, Georgia

As NACAA's liaison to the Outstanding Young Farmers Program, I've had the privilege to attend the past two Awards Congresses. Both have been amazing experiences; special from beginning to end! The 2020 Congress was the 64th of this annual event. It started by being greeted at the airport and escorted to our hotel shuttle by Outstanding Young Farmer Alumni Jerry Barnes who was obviously thrilled to be there and thrilled to welcome alumni and newcomers to the event! Every meal, program, tour and session was filled with the same kind of enthusiasm from all of the alumni, officers and organizers of this yearly event. The alumni are like a huge family with members from all over the country. The top ten finalists are treated like royalty during the awards congress and it is well deserved when you hear all of their accomplishments. These new finalists are quickly taken into the family. It is amazing how many return for the rest of their lives.

The Outstanding Farmers of America is comprised of past nominees of the Outstanding Young Farmer Program. The group is designed to facilitate an exchange of ideas and friendship that encourages excellence and involvement in agriculture and the local, state, and national community. There are approximately 1,500 members of the OFA across the nation who utilize their connections with each other in a strong networking format to assist farmers and promote the importance of America's farming community. The group's mission is "to be the premier recognition program by celebrating the diversity, productivity and efficiency of today's agricultural professionals." Their vision is to be a Positive Voice in Agriculture by fostering Strong Relationships by offering the best opportunities in Education and Networking and recognizing efforts in Land Stewardship, Community Involvement and Modern Business Practices.

This program is administered by the Outstanding Young Farmers of America Fraternity, sponsored by John Deere, founded by the United States Junior Chamber and supported by us, the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

The purpose of the Outstanding Young Farmers Program is to bring about a greater interest in the farmer to foster better urban-rural relations through the understanding of the farmers' endeavors, to develop a further appreciation for their contributions and achievements, and to inform the agribusiness community of the growing urban awareness of the importance of farmers and their impact on America's economy.

As the farmer's business has changed, so has his or her involvement in the community. Today's farmer has become an active citizen, participating in everything from local and state government to civic groups and charitable organizations. It is not only fitting that farmers be honored for their contributions and achievements—it is essential. This award has been established to recognize outstanding achievements in agriculture as well as community involvement.

The National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress is the culmination of the intense independent judging process. Nominees from across the United States are eligible and may be submitted by anyone. Multiple nominations from any one state are permitted; however, following the judging process to determine the semi-finalists, no more than two from any state will be chosen. The selection process narrows the applications down to ten couples who travel to the Awards Congress for in-person interviews. From there, the judges select four couples as the National Outstanding Young Farmers.

Qualifications include:

- Nominees must be between the ages of 21 and 40, not becoming 41 prior to January 1 before the National OYF Awards Congress.
- Nominees must be actual farm operators, deriving a minimum of two-thirds of their income from farming.
- All the information about the National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress and program can be obtained by visiting www.ofafraternity.org.
- National winners are determined based on personal contributions in the following categories:
- Progress in agricultural career (50%)
- Extent of soil and water conservation practices (25%)
- Contributions to the well-being of the community, state, and nation (25%)

The 2021 OYF Awards Congress is slated for February 4 – 7 in Appleton, Wisconsin. Please take some time now and think about deserving young farmers in your area that you could nominate for this honor. If they are chosen as a top ten finalist, it will definitely be a life changing experience for them and you if you choose to participate in the Awards Congress with them. NACAA provides a \$500 stipend for travel to agents that nominate finalists to the program.

For more information, questions or encouragement to participate, call me at 706-465-2136 or email me at tcheely@uga.edu.



The four National Outstanding Young Farmers for 2020 are (from Left) Brandon and Ashley Bonk from Delaware, Doug and Maria Bichler from North Dakota, Master of Ceremonies Tom Steever, Michael and Mary Beth Jackson from Iowa and Will and Heather Cabe from Georgia



Will and Heather Cabe from Georgia



Michael and Mary Beth Jackson from Iowa



Finalists for the National Outstanding Young Farmers award include: Adam and Chrissy Seibel from Wisconsin, Stuart and Tracy Goble from Illinois, Matthew and Jennifer Lansford from New Mexico, Russell and Karli Schiermeir from Idaho, Brandon and Ashley Bonk from Delaware, Brooks and Heather Barnes from North Carolina, Ned and Olga Gainie from New Jersey, Michael and Mary Beth Jackson from Iowa, Doug and Maria Bichler from North Dakota and Will and Heather Cabe from Georgia.



Brandon and Ashley Bonk from Delaware



Greg and Carmen Bendixson, Outstanding Farmers of America Presidents; Doug and Maria Bichler with daughter Terezy, Finalist from North Dakota and Richard Fechter, NACAA Past President



Doug and Maria Bichler from North Dakota

Reflections from years in Extension: *Be a thought-provoker*

If all you are is a Wikipedia alternative, then your job outlook is limited. People have access to facts. Extension is more, much more, than providing “just the facts”.

You may recall from our history that experiment stations had already been established before the Extension system was. Funding for research preceded funding for Extension. But while discoveries were made, they were not being effectively communicated out to the people of the states – that is, the majority of people were not adopting the new practices.

Something different needed to be done. Some states were already sending Extension Agents out to the people, to live among them, to develop relationships with them, and to encourage, through demonstrations and through relationships, farmers and others to change their practices. That is what Extension was begun to do.

Then, as now, farmers, gardeners, municipal officials, business owners and others, can get into a rut. Ruts are made because something worked, so we go back to it time and time again. But as we travel through the same rut, the landscape around may be changing and while deep in a rut, it is hard to see that.

Unfortunately, the things that worked, and are still working, that are represented by the rut, may not be the best route because of the changed landscape, whether that is a changed economic, social or interpersonal landscape. Yet, people tend to trudge on making the rut deeper and deeper.

I believe that we in Extension have an opportunity, not an easy one, but an important one. Through the years, I have come to believe that one of the most valuable things you can do in Extension is to challenge people to get out of the ruts that define and limit their alternatives to what they have done before.

In fact, sometimes I view myself as the “challenger-in-chief”. I want to challenge people, mostly farmers in my case, to critically consider what they are currently doing and see if there is not a better way. I want to broaden the range of alternatives that people consider and not have it be so narrow as to limit their choices. In fact, I want to provoke people to consider something different.

But, let me assure you, that is not universally welcomed! Being in a rut is the comfortable place to be, even if it is not successful. Getting out of it may seem risky. A farm may have made significant investments that reinforce past decisions, that would have to be abandoned or even torn out. But sometimes that is exactly what it will take to chart a better course.

When I work with people, either individually or in groups, I try to challenge what I believe are less productive, less successful, less effective ways of doing things. However, to be successful with that you need to consider how you do it. Do it with humility; they may be encountering risk, while you are not. Do it gently; people

don't like to be pushed. But do it firmly; it takes effort to change. Don't expect people to change now; plant seeds. Help people with the questions and problems that will come up or that they will consider in making such a change. And return to it with sensitivity to how they are receiving the advice.

A good method is to pose a question to them. If you want them to think about the impact of something longer term, ask how that decision/practice will play out X years from now. Ask what happens when another assumption changes (kids do/don't come home to work, prices decrease instead of increase, etc.).

Some things we may challenge people on will be personal. That is, we may challenge a decision they have made. Other times, we may challenge them on natural inclinations that don't represent intentional choices, but create a pattern that could be changed. An example of the latter is that I frequently challenge people to work together. Our natural inclination is to do things ourselves, yet that may not be effective or economical.

When we challenge people to re-think how or why they do something, sometimes they will do so and make the decision to continue what they are doing. I'm fine with that, as long as they have considered alternatives and decided what is best for them, because, most of all, I want to provoke people to think.

Recently, I told a younger Educator that we have a platform as Extension Educators. To be valuable, we need to use it, but use it appropriately. You were hired to be more than a megaphone, you were hired to synthesize knowledge and help others apply it. When you do that, and when you help people think outside of the rut, you will have been successful.

See you next issue with another perspective from years in Extension!

Phil Durst

Michigan State University Extension

Sr. Educator – Dairy & Beef Cattle Health and Production



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

Available Formats:

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

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

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

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

Thank You - NACAA Sponsors/Donors



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POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:
The County Agent - NACAA, 6584 W. Duroc Rd.,
 Maroa, IL 61756 - Attn: Scott Hawbaker

ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE DATES

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

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

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

2023
 Des Moines, Iowa.....August 12-17

Upcoming Issues of The County Agent Magazine

June, 2020

Pre-AM/PIC Edition

Deadline for Articles: May 20, 2020

Mail Date: June 10, 2020

October, 2020

Recap of Annual Meeting Highlights

Deadline for articles: September 25, 2020

Mail Date: October 25, 2020

December, 2020

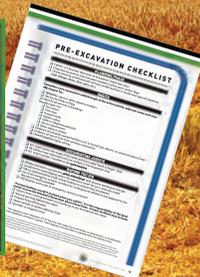
Committee/Awards Edition

Deadline for articles: November 15, 2020

Mail Date: December 28, 2020

Request FREE safe digging tools for your next event!

- PASA Farm & Ranch Excavation Safety Guides
- Topical Presentations
- Pre-Excavation Checklists
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 Safely Together



An Infrastructure Resources, LLC Program

The Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance (PASA) is dedicated to preventing utility damage while keeping agricultural communities safe. If you share any safe digging tools you'll be entered in a grand prize drawing at the 2020 NACAA Conference.

Contact whitney@emailir.com to request safety guides or a speaker. Visit PipelineAgSafetyAlliance.com to download material.

