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President's Corner

Ellen and I hope that you and your families had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a productive, happy, and healthy New Year. As I write this, we have 17-30 inches of snow on the ground in Pennsylvania. As we move from one day and one week to the next, I know everyone is getting a bit exhausted with various changing rules and regulations and more virtual meetings. We hope you can keep active and productive each day as we close out the Holiday season and start a new year. In the new year, we encourage you to visit across the country, visit with the NACAA Agents you know and try to network together.

The Extension Program Council chairs and committees have set up some upcoming opportunities for you to do that in 2021. The three council chairs along with the Vice President have developed an upcoming bi-monthly professional development session for all members, with the goal of developing connections of NACAA members across the country. This is an opportunity for all NACAA members to have professional development throughout the year.

Even with all the changes in 2020, this is a great time to remember all the wonderful things you did in your professional life last year. Many of you have new and creative virtual meetings and video/ zoom projects. It is time to share some of these ideas and achievements with your colleagues. This issue of The County Agent Magazine is filled with all the information that you need to submit your abstract describing your

wonderful work. I encourage you to apply for presentations and posters to share your contribution to the variety of outstanding professional development and professional improvement opportunities offered at the AM/PIC. The national extension directors and ANR leadership have thanked NACAA for providing these opportunities to their extension employees to be able to present to a national audience. The NACAA Committee Chairs and Regional Vice Chairs have been contacting your state chairs or president to get this information out to you.



J. Craig Williams
NACAA President

In the following pages, you will also find many opportunities to apply for awards and be recognized by your peers for the great extension programming that you are doing in your home state. Please be mindful of the March 15th deadline and the requirements of each award and contact the appropriate Committee Regional Vice Chairs and Chairs if you have any questions. As you complete your awards applications, please remember that all DSA, AA, National Award winners, and National Award finalists must register for the AM/ PIC and attend the designated ceremony to receive their award.

Later in this issue of The County Agent magazine you will find a listing of the open Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions for

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2021 – 2023. This is an opportunity for members to expand and share their leadership skills by applying for committee positions that are open. Committees are the backbone of NACAA and provide the mechanism which enables the association to achieve its mission of furthering the professional improvement of all members.

NACAA depends on the leadership and commitment of its hardworking members to fill these leadership positions. Becoming active in the NACAA committee structure will reward you in terms of both professional and personal growth. Take the time to consider potential leadership positions on a national level. Becoming involved in committees is a great way to expand your leadership skills and to assist your fellow members to be more involved along with you. If you are interested in finding out what committee positions are available this year, please check the last page of this issue and apply online.

For more information on each committee feel free to reach out to your state leadership and/or you can read about the committees on the NACAA website under the Leadership-committee -handbook section.

Note that NACAA values the service of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and incentivizes service in these positions by underwriting committee chairs expenses to attend the AM/PIC including travel, lodging, meals, registration fee, and pays the Registration Fee for Committee Vice Chairs to attend the annual meeting.

The Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Virtual Extension Leadership Conference is fast approaching. JCEP has also been affected by the same issues of 2020 and they have also adapted to virtual experiences. This conference is open to all members of each of the extension professional associations. The JCEP committee has changed up the conference to be virtual and has a great presentation line up. The ELC conference will be over three days and we will also be using the Whova App. We will feature posters and concurrent

presentations from our peers. This year's conference will be held on February 10-11-12, 2021. Registration information can be found on the JCEP website (www.jcep.org). Look for our NACAA Association time for the afternoon on Friday, February 12th from 2:00-4:15pm EST.

Look for other JCEP opportunities that you can present virtually or in the poster sessions. Another opportunity for recognition is the JCEP Creative Excellence Award One award of \$250 will be presented to an extension professional from each of the JCEP organizations, including NACAA. This award recognizes those individuals or small teams and their innovative approach in addressing emerging or existing issues in exceptionally creative or novel ways that get results, and that others want to emulate.

Looking forward to the 2021 AM/PIC in Philadelphia, we have been working hard with the North East agents to put together a memorable experience. The board has been monitoring the feedback of the past year and the constantly changing situation across the country. The Board and Council Chairs are working hard to maintain the amount and quality of professional improvement opportunities available at the annual meeting and we are also planning on streamlining some aspects of the meeting as needed.

In closing, let me wish each of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. I am grateful of having been given the privilege to serve as President of this great organization and I assure you that my door is always open to your ideas, thoughts and criticisms on things that we can do to make the association better and serve our members. Sometimes it is hard to remember all the items we are thankful for, "Great opportunities to work in agriculture and work with great fellow county agents is one of the blessings I think about every day!" I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

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WANT ASSISTANCE TO UNDERWRITE YOUR COSTS FOR ATTENDING THE AM/PIC? HERE'S ONE WAY TO DO THAT... PARTICIPATE IN THE NACAA INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Incentive program to members who bring in new sponsors.

The program is as follows:

<u>Sponsor Level</u>	<u>Incentive</u>
\$2,000 - \$4,999	AM/PIC registration fee reimbursed
\$5,000 - \$9,999	AM/PIC registration fee reimbursed and \$500 travel voucher to attend the AM/PIC
\$10,000 - up	AM/PIC registration fee reimbursed and \$1,000 travel voucher to attend the AM/PIC



Life Member Corner

How the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 Changed My Life

By: *Herb Reed*
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On October 24, 1918 the following obituary appeared in the Wakarusa Tribune in Elkhart County, Indiana.

Mrs. Wilson Reed, aged 28 years, died Tuesday night of influenza, at her home in Harrison Township. She was the daughter of Isaac Martin and wife, both deceased. She leaves a husband and several small children.

The funeral, which will be private, will be held Friday. Burial at Yellow Creek.

So much is said in these few words. October 24, 1918 was a Thursday. This means that Elizabeth Martin Reed, my paternal grandfather's first wife, died on October 22, 1918. This was right in the middle of the deadly second wave of the Great Influenza Pandemic (Spanish Flu) of 1918. Note that the funeral was private. My grandfather Wilson Reed was Old Order Mennonite (horse and buggy similar to Amish) and to have a private funeral was rare. Funerals were important times for large extended families to gather. When my father died

in 1968, several van loads of his Old Order Mennonite cousins from Ontario showed up at the funeral in Pennsylvania. Clearly in October 1918 large gatherings were being discouraged in rural Elkhart County Indiana in an attempt to control the spread of the disease. Today we call this "social distancing." A family history states that "the casket was passed through a window of the home and the service was held outside."

The conventional wisdom is that the 1918 flu pandemic began on March 1918 with the case of Albert Gitchell, an army cook at Camp Funston in Kansas. However a doctor in Haskell County KS had reported some cases in January. Over 500 men at Camp Funston got sick and by March 11 the virus had reached Queens, NY. Camp Funston was a major training center for the American Expeditionary Forces which fought in World War I. The disease quickly spread throughout the U.S. Army and to Europe with the deployment. And here we get to the nomenclature of this pandemic. This disease appeared to have originated in North America (although today there is some dispute about that). So why is it commonly known as the Spanish Flu? The reason appears to be that Spain was neutral in WWI. All of the combatants, including the United States, censored information about diseases attacking troops and civilians. Spanish newspapers reported freely on the disease and on the illness of King Alfonso XIII. The publicity resulted in the association with of the influenza pandemic with Spain. (Some Ag Agents may recognize a similar situation in "Dutch Elm Disease," which did not originate in the Netherlands but was in fact first identified

by Dutch plant pathologists). The pandemic spread through all of the armies involved in WWI and back to their civilian populations. However this first wave subsided around July 1918 and had about the same impact as previous flu epidemics – that is, only bringing death to the sick, very young and very old, with moderate impacts on children and young adults.



*Wilson and Susannah Reed Family ca. 1956
L-R Front Row - Emma, Susannah, Wilson, George
Back Row - Magdalena, Daniel, Irvin, Aaron, Martin, Esther
George, Emma and Martin were born of Elizabeth Martin
Daniel was my father.*

That all changed in the latter part of August 1918 with the second wave, which first impacted military sites near Boston. By October it had spread to all of the United States and most of the world with devastating effect. October 1918 was the month with the highest fatality rate of the whole pandemic. In the United States, 292,000 deaths (out of a population of about 100 million) were reported between September–December 1918. The second wave was especially deadly in India, with an estimated 12.5–20 million deaths in the last quarter of 1918 alone. And unlike most other flu epidemics, young adults were hit particularly hard.

To his credit, Wilson Reed did not allow this devastating loss to keep him from moving on with his life. The fact that he was left with three young children, 3, 5, and 6 years old, likely was an inspiration. At first his deceased wife's sister assisted with the care of the children. But she did not have the mothering skills of Elizabeth Martin and the children chafed under her strict discipline. Wilson would often have to comfort them

when he came home from work. He soon went looking for a new wife and found Susannah Brubacher from Brutus Michigan (Emmet County). They were married in November 1919. Susannah was just 20 years old and Wilson was 28. Soon after the marriage Wilson sold his farm in Indiana and moved to Brutus MI. My father was born there in November 1920.

The Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 was devastating for the United States and much of the world. But was it for me? I I would not be here if my grandfather's first wife hadn't died. Make of that what you will.

Specific facts about the pandemic were derived from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_flu

APPLYING FOR 2021 NACAA AWARDS PROGRAMS

The General Application process is found on-line at <http://ncaa.com/awards/> and for the majority of the awards listed in this publication, on-line applications are mandatory.

Note: 1) NACAA policy states that all first place national winners and all national finalists must register and attend the AM/PIC to receive their award. (See below under "Attendance Requirement").

All program entries must be in possession of respective committee state chair by March 15, 2021, except where noted. Applying earlier is encouraged.

Current members of the NACAA Board may **not** enter the professional improvement programs with the exceptions of DSA and AA. State chairs, regional vice chairs, and national chairs may participate in the programs which their committees are administering according to criteria determined by the NACAA Board of Directors. Contact NACAA Vice President Bill Burdine for further details.

Attendance Requirement

NACAA policy states that all Achievement Award (AA), Distinguished Service Award (DSA), National Finalists, National Winners, and Poster Session Presenters must register for the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference and attend the designated ceremony to receive their award (minimum 1 day registration fee). Decisions on requests for non-attendance and excused absences will be made on a case by case basis by consultation among the respective National Committee Chair, in concert with the National Committee Vice Chairs and the NACAA Vice President. Excuses may be granted to AA, DSA, National Finalists, and National Winners for extreme personal or family illness; circumstances which would seriously jeopardize their job; or similar extreme situations. The intent of this requirement is that awards are inclusive of cash, plaques, and certificates.

In the event a national winner does not receive an excused absence from attending the AM/PIC, the national winner's award will be presented to the next ranking National Finalist who attends the AM/PIC. If none of the National Finalists attend the AM/PIC, a national winner award will not be presented.

In the event a national finalist does not receive an excused absence from attending the AM/PIC, the national finalist award will be forfeited. If a national finalist award is forfeited, there will be no replacement from lower ranking entries.

Note: The National Winner who is asked to make a program presentation at the AM/PIC is eligible for a reimbursement of the AM/PIC registration fee. In case of a team presentation, the value will equal one registration.

ON-LINE RESOURCES FOR COMPLETING AWARD APPLICATIONS

Are you unfamiliar on how to apply for awards or presentations on-line? If you're needing assistance with this process - please refer to a newly created "Quick-Start Guide" which can be found at:

<http://www.ncaa.com/awards/QuickStartGuide-HowtoApplyforanNACAAAward.php>

The direct link to begin an award application can be found at:

<https://www.ncaa.com/awards/apps/>

There is not a separate "Quick-Start" guide for Presentations - but the process is fairly similar to the Award process listed above. To submit a presentation you can easily begin that process by going to:

<https://www.ncaa.com/presentations/presentation.php>

For Award submissions, once you have completed the award application on-line, an automatic email will be sent to your State Chair responsible for reviewing your application. If for some reason you don't have a State Chair assigned from your respective state, an email notification will be sent to your State President notifying that a State Chair has not been identified in the system, and one will need to be assigned.

State Chairs are responsible for selecting "State Winners" in order for your award application to continue the review process at the Regional and National level.

If at any time throughout the award submission process you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact NACAA at nacaemail@aol.com or by calling 217-794-3700 for assistance. The National office has the ability to review what you have entered and help identify what the problem may be with your submission.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT SESSIONS - 2021 NACAA AM/PIC

PURPOSE:

To provide NACAA members an opportunity to make an oral presentation at a recognized national professional improvement meeting.

To provide NACAA members an opportunity to share successful Cooperative Extension educational programs.

To provide to the NACAA membership professional improvement presentations that will enable them to be a more knowledgeable Cooperative Extension professional.

ELIGIBILITY:

NACAA members in good standing must submit an on-line abstract of their proposed presentation to the following committees: Agronomy and Pest Management; Agricultural Economics and Community Development; Animal Science; 4-H & Youth Programming; Natural Resources/Aquaculture; Horticulture & Turfgrass; Sustainable Agriculture; Agricultural Issues; Early Career Development; Administrative Skills Development; or Teaching and Educational Technologies.

Author(s) agree that submitted article(s) have not been published or are not currently under consideration for publication in other journals.

The NACAA Vice President along with the Professional Improvement Council/Extension Development Council Chairs will determine the number of accepted presentations.

The committees will have full authority to accept or reject a proposed presentation upon evaluation of the title and submitted abstract. Rejection of a proposed presentation by the Committee will be final. Presentations will be made on Tuesday and Wednesday of the 2020 AM/PIC.

RECOGNITION:

Peer reviewed papers will be selected for presentation and authors will receive a certificate and will have paper published in the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Proceedings.

ENTRY:

The application process for making a presentation at the 2020 AM/PIC will be handled on-line at <https://www.nacaa.com/presentations/presentation.php> Please follow the instructions on-line for submitting a presentation application. All submissions must be completed by March 15, 2021. See page 13 for abstract example and format that must be followed.

Presentation Sample Score Sheet

		Points possible	Points awarded
Writing	Format – Does the abstract follow the sample format?	5	
	Grammar – Rate the level of correct use of grammar?	10	
	Punctuation – How well is correct punctuation used?	10	
Abstract	Statement of Issue – How well does the abstract clearly describe the issue that needs to be addressed?	15	
	Methodology - How well does the abstract demonstrate the procedures to complete project?	10	
	Impact – Are results clearly stated? Did results lead to action?	15	
	Extension Education – Describe dissemination of information. How well does the abstract demonstrate how this information was used to educate the clientele/public?	15	
Topic	Applicable to Other Regions – Would this project be plausible for use in other regions?	10	
	Interest Level – Does this abstract show an issue that is of interest to the clientele/public?	10	
	Total	100	

Guidelines for the SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS

ELIGIBILITY

All NACAA members in good standing with their state associations are eligible. Team entries are permitted. All team members need not be current members of NACAA. However, only NACAA members will receive award recognition. Please indicate the members of the team that are non NACAA Members. State Search for Excellence Chairs are eligible but must follow established guidelines. Application must be signed by a current NACAA member.

Entries will not be considered unless all required signatures are complete on the application form.

ENTRY

Submitting entry electronically is mandatory for all Search For Excellence Award Programs (see NACAA web site). Complete on-line application form and submit with entry that should not exceed 1200 words. Entry should reflect program activities and accomplishments within the past three years. Members are encouraged to apply for multiple Search For Excellence Awards, however members can only enter the same program in ONE Search for Excellence Category.

Entry should be organized and will be evaluated on the following criteria: Educational Objectives, Program Activities, Teaching Methods, Results, Impact Statement, and Evaluation. The score sheet for all Extension Programs is located on page 5.

Attach no more than three (3) supporting documents. Abstract is required with application (350 word maximum). Abstract totals do not count in the 1200 words. If team entry, team member names on the abstract must be the same as on the application form. See page 13 for abstract example and format that must be followed.

AWARDS

Donors are being solicited for these awards. If adequate donor funds are secured, the National Winner will receive up to \$500; three National Finalists up to \$250; and state winners up to \$50. These cash awards are not cumulative. The Executive Program Committee reserves the right to adjust awards based on the availability of donor funds.

The National Winner will present his/her program during the NACAA AM/PIC. Length of presentation should be 15 minutes maximum. Consult AM/PIC Program for time and location. Tickets will be required for Brown Bag Luncheon (if offered). Inquire for tickets through on-line registration process.

In the event of a team winning entry, one cash prize in the amount indicated along with an appropriate certificate/plaque will be given only to NACAA members of the team.

All entries will be judged with a designated number of abstracts selected for publication in the AM/PIC Proceedings.

DEADLINE

Entry must be in possession of your Search for Excellence Committee State Chair by March 15, 2021.

State Chairs should send all state entries, with the winning entry designated, to their region Vice Chair by April 1, 2021.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN 4-H AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING PURPOSE

To recognize an NACAA member who has developed and carried out an outstanding extension youth development program(s) for 4-H and other youth.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN CROP PRODUCTION

PURPOSE

To recognize an NACAA member who has developed and carried out an outstanding extension educational program in crop production.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

PURPOSE

To recognize an NACAA member who has developed and carried out an outstanding extension educational program in environmental quality, forestry and natural resources.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSUMER OR COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE

PURPOSE

To recognize a NACAA member who has developed and carried out an outstanding extension educational program in horticulture.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN FARM AND RANCH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

PURPOSE

To recognize an NACAA member who has developed and carried out an outstanding extension educational program in farm and ranch business management.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

PURPOSE

To recognize an NACAA member who has developed and carried out an outstanding extension educational program in livestock production.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN YOUNG, BEGINNING, OR SMALL FARMERS/RANCHERS

PURPOSE

To recognize NACAA members who have developed and carried out outstanding Extension educational programs for Young (<35 years of age), Beginning (< 10 years management experience), Small Farmer/Ranchers (<\$250,000 annual agricultural sales).

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To recognize members who develop and implement outstanding educational programs in sustainable agriculture. Sustainable agriculture is defined as an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will, over the long term: satisfy human food and fiber needs, enhance environmental quality and the natural resources base upon which the agricultural economy depends, make the most efficient use of non-renewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls, sustain the economic viability of farm operations, enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole.

NACAA SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE SCORE SHEET

- _____ 4-H and Youth Programming
- _____ Crop Production
- _____ Livestock Production
- _____ Farm and Ranch Business Management
- _____ Consumer or Commercial Horticulture
- _____ Forestry & Natural Resources
- _____ Young, Beginning or Small Farmers/Ranchers
- _____ Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Area:	Points
Educational Objectives	20
Program Activities	10
Teaching Methods	10
Results	20
Impact Statement	20
Evaluation	20

JCEP Creative Excellence Award

DESCRIPTION

Often, the most creative and innovative ideas - the ones that advance the science and art of Cooperative Extension - come not from committees, but rather from individuals or small teams who see something at first that the rest of us don't. Through their insight, passion and persistence, their "wild" ideas gain acceptance, enabling all of us to excel. This award recognizes those individuals or small teams and their unique contributions - whether they are early in their Extension careers, mid-career, or late career.

For the purposes of this award, innovation is an approach to emerging issues or addressing existing issues in exceptionally creative or novel ways that get results, and that others want to emulate.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be a member of NACAA in good standing.

JUDGING

NACAA Council Chairs along with the NACAA Vice President will review all applicants and present to the board of directors - one individual or small team (2-5 members) for recognition as the overall recipient of the JCEP Creative Excellence Award. Each individual nominee or team will receive recognition and a \$250 stipend (1 award) to be presented at the NACAA AM/PIC.

All of the honorees' innovative and creative achievements will be highlighted on the JCEP website and in JCEP communications. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Do the nominee's efforts address emerging issues or current issues in unique ways?
- 2) Are the innovative efforts new, that is, not widely conducted previously in the state or region?
- 3) Does the nominee exhibit a pattern of innovative and creative efforts extending beyond a single program or product?
- 4) Are the innovative and creative efforts highlighted in the nomination leading to change in individuals and communities?
- 5) Are other Extension or outreach professionals adopting the innovative and creative approaches developed by the nominee?

Online application is due by March 15, 2021.



Agricultural Awareness and Appreciation Award

PURPOSE

To recognize NACAA members or team of members for outstanding use of Public Relations in Daily Efforts that improves the understanding of agriculture in their communities.

ELIGIBILITY

All entrants must be active members of NACAA. Regarding Team entries, only the lead applicant of the team must be a member of the State and National Association. Public Relations efforts submitted for judging must have been conducted between January 1, 2020 and March 15, 2021. Previous regional winners are ineligible for a period of one year. State Public Relations Committee Chairs are eligible but must follow established guidelines.

ENTRY

Each entry should follow the outline listed in the entry criteria section found below. The report should be typewritten and of sufficient length to cover each section of the entry criteria as outlined. Please title each section of your report according to the entry criteria. Along with each entry, submit an abstract of 150-350 words based on the entry criteria found below and according to the abstract example and format as outlined on page 13. There is not a separate category for team entries.

Complete the on-line application process found at <http://nacaa.com/awards/apps>, No hard copy applications will be accepted. All submissions must be completed by March 15, 2021. See page 13 for abstract example and format that must be followed.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Complete the on-line general application form and send it with the following support materials.

County Situation (10 points possible). Describe your county situation; total acreage, farmed acreage, agricultural income, major crops and livestock, total population and farm vs. non-farm shares of total population; economic importance of agriculture, agribusiness and other industries, and community attitudes toward agriculture and public relations opportunities.

Public Relations Objective (30 points possible). Explain how and by whom objectives were established. List Public Relations objectives. They should be pertinent, realistic, specific, measurable and aimed directly at achieving a better understanding of agriculture in your community. Explain the relationship of your objectives to the situation in your county.

Program Execution (30 points). Describe your Public Relations activities; what was done; your role and contributions; actions and responsibilities of others. Explain how activities related to objectives.

Results and Evaluation (30 points possible). Explain your results and how they relate to objectives. List number of persons reached personally through media, etc. Describe effects on attitudes toward agriculture.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

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The National Winner will present his/her program during the NACAA AM/PIC. Length of presentation should be 15 minutes maximum. Consult AM/PIC Program for time and location.

In the event of a team winning entry, one cash prize will be given in the amount indicated along with an appropriate certificate/plaque will be given only to NACAA members of the team.

All entries will be judged with a designated number of abstracts selected for publication in the AM/PIC Proceedings.

DEADLINE

Entry must be in possession of your Public Relations Committee State Chair by March 15, 2021

State Chairs should send the state winning entry to their region vice-chair by April 1, 2021. Regional vice-chairs must send the top three regional finalists to the National Chair by April 15, 2021.

SARE/NACAA FELLOWS PROGRAM

The SARE Fellows program is now be administered directly by SARE. Applications (due May 1, 2021) can be found at:

<https://www.sare.org/What-We-Do/Professional-Development/Fellows-Program/Eligibility-Application/>

Eligibility Criteria:

- Extension professionals working with farmers and ranchers from 1862, 1890, 1994 institutions.
- Must have an interest in learning about sustainable agriculture across the United States and in applying what you learn with your clientele.

Application: Applications are accepted each spring. For more information, contact info@sare.org.



NACAA HALL OF FAME AWARD

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the NACAA Hall of Fame Award is to recognize NACAA individuals for demonstrated commitment, dedication and effective leadership in job performance as an outstanding educator, consideration for association involvement at both the state and national level, and outstanding humanitarian service. This award recognizes NACAA members with sustained and distinguished careers.

This award will be presented annually to one person from each of the four NACAA regions. The Vice Chairs of Recognition and Awards from each region will be responsible for collection of applicants from the states. The Program Recognition & Awards Committee reserves the right to reject any applicant if minimum standards are not met.

ELIGIBILITY:

All current and life members of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents are eligible, except previous winners. The candidate must have previously been awarded the Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

NOMINATION:

Each state association has the opportunity to nominate one applicant from their state association to be forwarded to the Regional Vice Chair of Recognition & Awards. The nomination process at the state level will be determined by each state but the award deadlines will align with the Achievement Awards (AA) and Distinguished Service Awards (DSA). The state may choose a candidate or an applicant may apply to the State Chair of Recognition & Awards. State Chairs will submit State Winners' applications to Recognition & Awards Regional Vice-Chairs by January 15.

Nominations are to be double spaced, typed essays of not more than 500 words describing the activities listed in the criteria section. Nominations are to be accompanied by the application form, a letter from the state president (or vice president if the president is the nominee) verifying the state association's support of the nominee and that the nominee is a member in good standing of both the state and national associations. The nomination packet should contain 2 testimonial letters from clientele who have knowledge of the educational programming efforts. Nomination materials must be submitted on-line. A one-page bio-summary must also be completed

(see sample on web <http://www.nacaa.com/awards/>).

CRITERIA:

- **40% Demonstrated commitment, dedication and effective leadership in job performance as an outstanding educator.**

Quality of Extension Programs includes the scope, innovation and appropriateness of the nominee's program to the identified needs of the people and community within his or her assigned area or state.

- **30% Association involvement at the State and National level.**

Involvement includes length of membership, committee assignments, offices held, AM/PIC attendance, and special assignments.

- **30% Humanitarian activities and leadership outside of normal Extension programming.**

Humanitarian activities may span any length of time and involve any type of service to one's community beyond the normal call of duty.

Examples: Volunteerism (Red Cross, civic organizations, hospital, EMT, church, youth organizations, crisis teams, etc.); Leadership (Civic organizations, community action groups, church, schools, crisis teams, boards, etc.); Personal (Acts of heroism, care of foster children or elderly, philanthropy, etc.)

A cash award of up to \$1300 is to be awarded if donor funds are available. The winners must register for the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference and attend the Monday General Session to receive their award.

- One winner from each region will be recognized at the **Wednesday, DSA Awards Banquet - July 7, 2021.**

- All state winner applications received by the established deadline will be reviewed and judged by the NACAA Recognition & Awards Committee.

For 2021 - once again this award is being sponsored by the Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance.

PRE-AM/PIC TOURS FOR 2021

Several NACAA Committees are planning outstanding Pre-Tour activities for the 2021 NACAA AM/PIC being held in Philadelphia, PA. **All Pre-Tours will require an application to be completed and registration fees to be pre-paid thru the AM/PIC Registration Process(online or by mailing in magazine registration).** On-line registration will be made available April 1, 2021 as well as within the AM/PIC registration edition of *The County Agent* magazine (April 2021). Additional details for each pre-tour will be available shortly.

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To recognize NACAA members who excel in communicating programs and ideas to their clientele.

ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING CRITERIA

Members of NACAA in good standing with their state association are eligible to enter, including team entry members. Extension editors and/or other paraprofessional Extension Communication specialists are not eligible. Only one entry per class per individual. All classes are open to entries from one or more NACAA members with the exception of Class 2 - published photo and Class 5 - personal column, which are open to individual entries only. Entries must have been first used by member between March 15, of the year prior to the award year and March 15, of the award year.

Entry materials that have already been state, regional, or national winners are not eligible again. First place national winners may not repeat in consecutive years in the same category. Communications Committee State, Regional, and National Chairs are not eligible to participate in this program unless they are one member of a team entry with another person as the primary entrant. Please note that NACAA policy states that the National Winner and National Finalists of the Communications Contest must register for the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference and attend the designated ceremony to receive their award (minimum 1 day registration fee) or the award will be forfeited.

ENTRY

Electronic submission **must be** made for all 13 categories. However, categories 8 (Video Recordings), 12 (Learning Module/ Notebook) and 14 (Bound Book) may require materials being sent (mailed) to State Chair if file is too large to submit electronically or if unavailable in PDF format. Even in these cases there must be an electronic submission of an abstract and entry information. Maximum file size for submissions is 25MB. Refer to NACAA website for directions on submitting entries electronically.

Note: NACAA will do everything possible to safeguard entry materials. However, it is recommended that members duplicate valuable entry materials in case materials are lost.

ABSTRACT

Each entry must have an abstract. Include member's name, state and county (team entries should list all NACAA members who contributed to the entry); a short summary that includes objective, purpose (why, when, how, audience, audience number and results); and how the entry was prepared (i.e. recorded, edited, printed, or duplicated professionally or by field staff on field office equipment), how distributed and how many were distributed. The abstract should include the member's contribution to the final product. Abstracts for all regional and national winners will be published and posted on the NACAA website. **See page 13 or NACAA website for abstract example and format that must be followed. The abstract is written as a single paragraph.**

CATEGORIES

1. **Audio Recordings** - One presentation not to exceed 15 minutes. Recording can be a complete program or segment of a radio program, podcast, etc. to be judged. Member(s) must have been a major contributor to the presentation or conducted the interview(s). In the abstract, indicate date and time(s) used, station(s) where program aired and where recorded (agent's office, station, etc.). Submit electronic entries using MP3 file or provide link (URL) in the abstract where recording is located on the web. 10 MB maximum file size.

2. **Published Photo**- ONE black and white or color photo taken by a member that tells a story. Include a copy of where published (newsprint, webpage, newsletter, etc. as a pdf scan if photo was published in print or link to online location if posted on a website). In the abstract indicate the context, target audience, and date published. Submission must include the original photo in jpg format. The photo must be 1024x768 pixels minimum. ONLY the photo will be judged.

3. **Computer Generated Presentation With Script** - Maximum of 50 slides with script can be submitted. Upload in PowerPoint or PDF format. Presentations created with Adobe Presenter, web conferencing or similar software and published online as recordings should be submitted under this category. Include the URL in the abstract. 10 MB maximum file size.

4. **Event Promotional Package** - Submit up to three (3) methods used by a member to advertise an Extension event (an event may include more than one workshop). Examples may include, but are not limited to: mailers and postcards, radio recordings, paid ads, social media accounts, video recordings, and press releases). All items need to be submitted in pdf or mp4 format or as links to online sources. In the abstract include the author's contribution to each piece and how each piece was used to promote the event. Items used in the event package may not be submitted in a separate entry. (Ex. Press releases.) How each item was created is NOT required in abstract. The abstract should provide event goals and impacts.

5. **Personal Column** - Submit PDFs of original copy for two columns for two different dates. Also submit scanned copies of the final published articles. In the abstract indicate the dates of publication. 10 MB maximum file size for each.

6. **Feature Story** - A feature story is a factual story that is not hard news but is instead a more personal report about a person, event, or aspect of a major event written by the member. Indicate in the abstract the date of publication. Submit PDF of original copy of one article. Also submit scanned copy of the final published article.

7. **Newsletter** - Submit PDFs of two different issues of a newsletter written and/or compiled by one or more members. Non-members may be a part of a team entry (i.e. NRCS). It may contain several unrelated topics. Entry may be a portion of a multi-county, area extension newsletter or multi-agency newsletter. In the abstract, indicate audience to whom newsletter was sent, and the dates and number distributed, and how distributed.

8. Educational Video Recordings - One educational presentation that one or more members contributed to or produced, not over 15 minutes long. It can be a segment of a longer program. If video is longer than 15 minutes, the portion to be judged **MUST** be indicated in the abstract. Abstract must be submitted electronically and should include information on the audience, purpose, date first posted, and how the presentation was used. In the abstract, provide link (URL) where video is located on the web (i.e. YouTube) or upload an MP4 file. There is a 10 MB maximum file size for uploaded files.

9. Fact Sheet - An educational piece on a single subject not to exceed four page numbers (8.5" X11"). In the abstract, indicate audience, purpose and number distributed. Submit as PDF or include URL in the abstract. 10 MB maximum file size.

10. Publication - An educational publication on one or more subjects that is five pages or more (8.5" x 11"). In the abstract, indicate intended audience, purpose and number distributed, agent/educator's role in the development, writing and production. Submit as PDF or include URL in the abstract. 10 MB maximum file size for uploaded files.

11. Website/Online Content - Entry will consist of abstract and URL address for the website/online content. Material must be publicly accessible content that doesn't require a password. Person submitting should be the person primarily responsible for content, design and maintenance of the site/online content. Examples of online content include wikis, blogs, social media sites, etc.

12. Learning Module/Notebook (includes either a notebook form learning module or online learning module) - Entry will consist of total materials written and compiled as learning/teaching aids for specific Extension Programs, (i.e. Master Gardener Notebook). Entry materials can be of several media (print, audio, video, etc.). Significant portions of the entry material should be the work of the entrant(s). The abstract must be submitted electronically with the module/notebook being mailed to State Chair by deadline **if electronic version is unavailable online or if file is too large to submit electronically (10MB)**. If available online, indicate the URL in the abstract.

13. Bound Book/eBook - The entry will consist of a bound book or ebook on one or more subjects that is more extensive than 11 - Publication. The primary author must be a member in good standing. In the abstract, indicate the intended audience, purpose, number printed or accessed and the agent/educator's role in the development, writing and production of the book. The abstract must be submitted electronically with the bound book being mailed to State Chair by deadline **if electronic version is unavailable online or if file is too large to submit electronically (10MB)**. If the book is available online, indicate the URL in the abstract.

AWARDS

Awards in each of the thirteen (13) categories are as follows:

- National Category Winner - Certificate and cash if donor available.
- 3 National Category Finalists - Certificate and cash if donor available.
- 12 Regional Category Finalists - Certificate
- State Category Winners - Certificate from State Association

Donors are being solicited for these awards. If adequate donor funds are secured, the National Winner will receive up to \$500; and three National Finalists up to \$250. These cash awards are not cumulative. In the event of a team winning entry, one cash prize will be presented to the lead entrant of the application. The Executive Program Committee reserves the right to adjust awards based on the availability of donor funds.

Four entries in each category will be selected as National Finalists. The National finalists will be notified in May of their status by the National Communications Chair. The National Winner will not be announced until the Communications Award Luncheon at the AM/PIC. Please note that NACAA policy states the National Winner and National Finalists of the Communications Contest must register for the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference and attend the designated ceremony to receive their award (minimum 1 day registration fee). In the event a national winner (as deemed by the judges) does not receive an excused absence from attending the AM/PIC, the national winner's award will be presented to the next ranking National Finalist who attends the AM/ PIC. If none of the National Finalists attend the AM/PIC, a national winner award will not be presented. In the event a national finalist does not receive an excused absence from attending the AM/PIC, the national finalist award will be forfeited. If a national finalist award is forfeited, there will be no replacement from lower ranking entries.

ABSENCE POLICY

Decisions on requests for non-attendance and excused absences will be made on a case by case basis by consultation among the respective National Committee Chair, in concert with the National Committee Vice Chairs and the NACAA Vice President. Excuses will be granted for National Finalists and National Winners for extreme personal or family illness; circumstances which would seriously jeopardize their job; or similar extreme situations. The intent of this requirement is that awards are inclusive of cash, plaques, and certificates.

DEADLINE

Completed entry must be posted to the NACAA website by March 15, 2021 and any support material in the Video, Learning Module/Notebook and Bound Book classes that could not be submitted electronically must be in possession of your Communications Committee State Chair by March 15, 2021.

State Chairs must have winning entries selected/approved on the NACAA website by April 1. Regional Vice Chairs must have Regional Finalists selected/approved on the NACAA website by April 15.

SCORECARD FOR THIS AWARD PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE at <http://www.nacaa.com/awards/communications/scoresheet.php>

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE POSTER SESSION

PURPOSE

To showcase NACAA members' work by giving them the opportunity to present posters at the Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference. The AM/PIC poster session provides an opportunity for authors to discuss with fellow members how they identified an educational or research need in their community and how the need was addressed and the observed results.

This award program has two categories to recognize NACAA members:

Applied Research - gives individuals an opportunity to present a poster on applied research they conducted.

Extension Education - gives members an opportunity to present a poster on new or different educational methods or technologies they have used.

ELIGIBILITY

An NACAA member in good standing must submit an abstract to which they have been a contributing investigator. A member can only be the senior author (the first name appearing on the poster) on one poster in each category each year. A member *can be a junior author* on additional posters in the same category.

One of the authors listed on the poster application and/or actual displayed poster must be registered for the AM/PIC (minimum of 1 day fee) and be in attendance at the "Meet the Authors" session during the AM/PIC. The attendance requirement will be verified; poster(s) not meeting the attendance requirement as stated above will be removed from the poster display area and the abstract will not be published in the proceedings.

Posters that have already been state, regional, or national winners in prior years are not eligible again.

ENTRY

Complete the on-line application process found at <http://www.nacaa.com/posters> "My Poster Submissions"

No hard copy applications will be accepted. **The on-line submission must be completed by March 15, 2021.**

Members can choose to enter their poster as display only at AM/PIC or to be judged for a possible award and recognition.

Please make sure to choose the appropriate selection when submitting your poster application!

Your three entry choices available online are:

1) This poster is being submitted for judging. **I will** display it at the AM/PIC if not selected as a State winner. Your abstract will be published in the proceedings. A pdf (max of 10MB) of your final poster entered for judging must be submitted along with your abstract. If pdf is larger than 10MB, then it must be sent directly to your state chair.

2) This poster is being submitted for judging. If NOT selected as a State winner, **I will not** display it at the AM/PIC and my abstract will not be published in the proceedings. A pdf (max of 10MB) of your final poster entered for judging must be submitted along with your abstract. If pdf is larger than 10MB, then it must be sent directly to your state chair.

3) This poster is being submitted only for display at AM/PIC. Poster is not to be judged, but the abstract will be published in the proceedings.

Note: All posters, whether being judged or not, must be on display at the AM/PIC by 5pm Sunday.

Abstract and poster guidelines and requirements can be found at: <http://www.nacaa.com/posters/guidelines.php>

JUDGING

Judging will be at the State, Regional, and National levels. Only the 12 Regional Winners for each category (Applied Research and Extension Education) will be judged at the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC).

Judging criteria for Applied Research and Extension Education posters can be found at: <https://www.nacaa.com/posters/NACAA%20poster%20scorecard%202018.pdf>

AWARDS

Awards for each category (based upon funding) will be presented during the NACAA AM/PIC Poster Session Awards Breakfast. All participants in the poster session (display only or judged) are invited to attend the awards breakfast.

Best Contributed Poster	\$500 and a certificate w/holder & Ribbon
Second Place	\$250 and a certificate w/holder & Ribbon
Third Place	\$150 and a certificate w/holder & Ribbon
National Finalists	Certificate & Ribbon
State Winners	Certificate

RECOGNITION

Authors will have their peer reviewed abstract published in the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Proceedings (ONLY IF THE POSTER IS DISPLAYED AT THE AM/PIC) on the website located at: <http://www.nacaa.com/ampic>

DEADLINES

March 15th - (NACAA entry deadline) – all poster abstracts due. If the poster is submitted for judging, a pdf of the final poster is due and should be uploaded (max file size 10MB) on the NACAA application site. If the pdf is larger than 10MB, then it must be sent directly to your state chair.

April 1st - State chair approves poster abstracts submitted from their state.

May 1st – State Chairs submit pdf of state poster winners to Professional Excellence Committee Chairs for national finalist judging.

June 5th - National finalists are announced. Twelve finalists (3 per region) for each category will be judged at AM/PIC (24 total posters).

Posters must be hung by 5 pm on Sunday at the start of the AM/PIC for the abstract to be included in the proceedings and for National Finalists to be judged.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT NATIONAL CHAIR - NICHOLAS SIMMONS
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ALL ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION - MAXIMUM WORD COUNT 350

Sample FORMAT FOR All NACAA ABSTRACTS. The abstract is written as a single paragraph.

Search for Excellence in Livestock Production

TURNING A PROFIT WITH BEEF CATTLE

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The purpose of this educational program was to increase the individual profitability of the cow/calf producers in Mississippi. I accomplished this task by working with beef producers in identifying their effective production practices, diagnosing their inefficiencies in production, and prescribing corrective measures to ensure their maximum profitability through the optimum utilization of their farm resources. In order to achieve the overall goal of profitability, several smaller goals needed to be met. I utilized multiple program activities and teaching methods, recognizing that different producers learn in different ways. These educational activities included 129 newsletter/circular letters, 131 newspaper articles, and 135 group activities that reached 1,725 producers over the past three years. The producers participating in the program indicated the value of the information they gained from these educational activities in the form of savings or increased profits to their operations at over \$7.5 million. However, the increase in knowledge by these producers is a much more valuable indicator of its true success and effectiveness.

CALL FOR PAPERS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE 2021 JOURNAL OF THE NACAA

PURPOSE:

To provide NACAA members an opportunity to publish in a recognized national professional improvement format.

To provide NACAA members an opportunity to share successful Cooperative Extension scholarly work such as on farm research demonstrations, applied research, and related Extension activities.

To provide the NACAA membership with additional professional improvement opportunities that will enable them to become a more knowledgeable Cooperative Extension professional.

ELIGIBILITY:

NACAA members in good standing must submit an electronic abstract and full article by following the entry rules listed below. Articles are to be submitted on-line (no hard copy/paper versions will be accepted).

Topics can include research, case studies and innovative ideas that would promote scholarship and professionalism in Extension.

The Electronic Journal Committee will have full authority to accept or reject a proposed article based upon reviews. Rejection or acceptance of a proposed article by the Journal Committee will be final. The Chair of the Journal Committee is listed on the Committee Leadership page.

Author(s) agree that submitted article(s) have not been published or are not currently under consideration for publication in other journals.

RECOGNITION:

Peer reviewed articles will be published on the NACAA website www.nacaa.com/journal.

ENTRY:

Abstract, and proposed article must be submitted online at www.nacaa.com/journal/post_editor.php by March 15 for the Summer edition or by October 15 for the Winter edition. See abstract example. The on-line entry form has designated areas to enter title, author, institution and address, additional authors, and then the main manuscript.

Manuscript Specifications:

Maximum of 2,000 words plus tables, graphics and abstract
First letter of words in title should be capitalized
Literature citations should follow the American Psychological Association style guide: <http://www.apastyle.org/>
In the abstract, Scientific names should be italicized with the genus name Capitalized and the species designation lowercased.

Individual or Group NACAA Scholarship Application Process

Scholarship applications must be completed electronically at ncaa.com

advise the National Scholarship Chair if impending date of educational activity changes.

- Application must be approved electronically by the State Scholarship Chair or his/her designee before proceeding to the next level for review.
- For 2021 Scholarship requests - each participant must have contributed at least \$40 to the NACAA Scholarship Fund before the end of the 2020 AM/PIC to qualify for up to \$1,000 scholarship and a vestment of \$100 (an additional \$60 contribution) for an additional scholarship awards from \$1,001 to \$2,000. Check with your State Scholarship Committee Chair to confirm this prior to submitting an application. (If one person within the group has not contributed \$40 by the deadline, it disqualifies the entire group).
- Study or training can start after the AM/PIC where scholarship is awarded but must be completed before the next years AM/PIC. It cannot be initiated before application is approved by the Scholarship Selection Committee and the Trustees of the NACAA Educational Foundation.
- Applications will be judged and funded based on completeness, plan for training, how it will be used/applied post training, and availability of funds.
- Award is for individual or group professional improvement which may include advanced degrees, graduate credits, tours, seminars, research or other specialized training.
- Maximum scholarship is \$1000 per year, & a total of \$2,000 during a member's Extension career. (This amount includes scholarships received as an individual or as part of a group.)
- Scholarship funds will not be awarded until 30 days prior to study or training begins. It is the recipient's responsibility to
- Report must be made to National Scholarship Chair within 30 days after the training is completed. An Educational Experience Report of 750 to 1,500 words be submitted by scholarship recipient, along with expense documentation that follows the educational objectives set forth by NACAA and the Educational Foundation. The penalty for misuse of NACAA Scholarship Funds is repayment of the funds to NACAA & prohibition from future NACAA Scholarships.
- Recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee with final approval of the Trustees, NACAA Educational Foundation.
- No scholarship will be awarded a person, if as a result of such grant, any member of the Scholarship Selection Committee, National Board of NACAA, or any Trustee of the Foundation shall derive a private benefit, either directly or indirectly.
- Selection for Scholarships shall be made on an objective & nondiscriminatory basis, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or religion of the applicant.

The application form must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee State Chair by June 1. State Chairs will then send onto the Regional Vice Chair prior to June 15. Applications must reach the National Chair by July 1. All attachments must be included with the on-line application process.

FOR GROUP APPLICATIONS - All members must meet individual requirement criteria: contributions of \$40 / \$100 to the NACAA Scholarship Fund by the end of the previous AM/PIC; whether they received a previous scholarship and if so, how much. This information should be stated for each member when filling out the on-line application process.

2021 Service to American/World Agriculture Nomination Form

DEADLINE: March 15, 2021

ATTENTION Northeast Region NACAA Members. You or your state has the opportunity to nominate an individual to receive the Service to American/World Agriculture Award from NACAA for their contribution to agriculture.

PURPOSE:

To recognize a U.S. citizen who has made a major contribution to American/World Agriculture and is so recognized by peers and the general public. Recipient is expected to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference to accept the award, and will receive appropriate expenses to attend the annual meeting.

GUIDELINES:

- Nominations are encouraged by any member of NACAA in the eligible region. Nominees must be residents of the region hosting the annual meeting and must have the approval of the State Extension Director and the President of your State County Agent Association. The recipient of this award will be from the Northeast Region in 2021.
- The nominee may be a public official, lay leader or other professional individual who has made a significant contribution to American and/or World agriculture, but not limited to, Cooperative Extension and/or research.
- Entries must be received by March 15. Email to Phil Durst at durstp@msu.edu.

4. Attach credentials in 1,000 words or less for nomination.

Nominee _____

Title or Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary reason for recognition (in 10 words or less)

Private Citizen _____

Public Official _____

Other (specify) _____

Name of person making nomination _____

Approval Signature of State Association President _____

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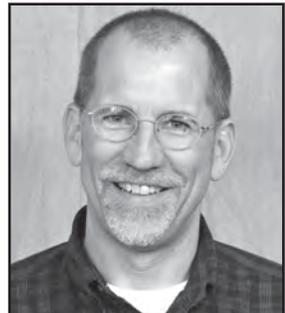
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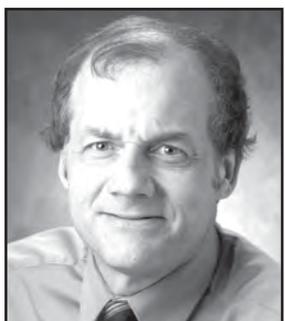
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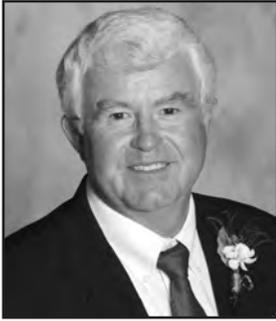
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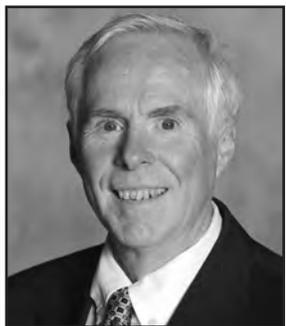
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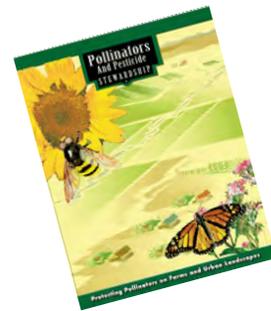
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PDF versions of the brochures can be viewed or downloaded from the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship (PES) website at <http://pesticidestewardship.org/Pages/Resources.aspx> or from any of the partner websites. Any organization is also welcome to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

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Tips for working on large projects

Large projects that require design and planning should be discussed with affected utility operators before digging occurs to help mitigate potential utility impacts. Submit the project plan by calling 811 or visiting your state's One Call center website to complete a digital locate ticket. This initiates the process to inform you of public utilities in the dig area.

When engaging in terrain modifications, adding or removing soil near underground utilities can change utility depth of cover. Work with affected utility operators to make sure depth of cover remains the same. When modifying terrain, the end of proposed excavation should maintain a minimum clearance of at least 25' when parallel to a utility.

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