

110th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference June 29 - July 2, 2025

National Association of
County Agricultural Agents



2025 NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

Northern Hotel

Sunday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Monday: 6:30 am - 7:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday: NOT OPEN - TOUR DAY

COMMERCIAL AND EDUCATION EXHIBITS

Doubletree - 2nd/3rd Floors

Sunday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Set-up)
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Monday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Exhibit Take-down)

POSTER DISPLAY

Doubletree - Ponderosa Room (22nd Floor)

Sunday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Set-up)
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm (Open)
Monday: 8:00 am - 10:00 am (Poster Judging)
Monday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Open)
Monday: 10:00 am - 10:30 am (Meet the Authors)
Monday: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Poster Take-Down)

ANNUAL MEETING RIBBON COLOR GUIDE

National Board.....Dark Blue
National Council Chair.....White
National Committee Vice Chair.....Orange
National Vice Director.....Tan
State President.....Red
Past National President.....Purple
Past National Secretary.....Gold
Past National Treasurer.....Dark Green
Life Member.....Brown
Donor.....Black
Guest.....White/Gold
First Timer.....Maroon
Hall of Fame.....Gray

Welcome to the 110th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference



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NAME BADGES ARE REQUIRED.
PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AT
ALL TIMES. YOU WILL NEED IT TO BE
ADMITTED TO ALL FUNCTIONS
INCLUDING MEALS

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Scott Jensen
President

Welcome to the Billings!

Thank you for coming to the 110th NACAA Annual Meeting/ Professional Improvement Conference! We appreciate your commitment to professional development and to our association as we enjoy "Big Sky and Big Connections" together.

Our Montana Association friends and your NACAA board and committee members have been working diligently to prepare for our time together in Billings. Be sure to take time this week to make some new connections, learn some new programming ideas, and see some new sights. My Extension programming has been elevated, rejuvenated, and expanded by each AM/PIC I have attended.

This meeting will definitely be different from what many of us are accustomed to. Please be patient as you move from location to location. We have done our best to fit sessions, presentations, luncheons and the banquet into the available space. Enjoy and appreciate the differences as we celebrate our programming and career successes!

You will not want to miss the welcome dinner at the PUB Station. Beef tri-tip is delicious and a staple at bull sales, weddings, and other special events in the west. A short walk following dinner will get you to the historic Alberta Bair Theatre for the opening (and only) general session of the AM/PIC. You will not want to miss the opportunity to be inducted into the Montana Association's Order of the Buffalo!

Be sure to review the program book and outline a plan to attend the oral presentations and view the posters that are of interest to you. There are always more things to see, hear, and do than time allows.

I invite you to attend the scholarship auction on Monday night and to stay for the after-auction entertainment. AM/PIC co-chair Shelley Mills has made special arrangements to have Kyle Shobe and the Walkem Boys provide some great entertainment following the auction. You won't want to miss it!

Don't forget to take time to visit the trade show in the foyers on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Doubletree Hotel. Besides offering some great products and services, these folks have provided sponsorship money to help make the conference more affordable.

Please be sure to thank them for their support!

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Montana agents. They have been outstanding to work with over the last couple of years. Additionally, I recognize the incredible work and commitment of our executive director Scott Hawbaker. His dedication to our association and membership is truly remarkable!

I look forward to visiting with you this week. Please feel free to stop me as we cross paths throughout the AM/PIC. I wish each of you a great week and a great time in Big Sky country!

Scott Jensen
NACAA President

Welcome to Montana



Shelley Mills
Co-Chair



Patrick Mangan
Co-Chair

We are delighted to see you in Montana. Thank you so much for coming. We hope you have a wonderful time visiting our beautiful state. All of Montana Extension as well as a ton of help from across the Western Region have been working diligently to make sure that your stay in Montana is a pleasant experience. Our sponsors and donors who helped to make this event happen are excited to meet you at our tradeshow Sunday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon. Please stop by and say thank you because without them, this would never have happened. It really takes an entire state and a bit more to pull off this event.

The 2025 AM/PIC officially kicks off on Sunday with the Welcome to Montana Dinner at the Pub Station, one and half blocks east of the headquarter hotels. Billings local caterer Yellowstone Kelly's will be serving a wonderful beef dinner with all the trimmings. We will have a vegan option as well. The Pub Station will also have a cash bar where you can get everything from a soft drink, to beer, wine, and well drinks.

Following the dinner, we will move to the historic Alberta Bair Theater where we will have our opening ceremonies. The national anthem will be sung by noted Opera singer Chris Bengochea, followed by his nephews (Montana 4-H members) performing the pledges. President Jensen has a full agenda and some fun, followed by Montana Ag Extension Agents sharing a piece of

their association's rich history dating back to 1922 when it first began. As you leave the theater, don't forget to stop and grab a Wilcoxson's ice cream bar! Hospitality will be on the 22nd floor of the Doubletree hotel in the Ponderosa room. Once a private gentleman's club, the Ponderosa room offers stunning views of the city and landscape. It's also where our poster sessions will be held.

We have exciting and educational events planned for the Life members, spouses, and youth. Everything from Montana history, learning about Montana's Indigenous Tribal customs, cowboy culture, and a rich diversity of agriculture are scheduled for the Life members and Spouses. The youth will experience the thrill of either rafting or horseback riding on Monday and will visit the Audubon and Conservation center Tuesday morning, before spending the afternoon at the Oasis Waterpark.

Monday is State's Night out and the opportunity to sample some of the great dining Billings has to offer. Be sure to come back in time to attend the NACAA Scholarship Auction starting at 7 p.m.! You will not want to miss the Live music before, during and after the auction provided by Kyle Shobe and the Walk 'Em Boys band.

Tuesday is our annual banquet and awards ceremony. Though a little unconventional in our delivery since we are holding the banquet in 4 different rooms, we know you are going to enjoy our fillet of beef! As always accommodations will be made for those with dietary restrictions.

Montana has tours like no other! Whether you are into breathtaking mountain views, livestock production, conservation agriculture, agricultural industry, or are looking forward to a cold brew and some cowboy culture, Montana has it in spades. Our Tour team has spent countless hours organizing and developing tours that are sure to please everyone.

All roads lead back to the Farewell dinner once again at the Pub Station. We hate to see you leave, so we're throwing a traditional Montana style BBQ with Montana Angus Beef donated by the Montana Beef Council and some scrumptious lamb donated by the Montana Lamb Board. We're also hosting a cornhole tournament so make sure you get your team organized and participate in the fun and competition. Our local radio station, KGHL will be playing music and doing live interviews of attendees of the conference!

All of Montana welcomes you and hopes you have a wonderful experience while you're here. Don't hesitate to ask us if you need anything. We're in the Blue and Gold Montana Extension shirts or stop at our registration and reception desks on the 2nd floor of the Northern Hotel. Our fabulous partners, Visit Billings and the Billings Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, will be on site as well to help you with anything related to Billings or southeast Montana!

Montana welcomes you!

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**DT = DOUBLETREE HOTEL
N = NORTHERN HOTEL**

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 am -	HORTICULTURE/SUSTAINABLE AG COMMITTEE PRE-TOUR, ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	NACAA BOARD MEETING, N Enterprise Boardroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 am	HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE PRE-TOUR, ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR, AG ECON PRE-TOUR
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	NACAA BOARD MEETING N Enterprise Boardroom

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 am - 7:00 pm	REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION DROP OFF N - 2nd floor foyer AUCTION ITEMS can also be dropped off at - DT - Conference Room 2
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SUNDAY, JUNE 29

MEMBER

- 9:00 am - **NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**
11:00 am N - PB Moss boardroom
- 9:00 am - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW**
1:00 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd floors
- 9:00 am - **NACAA POSTER SESSION SETUP**
1:00 pm DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
Coordinator: Brian Haller (AR), Research & Educational Posters Committee Chair
- 9:00 am - **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE**
5:00 pm DT Boardroom 1
Presiding: Stephen Hadcock (NY), Scholarship Committee Chair
- 12:00 pm - **PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD LUNCHEON**, DT Skyview 1 and 2
2:00 pm Presiding: Keith Mickler (GA), Past President
- 1:00 pm - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW**,
6:30 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd floors
- 1:00 pm - **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**
4:30 pm DT - Conference Room 1
- 2:00 pm - **FIRST LADY'S OPEN HOUSE**
4:00 pm D - Governor's Suite
(Invitation Only)
- 2:00 pm - **LIFE/SPOUSE ORIENTATION**
3:00 pm N - Ballroom North
- 2:00 pm - **NACAA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**, DT - Skyview 1 and 2
5:00 pm Presiding: Cynthia Gregg (VA), NACAA Educational Foundation President
- 3:00 pm - **PARENT ORIENTATION FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS PROGRAM**
4:00 pm N - South Ballroom
- 3:00 pm - **FIRST TIMER ORIENTATION & SOCIAL**
4:30 pm Hooligans Pub (Offsite location - walk)
Presiding: JJ Jones (AR), President- Elect

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

MEMBER

- 4:30 pm - **WELCOME TO MONTANA DINNER**
6:30 pm Pub Station (Offsite location - walk)
(Ticket Required)
Courtesy: NACAA, AARP, AgWest
- 7:00 pm - **OPENING SESSION & INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM**, Alberta Bair Theater (offsite - walk)
9:00 pm
 - Welcome & Comments –Scott Jensen (ID), NACAA President
 - Posting of Colors
 - National Anthem - performed by: Chris Bengochea
 - Pledge of Allegiance - Felixe, Beau, and Oliver Becker (MT)
 - Indigenous Prayer & Dance
 - State Flag Presentation - Video produced by Colt Knight (ME)
 - Presentation of Service to American/World Ag Award – Scott Jensen (ID), NACAA President
 - Justen Smith– Utah State University
 - Introduction of Speakers – by Scott Jensen (ID) NACAA President
 - Welcome by Dr. Cody Stone, Executive Director of Montana State University Extension
 - Keynote Speaker – Dwayne Fisher (ID), VP Marketing and partner at Champion Produce Sales
 - Closing Announcements –Shelley Mills and Patrick Mangan, AM/PIC Co-Chairs
- 9:00 pm **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Outside Alberta Bair Theater walk back
Courtesy: Advanced Composting Technologies
- 9:00 pm - **HOSPITALITY ROOMS**
11:00 pm DT - Ponderosa Room, 22nd floor
- 10:00 pm **MONTANA AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**
DT - Skyview 1 and 2

MONDAY, JUNE 30

MEMBER

- 6:30 am - 7:00 pm **REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION DROP OFF (AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF CONCLUDES AT 12:00 NOON)**
N - 2nd floor foyer
AUCTION ITEMS can also be dropped off at - DT - Conference Room 2
- 6:30 am - 7:45 am **BAYER CROPSCIENCE BREAKFAST - FUELING THE FUTURE: BAYER'S BIOFUEL CROPS & NEW FARMER OPPORTUNITIES**
N - Ballroom North (Ticket Required)
Presiding: Michael Rethwisch (CA), Chair - Agronomy & Pest Management
Courtesy: Bayer CropScience LP
Speakers: Chad Bilby, Biofuels Crop Innovation and Commercial Lead & Carlene Sarvas, Customer Sales & Solutions Agronomist - Bayer CropScience
- 6:30 am - 7:45 am **VOTING DELEGATES BREAKFAST**
N - Ballroom South (Invitation only)
Presiding: Donna Beliech (MS), NACAA Secretary
Courtesy: NACAA
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW,**
DT - 2nd and 3rd floors
- 8:00 am - 10:00 am **NACAA POSTER JUDGING**
DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm **SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM GATHER & DEPART**
DT - Ballroom A
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am **EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am **LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS SEMINARS**
DT - Conference Room 1
Presiding: Amanda Douridas (OH)
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
Breaking the Burnout Cycle: Strategies for Personal and Professional Resilience
Presenter: Kayla Wyse (OH)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
Overcoming Our Weaknesses as Leaders and Transforming Them into Strengths
Presenter: Daniel Leonard (FL)

MONDAY, JUNE 30

MEMBER

- 9:30 - 10:00 am
Unlocking Your Leadership Potential
Presenter: Donna Patterson (OK)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am
Building Public Relationships: the skills, attitudes, and management needed to make them successful
Presenter: Terrell Davis
- 10:30 - 11:00 am
Researching and Evaluating a New Management Structure in Ohio State University Extension
Presenter: Haley Shoemaker (OH)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am
Leveraging Adaption and Innovation Preferences in Extension Work
Presenter: Matt Spindler (IL)
- 8:00 am - 11:30 am **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES**
DT - Ballroom B
Presiding: MJ Fisher (ID), Emily Fread (PA)
Committee Vice Chairs
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
Ladies Raising Livestock
Presenters: Alyssa Large, Sarah Orr, Jessica Wilkinson Smith and Jenni Goodrich (TN)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
First Aid and Safety Training for Oregon Agricultural Producers
Presenter: Jacob Powell (OR)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am
Landowner Rights and Responsibilities Education in West Virginia
Presenters: Doolarie Singh-Knights, Jesse Richardson, Jodi Richmond, and Alexandria Smith (WV)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am
Saving Our Acres: Estate Planning in West Virginia's Fastest Growing Region
Presenters: Emily Morrow and Ryan Snyder (WV)

MONDAY, JUNE 30

10:30 - 11:00 am

Lessons Learned From Hurricane Helene
Presenter: Amy Byington (VA)

11:00 - 11:30 am

Women and The Land: Using Annie's
Project Inspired Events to Connect Women
Landowners to Conservation Agencies
Presenters: Katie Bell and Rachel Curry (IL)

8:30 am -
11:30 am

EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT

DT - Skybridge 1
Presiding: Anita Thompson, Western Region
Vice-Chair (AZ), Tim Waller, Northeast Region
Vice-Chair (NJ)

8:30 - 9:00 am

Tips for Writing and Reviewing Extension Work
with the Journal of Extension
Presenter: Jason de Koff (TN)

9:00 - 9:30 am

A Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program for
Extension Agent Success
Presenter: Amy Rowe (NJ)

9:30 - 10:00 am

Planting Seeds of Success: Practical Training
in All Things Agriculture for New Agriculture
Extension Agents
Presenter: Tracey Sullivan (TN)

10:00 - 10:30 am

Presiding: Tim Waller, Northeast Region
Vice-Chair
From Data to Impact: Program Evaluation for
New Agents
Presenter: Robyn Stewart (GA)

10:30 - 11:00 am

Professional Posters with Purpose: How to
showcase your amazing work
Presenter: Amy Derby (OR)

11:00 - 11:30 am

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of "Service"
Presenter: Timothy Waller (NJ)

MONDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 am -
11:30 am

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

DT - Conference Room 5
Presiding: Melanie Barkley, Northeast Region
Vice-Chair and Travis Harper, North Central
Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am

Statewide Hybrid Idaho Online Program
Delivery
Presenter: Ronald Patterson (ID)

9:00 - 9:30 am

Providing Skills and Knowledge to New Farmers
with the Maryland Beginning Farmer Success
Course
Presenter: Emily Zobel (MD)

9:30 - 10:00 am

Online Education Strategies to Meet Food
Entrepreneur Needs
Presenter: Emily Marrison (OH)

10:00 - 10:00 am

AgConnect: Connecting Agriculture with
Science in the Classroom
Presenter: Lindsey Ruhl (VT)

10:30 - 11:00 am

Tailoring Training for Pesticide and Fertilizer
Applicators
Presenter: Michelle Atkinson (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am

Elevating Gardening Expertise: A Hybrid Master
Gardener Program for High-Altitude Regions
Presenter: Jennifer Werlin (ID)

10:00 am -
10:30 am

BREAK AND MEET THE AUTHORS POSTER

SESSION, DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
Courtesy: Wyoming Association of County
Agricultural Agents & Bravera Bank

MONDAY, JUNE 30

MEMBER

8:30 am - **PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

8:30 am - **4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING PRESENTATIONS**

N - Hart Albin

Presiding: Heather Jennings, National Chair, Kevin Camm, Southern Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am 4-H and Youth Programming
County Bred Steer Feed Out
Presenters: Coy McCorkel and Casey Russell (OK)

9:00 - 9:30 am
Cowboys and Calves: Educating Florida's
Students on Cattle's Impact on Environment,
Economy and Nutrition
Presenters: Lindsey Crum and Lauren Butler (FL)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Sweet Success in the School Garden
Presenter: Josh Fuder (GA)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Workforce Readiness Through Drone
Technology: Preparing Youth for Careers in a
Growing Industry
Presenters: Wendy Mussoline, Stacy Strickland,
Matt Smith and Brittany Scharf (FL)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Farm Safety Field Day
Presenter: Brooklyne Wassel (GA)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Close Encounters with Agriculture
Presenters: Kelly Nichols and Catherine Savage
(MD)

8:30 am - **AG ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS**

DT - Skybridge 2
Presiding: Blake Carter (GA), National Chair
Jake Hadfield (UT), West Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am
Minnesota Beginning Farmer Institute
Presenter: Nathan Hulinsky (MN)

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MEMBER

9:00 - 9:30 am
Enhancing Disaster Preparedness Across the
Oklahoma State University Extension System
Presenter: Amy Hagerman (OK)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Helping Farm Families Mitigate Transition and
Estate Risk through OFRS and FARMS
Presenter: David Marrison (OH)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Tools and Strategies for Direct-to-Consumer
Meat Marketing Education
Presenter: Amie Breshears (MO)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Monitoring Fertilizer Input Prices in Ohio
Presenter: Amanda Bennett (OH)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Applied Education/Economic Development
Program Builds Agricultural Economic Viability
Presenter: Desiree Keever (NY)

8:30 am - **AGRONOMY AND PEST MANAGEMENT PRESENTATIONS**

N - Babcock
Presiding: Jennifer Brhel (NE), North Central
Region; Vice Chair, Hung Doane (CA) West
Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am AM
Attracting New Talent to Replace Old
Agronomists like Me
Presenter: Bill Burdine (MS)

9:00 - 9:30 am
What we've learned about tar spot of corn
epidemiology in Maryland's climate
Presenter: Andrew Kness (MD)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Emergency response to infestations of an
invasive thrips pest of fresh market peppers in
Florida
Presenter: Anna Meszaros & Julien Beuzelin (FL)

**CCA Recertification Credit will be offered
with the Agronomy oral presentations**

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10:00 - 10:30 am
Fungicide Application and Herbicide Timing In
Dryland Winter Wheat
Presenter: Aaron Esser (WA)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Examining Phosphorus Use Efficiency in Florida
Rice
Presenter: Matthew VanWeelden (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Phosphorus and Potassium Applications
Influence on Alfalfa Hay Quality and Value
Presenter: Steven Norberg (WA)

8:30 am - 11:30 am **ANIMAL SCIENCE PRESENTATIONS**
D - Ballroom C
Presiding: Kyle Sanders (AR), National Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am
Grazing Sticks as an Educational Tool for
Women Managing Livestock and Pastures
Presenter: Amie Schleicher (MO)

9:00 - 9:30 am
Economics of Growing Warm-Season Annuals
for Sheep in D4 Drought
Presenter: Christine Gelley (OH)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Assisting the Pork Industry Prepare for an
Emergency Disease Response
Presenter: Sarah Schieck Boelke (MN)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Emergency Response to Accidents Involving
Livestock(ERAIL)
Presenter: Mike Metzger (MI)

10:30 - 11:00 am
'Cow Clinics' Improve Producer Confidence and
Increase Profits
Presenter: Brent Plugge (NE)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Lifetime impact of early life nutrition on
BeefxDairy crossbred steers
Presenter: Denise Schwab (IA)

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8:30 am - 11:30 am **HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS
PRESENTATIONS**
N - Ballroom South
Presiding: Ginny Rosenkranz (MD)

8:30 - 9:00 am
Agents Guide - New and Old Threats to
Boxwood Production and Maintenance
Presenter: Timothy Waller (NJ)

9:00 - 9:30 am
Meeting Stakeholder Needs of Tri-State Area
Growers through Production Agriculture
Programs
Presenter: Abigail Smith (FL)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Enhancing Pollinator Conservation Through
Extension Agent Collaboration
Presenter: Cynthia Nazario-Leary (FL)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Helping Produce Farmers Address Food Safety
Issues after Hurricane Helene in Western NC
Presenter: Elena Rogers (NC)

10:30 - 11:00 am
What Motivates People to Become an
Extension Master Gardener, and What Inspires
Them to Remain?
Presenter: Pam Bennett (OH)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Evaluating Drone Spray Coverage in
Watermelon Production
Presenter: Haley Sater (MD)

8:30 am - 11:30 am **NATURAL RESOURCES/AQUACULTURE
PRESENTATIONS**
DT - Skybridge 3
Presiding: Jody A. Gale (UT), National Chair;
Madeline Flahive Di Nardo (NJ), Northeast
Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am
The New Paradigm of Drainage and Water
Management Education Through the Virgil
Overholt Drainage Schools
Presenter: Vinayak Shedekar (OH)

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9:00 - 9:30 am

Empowering Florida Well Owners Through
Education and Water Testing Services
Presenter: Yilin Zhuang (FL)

9:30 - 10:00 am

Growing Knowledge: Teaching Residents Plant
Selection Through Educational Demonstrations
Gardens
Presenter: Tiare Silvasy (FL)

10:00 - 10:30 am

Expanding Extension Support for Landowners
Following Natural Disasters
Presenter: Emily Beach (FL)

10:30 - 11:00 am

Wildlife & Invasive Species Education™:
Creating a Wise Program in Your State
Presenter: James Davis (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am

Building a Hardwood Management Program for
Mississippi Landowners
Presenter: Brady Self (MS)

8:30 am -
11:30 am**SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRESENTATIONS**

DT - Skybridge 4

Presiding: Heidi Reed (PA), Northeast Region
Vice Chair; Heather Schlessner (WI), National
Chair; Katie Kammler (MO), North Central
Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am

Harnessing Cover Crops to Address Unique
Farm Needs and Achieve Maximum Benefits
Presenter: Sarah Hirsh (MD)

9:00 - 9:30 am

Turning Waste to Worth: Hands-on Workshops
for Composting Meat Processing Waste
Presenter: Rachel Wieme (WA)

9:30 - 10:00 am

Coop to Soup: Pasture Raised Poultry
Processing for Homesteaders in Virginia
Presenter: Mackenzie Gunn (VA)

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10:00 - 10:30 am

Integrated Crop-Livestock System in Idaho
Agriculture - An Overview
Presenter: Jemila Chellappa (ID)

10:30 - 11:00 am

What We've Learned from Five Years of
Broadcast Interseeding Cover Crops Into
Standing Soybeans
Presenter: Heidi Reed (PA)

11:00 - 11:30 am

At-Home Meat Processing in Rural Appalachia
Presenters: Joshua Peplowski and Greg Hamons
(WV)

10:00 am - **LIFE MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING**

11:30 am N - Ballroom South

Presiding: Steven Munk (SD), National Chair

11:45 am

1:15 pm **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSES PROGRAM****COMBINED LUNCHEON** (Ticket Required)

N - Ballroom South

Guest Speaker - Randy Rieman

11:45 am

1:15 pm **FIRST TIME ATTENDEE LUNCHEON**

DT - Ballroom AB (Ticket Required)

Presiding: JJ Jones (AR), President- Elect
Speaker: Taylor Brown - President, Northern Ag
Network
Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am -

1:15 pm **AGRICULTURE AWARENESS &****APPRECIATION AWARD LUNCHEON**

N - Hart Albin (Ticket Required)

Presiding: Terrell Davis (TN), Public Relations
& Agricultural Awareness National Committee
Chair
Presenter: Timothy McDermott (OH) - Nat.
Winner

Topic: A One Health Program to Keep You, Your
Family, and Your Animals Tick Safe

Presenter: Lindie Huffman (KY) - Nat. Finalist

Topic: The Agricultural & Cultural Heritage Tour:
New England

Presenter: Don McMoran (WA) - Nat. Finalist

Topic: Pizza for Producers

Courtesy: Bayer CropScience

MONDAY, JUNE 30

11:45 am - **PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT & SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE LUNCHEONS**

CROP PRODUCTION

D - Ponderosa Room (22nd floor)
(Ticket Required)

Presiding: Linda McLanahan (KY),
SFE National Chair

Presenter: Sandra Wick (KS) – Nat. Winner
Topic: Improving Crop Production in NC/NW Kansas

Presenter: Chuck Burr, (NE) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: UNL Testing Ag Performance Solutions (UNL-TAPS)

Presenter: Keith Wynn, (FL) - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Utilizing Florida Best Management Practices While Evaluating Grain Corn Varieties
Presenter: Morgan Menaker – (NC) – Nat. Finalist

Topic: Union County Field Crops Small Grains Extension Program
Courtesy: NACAA

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN 4-H AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING LUNCHEON,

Location: DT - Skyview 1 (Ticket Required)

Presiding: Leslie Rose (NC), SFE Vice-Chair
Presenter: Brandy VanDeWalle (NE), - Nat. Winner

Topic: Nebraska Youth Crop Scouting Competition – Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Education

Presenter: Timothy McDermott (OH), - Nat. Finalist

Topic: Growing Teachers Throughout the Seasons

Presenter: Kelly Nichols, (MD), Nat. Finalist

Topic: Close Encounters with Agriculture

Presenter: Ashley Edwards (LA), - Nat. Finalist

Topic: Louisiana 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program

Courtesy: NACAA

MONDAY, JUNE 30

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN YOUNG, BEGINNING OR SMALL FARMS/RANCHER PROGRAM LUNCHEON,**

N - Babcock (Ticket Required)

Presiding: Anthony Ohmes (MO), SFE Vice-Chair

Presenter: Christina Howard, (ME) - Nat. Winner

Topic: Setting Beginning Farmers up for Success with the Maine New Farmers Project

Presenter: Anastasia Meyer (NE), - Nat. Finalist

Topic: Nebraska Beginning Farmers and Ranchers: Beginning, Managing, and Transitioning

Presenter: Kalyn Waters (FL), - Nat. Finalist

Topic: UF/IFAS Panhandle Cattlemen's College

Presenter: Lindie Huffman (KY) - Nat. Finalist

Topic: Tri-State Homesteading Conference

Courtesy: Farm Credit

11:45 am - **COMMUNICATION/POSTER AWARDS**

1:15 pm **LUNCHEON, N - Ballroom North**

(Invitation Only)

Presiding: Daniel Leonard (FL),

Communications Vice-Chair and Brian Haller

(AR), Research & Educational Posters Chair

Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am - **EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON –**

1:15 pm **SENSEHUB® COW CALF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS INNOVATION - MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH**

Location: DT - Ballroom C (Ticket Required)

Presiding: Cynthia Gregg (VA)

Presenting: Jessica Finck, Ph.D., Associate

Director of Beef Technology Customer Success at Merck Animal Health

1:30 pm - **TRADE TALK CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

2:30 pm **OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**

(See page 38-39 for Topic Descriptions)

FORAGE/TURF, SAFETY, FINANCIAL

N - Hart Albin

Participants: Barenbrug, Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance, Farm Credit

MONDAY, JUNE 30**ANIMAL SCIENCE, CROP SCIENCE**

DT - Conference Room 5

Participants: Merck Animal Health,
Bayer Crop Science, National Pork Board**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL
& RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

DT - Conference Room 1

Participants: Explorations by Thor, AARP

1:30 pm - **LIFE MEMBER TOURS/ SPOUSE PROGRAM**
 5:00 pm **TOURS ORGANIZE AND DEPART**
 N - Ballroom South

2:30 pm - **BREAK AND MEET THE AUTHORS POSTER**
 3:00 pm **SESSION**, DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
 & DT - Trade Show area - 2nd/3rd floor
 Courtesy: Oregon Association of County
 Agricultural Agents

3:00 pm - **POSTER REMOVAL/TAKE DOWN**
 4:00 pm DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor

3:00 pm - **REGIONAL MEETINGS & CANDIDATE**
 5:00 pm **PRESENTATIONS**
 SOUTHERN Region, N - Grand Ballroom
 NORTH CENTRAL Region, DT - Ballroom A
 NORTHEAST Region, DT - Conference Room 5
 WESTERN Region, DT - Ballroom C

4:30 pm - **VIP/DONOR RECEPTION**
 5:45 pm DT - Governor's Suite (Invitation Only)

6:00 pm - **STATES NIGHT OUT** - Billings Area
 8:00 pm

6:00 pm - **MONTANA TEAM DINNER** -
 8:00 pm DT - Skyview 1-2

7:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AND LIVE**
 9:30 pm **AUCTION PREVIEW**, DT -Ballrooms ABC

8:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP LIVE AUCTION**
 DT -Ballrooms ABC

TUESDAY, JULY 1

8:00 am - **REGISTRATION**
 2:00 pm N - 2nd floor foyer

TUESDAY, JULY 17:00 am - **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECOGNITION**8:30 am **BREAKFAST**, DT - Ballroom APresiding: Ed Lentz (OH), Recognition &
Awards Committee ChairCourtesy: American Income Life Insurance
Company (Invitation Only)6:30 am - **NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS BREAKFAST**

8:00 am DT - Ballroom C (Ticket Required)

(For all Present & Incoming Committee
Members)Recognition of Retiring Committee Chairs, Vice
Chairs & Special AssignmentsPresiding: Connie Strunk (SD), NACAA Vice
President

Courtesy: NACAA

8:00 am - **COMMERCIAL TRADE SHOW FLOORS OPEN**
 2:00 pm **FOR VISITORS**

DT - 2nd and 3rd floors

7:30 am **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSE TOURS DEPART**8:00 am **AT 8:00 AM** Location: N - Ballroom North8:30 am - **VOTING DELEGATE SESSION**

11:30 am N - Ballroom South

- Presiding: Scott Jensen, NACAA President

- Inspirational Thought – Stan Moore
(MI) Past President

- Delegate Roll Call

- Adoption of Agenda

- Appointment of Parliamentarian

- 2024 Delegate Session Minutes

- Nominating Committee Report

- Election of Officers

- Selection of 2029 AM/PIC Site

- Scholarship Committee Report

- NACAA Educational Foundation Report

- Treasurer's Report

- Adoption of 2026 Budget

- Confirmation of Committee Appointments

- Confirmation of Directors/Vice Directors

- Internal Committee Reports

- Unfinished Business

- New Business

- Recognition of Retiring Officers

- Installation of Incoming Officers, Directors,
and Vice Directors

- Incoming President Remarks: JJ Jones (AR)

- Adjourn

TUESDAY, JULY 1

MEMBER

- 8:30 am - **EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SEMINARS**
11:30 am
- 8:30 am - **LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS SEMINARS**
9:30 am
DT - Conference Room 1
Presiding: Dalton Dockery (NC), Southern Region Vice Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
Burnout and the Extension Professional: Strategies to Make it Through The Day
Presenter: Jami Dellifield (OH)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
Transforming Culture: Bringing Organizational Values and Mission to life
Presenter: Rob Leeds (OH)
- 8:30 am - **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES**
11:30 am
DT - Ballroom B
Presiding: Donna Aufdenberg (MO), North Central Region Vice-Chair and Mackenzie Gunn (VA), Southern Region Vice-Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
Swift Response: OSU Extension's Quick Action to Inform in the Face of Drought
Presenters: Aaron Wilson, Stephanie Karhoff, Jason Hartschuh, Garth Ruff, David Marrison, Logan Minter, Jim Downs, Vinayak Shedekar, Jeff Hattey, Christopher Zoller, Marissa Mullett, and Stacy Cochran (OH)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
Ag for All: Creating a conference for LGBTQIA+ agriculturalists
Presenter: Emily Krekelberg (MN)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am
Building Relationships with the HMoob Community through Agricultural Educational Programming and Research
Presenters: Jerry Clark and Kristin Krokowski (WI)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

MEMBER

- 10:00 - 10:30 am
Beefing up Food Security: Bridging the Protein Gap for Idaho Families
Presenters: Audra Cochran, Meranda Small and Jessie Van Buren (ID)
- 10:30 - 11:00 am
Ag Connect: Connecting Fields to Front Doors
Presenter: Lindsey Crum (FL)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am
Navigating Agricultural Data Rights: Bridging Legal Gaps and Stakeholder Asymmetries
Presenters: Yilin Zhuang, Ziwen Yu, Songzi Wu, Jean Pompeo, and Adam Watson (FL)
- 8:30 am - **EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT**
9:30 am
DT - Skybridge 1
Presiding: Sarah Sharpe (Southern Region Vice Chair) and Ashley Wright (National Chair)
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
Big Boots to Fill: Moving into a Program after a Long-Term Career Agent
Presenter: Grace Atkins (NC)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
The Power of Partnerships: How Collaboration Fuels Professional Growth in Agriculture
Presenter: Kendall Lovejoy (OH)
- 8:30 am - **TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES SEMINARS**
11:00 am
DT - Conference Room 5
Presiding: Scott Duggan (OR), Western Region Vice Chair and Alicia Halbritter (FL), Southern Region Vice Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
The Top Rancher Challenge: A Threefold Extension Tool to Engage Florida Cattle Producers
Presenter: Lizzie Whitehead (FL)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
Respecting Our Origins in Technology Through Education in Agriculture: Virtual Reality Tours
Presenter: Brandy VanDeWalle (NE)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

9:30 - 10:00 am
The Missouri Produce Growers Video
Newsletter: Digestible, Accessible, Impactful,
and Replicable Extension Education and
Outreach
Presenter: Justin Keay (MO)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Maximizing Impact: Enhancing Client Outreach
and Agent Support in the Extension System
Presenter: Zachary Snipes (SC)

10:30 - 11:00 am
The Power of Fundamentals: How Basic
Bilingual Landscaping Education Drives Results
Presenter: Hannah Eason (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Enhancing Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
Education for Horticulture and Small Farm
Educators in Idaho
Presenter: Jemila Chellappa (ID)

8:30 am - 11:30 am **PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
SEMINARS**

8:30 am - 11:30 am **4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING**
N - Hart Albin
Presiding: Genevieve Christ (PA), Northeast
Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am
Cracking the Science: Supplemental Lessons for
Ohio 4-H ChickQuest
Presenters: Noelle Barnes and Ashlee Meardith
(OH)

9:00 - 9:30 am
4-H Special Agronomy Project: Reaching More
Youth
Presenter: Brandy VandeWalle (NE)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Utah High School Range Camp
Presenter: Cory Farnsworth (UT)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

10:00 - 10:30 am
Connecting with the Present, Paving the Way
for the Future: An Entrepreneurship Journey for
Future Agriculturists
Presenters: Lizzie Whitehead, Meagan Daniel
and Bailea Scarbrough (FL)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Adopt A Cow: Beef Education for 3-5 Grade
Presenter: Madison Kovarna (SD)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Idaho Livestock Skillathon: Engaging Youth in
Higher Livestock Learning
Presenter: Carmen Willmore (ID)

9:30 am - 11:00 am **4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING**
DT - Conference Room 1
Presiding: Heather Jennings (MS), National
Chair

9:30 - 10:00 am
AGventure Days: an ANR and 4-H Youth
Education Collaboration in Henrico County
Presenters: Edward Olsen, Carter Humphries
(VA)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Taking Tractor Safety Training to the Virtual
Limits
Presenter: Dee Jepsen (OH)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Implementing the Fourth-H: Making Small
Changes in 4-H Programming
Presenters: Jami Dellifield, and Amanda Raines
(OH)

9:30 am - 11:00 am **4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING**
DT - Skybridge 1
Presiding: Mark Heitstuman (WA), West REgion
Vice Chair

9:30 - 10:00
UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days - Animal
Science through Experimental Learning
Presenters: Audra Cochran (ID) and Mark
Heitstuman (WA)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

10:00 - 10:30 am
Youth Cattle Summer Camp
Presenter: Erin Jones Dasher (FL)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Exploring Florida's Ecosystem: A Youth
Naturalist Experience
Presenter: Julio Perez (FL)

8:30 am - 11:30 am **AG ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**
DT - Skybridge 2
Presiding: Blake Carter (GA), Robyn Stewart
(GA), Southern Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am
The West Virginia Winter Blues Farmers
Market: Sparking Small Farm Economic Growth
Through Concentrated Market Access
Presenter: Lisa Jones (WV)

9:00 - 9:30 am
Rooted in Community: Highlighting Local
Producers through Extension Events
Presenter: Daisy Bailey (WV)

9:30 - 10:00 am
The Sweet Side of Agriculture: Cultivating
Awareness from Farm to Community
Presenter: Madelyn Greathouse (FL)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Economic Analysis of Converting Marginal
Cropland to a Playa Wetland
Presenter: Ronald Seymour (NE)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Building a Farm Business: Beginning Farmer
Resources
Presenter: Rachel Painter (TN)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Tackling Farm Risk Management,
One Bite at a Time
Presenter: Charlotte Maxwell (SC)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

11:00 am - 11:30 am **AG ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**
DT - Conference Room 1
Presiding: Blake Carter (GA)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Virtual Fencing as a Cost-Effective Alternative
for New Mexico Ranchers
Presenter: Pilja Vitale (NM)

8:30 am - 11:30 am **AGRONOMY AND PEST MANAGEMENT
SEMINARS**
N - Babcock
Presiding: Chris Grimes (AR), Southern Region
Vice Chair and Justin Brackenrich (PA),
Northeast Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am
Regionalize Pesticide Training Model: 10 Years
of Glory and Road Bumps
Presenter: Kalyn Waters (FL)

9:00 - 9:30 am
Extension Insect Pest Monitoring: Supporting
Integrated Pest Management in Vegetables and
Agronomic Crops
Presenter: Helene Doughty (VA)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Equipping Florida Pesticide Applicators for
Success through Industry Partnership
Presenters: Danielle Sprague Williams &
Matthew Smith (FL)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Effect of Seeding Rate & Planting Date on Cover
Crop Growth and Soybean Yield
Presenter: Stephanie Karhoff (OH)

10:30 - 11:00 am
UNL Testing Ag Performance Solutions
(UNL-TAPS)
Presenter: Chuck Burr (NE)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Evaluation of Soybean Yield and Stand Counts
in Response to Rolling
Presenter: Lee Beers (Ohio)

CCA Recertification Credit will be offered with the Agronomy oral presentations

TUESDAY, JULY 1**8:30 am – ANIMAL SCIENCE SEMINARS**

11:30 am DT - Ballroom C
Presiding: Kyle Sanders (AR)

8:30 - 9:00 am
Reducing SCCs on Dairy Farms to Improve Profitability
Presenter: Cassie Yost (PA)

9:00 - 9:30 am
How One Educational Program Sparked the Creation of Two More by Participant Demand, Boosting Efficiency and Expanding Reach
Presenter: Laura Bennett (FL)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Slowing Dewormer Resistance Through Producer Education
Presenter: Cassidy Dossin (FL)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Livestock Education & Certification for Agriculture Law Enforcement
Presenter: Caitlin Justesen (FL)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Using Thermal Camera Drones in Beef Cattle Roundup in the Intermountain West
Presenter: Justin Clawson (UT)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Innovating Cattle Reproduction: Empowering Producers with AI and Pregnancy Diagnosis
Presenter: Savannah Daniels (NM)

11:00 am – ANIMAL SCIENCE SEMINARS

11:30 am DT - Skybridge 1
Presiding: Ethan Gillam (UT),
West Region Vice-Chair

11:00 - 11:30 am
Penn State Extension, Dairy Feeding Assessment
Presenter: Angela Breneman (PA)

TUESDAY, JULY 1**10:30 am – ANIMAL SCIENCE SEMINARS**

11:30 am DT - Skybridge 3
Presiding: Garth Ruff (OH),
North Central Vice-Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
Responding to Beef Needs During Drought
Presenter: Garth Ruff (OH)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Local Meat Programming, Processing and Marketing
Presenter: Sarah Drake (NC)

8:30 am – HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS SEMINARS

11:30 am N - Ballroom South
Presiding: Andy West (ID), West Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am
Maple Tapping in Utah - Initial Results from Small-Scale Demonstrations and Workshop Turnout
Presenter: Wesley Crump (UT)

9:00 - 9:30 am
Growing Knowledge, Cultivating Communities: The Victory Garden Hybrid Programming in North Central Idaho
Presenter: Klæe O'Brien (ID)

9:30 - 10:00 am
Rooted in Collaboration: Advancing Horticulture Across Tennessee
Presenter: Celeste Scott (TN)

10:00 - 10:30 am
Perceived Impacts of Extension Gardens on Visitor Health
Presenter: Jamielyn Hagyard (FL)

10:30 - 11:00 am
Garden to Table: Effective Home Gardening to Promote Healthy Living
Presenter: Abigail Smith (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am
The Dirt on Native Plants: A Propagation and Education Program
Presenter: Michele Bakacs (NJ)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- 8:30 am - **NATURAL RESOURCES/AQUACULTURE SEMINARS**
 10:30 am DT - Skybridge 3
 Presiding: Ashley Longmore (UT),
 West Region Vice Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
 Master Foragers Connect with Nature and Build
 Community
 Presenter: Brooklyne Wassel (GA)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
 Ecological Landscaping in Florida: Enhancing
 Biodiversity and Resource Management
 Through Collaborative Education
 Presenter: Brooke Moffis (FL)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am
 People and Ponds: Adopting Shoreside Buffer
 Zones
 Presiding: Michelle Atkinson (FL)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am
 Missouri's Parks, Soils, & Water Sales Tax:
 One County's Rocky Road to Successful
 Implementation of Cost-Shared Best
 Management Practices
 Presenter: Darla Campbell (MO)
- 8:30 am - **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE SEMINARS**
 11:30 am DT - Skybridge 4
 Presiding: Matt Lollar (FL), Southern Region
 Vice Chair, Kate Kammler (MO), North Central
 Region Vice Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
 Heroes to Hives in Missouri
 Presenter: Travis Harper (MO)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
 Advancing IPM Through Cover Crops and Strip
 Tillage
 Presenter: Dwayne Joseph (MD)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am
 Promoting Soil Health: Key Takeaways from the
 Suwannee Valley Soil Health and Cover Crop
 Field Day
 Presenter: Jay Capasso (FL)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- 10:00 am - 10:30 - VACANT
- 10:30 - 11:00
 Developing Commercial Uses for Fruit Industry
 Waste Products
 Presenter: Taun Beddes (UT)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am
 Building Agritourism from the Ground Up:
 Inviting You to the Table
 Presenters: Kimberly Woodring (MT)
 Doolarie Singh-Knights (WV)
- 9:00 am - **SONS AND DAUGHTERS PROGRAM TOURS**
 5:00 pm **ORGANIZE AND DEPART**
 DT - Ballroom A
- 10:00 am - **BREAK**
 10:30 am DT - Trade Show area - 2nd/3rd floor
 Courtesy: Visit Billings and Billings Chamber of
 Commerce & Agriculture
- 11:45 am **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN**
 1:15 pm **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE LUNCHEON**
 DT - Ballroom A (Ticket Required)
 Presiding: Leslie Rose (NC), SFE Vice-Chair
 Presenter: Jodi DeJong-Hughes (MN) -
 Nat. Winner
 Topic: Soil Management Summit
 Presenter: Ginger Fenton (PA), - Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Building Resources to Respond to Farm
 Stress in Pennsylvania
 Presenter: Kent Stanford (AL)
 Topic: Alabama Drought Reach
 Presenter: Jake Hadfield (UT)
 Topic: Ag Wellness
 Courtesy: NACAA

TUESDAY, JULY 1

MEMBER

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES LUNCHEON**
DT - Ballroom B (Ticket Required)
Presiding: Ron Patterson (ID), SFE Vice-Chair
Presenter: Mallory Maher (SC) – Nat. Winner
Topic: Backyard Wildlife Habitat by Clemson® Extension

Presenter: Sarah Hirsh (MD) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: Cultivating Conservation
Presenter: Brooke Moffis (FL) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: Strategies in Residential Landscapes to Reduce Water Use and Attract Wildlife
Presenter: Reed Graham (KY) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: Breathitt County Natural Resources Education Canoe Trip
Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN FARM & RANCH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LUNCHEON,**
1:15 pm N - Babcock (Ticket Required)
Presiding: Anthony Ohmes (MO), SFE Vice-Chair
Presenter: Andrew Kness (MD) – Nat. Winner
Topic: Ag 101 – An Overview of Maryland Farming for Government Agricultural Service Providers
Presenter: Madeline Schultz (IA) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: Women Managing Farmland
Presenter: Lindie Huffman (KY) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: Business of Farming
Presenter: Audrey Comerford (OR) - Nat. Finalist
Topic: The Oregon State University Extension Agricultural Tourism Program
Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSUMER & COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE PROGRAM LUNCHEON,**
1:15 pm N - Hart Albin (Ticket Required)
Presiding: David Handley (ME), SFE Vice-Chair
Presenter: Carmen Flammini (AL), - Nat. Winner
Topic: Hydroponic Workshop for Home Gardeners and Educators
Presenter: Donna Aufdenberg (MO), - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Training Extension Educators in Hydroponics Across Missouri

TUESDAY, JULY 1

MEMBER

Presenter: Celine Richard (NC), - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Pawpaw Field Day
Presenter: Natalie Bumgarner (TN), - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Collaborative Intern Training
Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROGRAM LUNCHEON**
1:15 pm DT - Ballroom C
Presiding: Linda McLanahan (KY) - Nat. Chair
Presenter: Ashley Edwards (LA), - Nat. Winner
Topic: Extension Programs Aim to Improve Reproductive Efficiency for Cattle Producers
Presenter: Melanie Barkley (PA), - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Meat and Taste with Extension
Presenter: Jeremiah Davis (AL) - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Seasonal Extension Programming to Support Commercial Poultry Production
Presenter: Ashley Hall (AZ)
Topic: University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Artificial Insemination Clinic
Courtesy: National Pork Board

11:45 am - **ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERS LUNCHEON & MEETING,** DT - Skyview 1 & 2 (Ticket Required)
3:00 pm Presiding: Scott Jensen (ID), President
Presenter: Dr. Jaye Hamby - USDA NIFA Director
Hosted by: NACAA

11:45 am - **PIPELINE AG SAFETY ALLIANCE EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON,**
1:15 pm N - Ballroom North & South (Ticket Required)
Program: Coexisting Safely: Farming and Utility Infrastructure
Moderator: Aaron Esser (WA), NACAA West Region Director
Sponsored by: Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance

2:00 pm - **SUPER SEMINAR – DESIGNING EDUCATIONAL BOARD GAMES FOR AGRICULTURAL LEARNING**
5:00 pm DT - Skyview 1 & 2
Hosted by: NACAA Teaching & Educational Technologies Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 1**SUPER SEMINAR - THE COMPLEX TREE SYSTEM**

N - Babcock

Presenting: Dr. Peter Kolb, Montana State University Forestry Specialist; Dr. Drew Zwart, Barlett Tree Research Laboratories

Sponsored by: Bartlett Tree Experts

SUPER SEMINAR - CLIMATE DATA, TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION

N - Hart Albin

Hosted by: North Central Climate Collaborative & USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

SUPER SEMINAR - LEVERAGING AI FOR EXTENSION SUCCESS: TOOLS, TECHNIQUES, AND INSIGHTS

DT - Ponderosa Room (22nd floor)

Hosted by: NACAA Teaching & Educational Technologies & Early Career Committees

2:00 pm **TRADE SHOW/EXHIBITS TEAR DOWN**

5:00 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd Floors

4:00 pm - **NACAA BOARD RECEPTION**

5:30 pm DT - Governor's Suite (Invitation only)

4:30 pm - **FORMAL PICTURE OPPORTUNITY**

6:30 pm Location: DT - foyer outside Ballrooms ABC

5:00 pm - **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**

Location: DT - Sky Bridge Rooms 1-4

6:00 pm **ANNUAL BANQUET**8:30 pm **(4 LOCATIONS - SEE TICKET FOR ASSIGNED LOCATION) - Doors open at 6:00 - Start: 6:30**

DT - Ballrooms ABC

N - Grand Ballroom

DT - Ponderosa Room (22nd Floor)

DT - Conference room 5

(Ticket Required)

TUESDAY, JULY 16:00 pm **SONS AND DAUGHTERS FAREWELL PARTY**

8:30 pm DT - Skyview Rooms 1-2

9:00 pm - **PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**

10:30 pm Location: DT - Governor's Suite

Courtesy: Idaho Association

10:00 pm **MONTANA TEAM MEETING**

DT - Skyview 1 & 2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27:00 am - **BREAKFAST**

8:00 am DT - Ballroom

Courtesy: NACAA & MONTANA

7:00 am - **ASSEMBLE FOR PROFESSIONAL**9:00 am **IMPROVEMENT TOURS**

DT - Bus loop and street

8:00 am - **TOUR DEPARTURES**

5:00 pm check your ticket time

5:00 pm - **FAREWELL DINNER**

7:30 pm Pub Station

Sponsored by: Montana Beef Council and Montana Lamb Board

5:00 pm - Buses will run from Pub Station for individuals staying at outer hotels

9:00 pm **MONTANA TEAM MEETING**

DT - Skyview 1 & 2

THURSDAY, JULY 37:00 am **NACAA BOARD MEETING**

6:00 pm N - Enterprise Boardroom

TRADE TALK SESSION TOPICS:

*(Concurrent Sessions held
Monday afternoon, June 30, 2025)*

FORAGE/TURF, SAFETY, FINANCIAL N - Hart Albin

Barenbrug

Got Grass? Want Grass? Barenbrug USA, a division of the Royal Barenbrug Group of the Netherlands, is one of the world's leading grass seed companies. Whether you need grass to feed livestock, grass for sports activities or grass for your personal greenspace we have the variety for you.

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Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance (PASA)

*Coexisting Safely: Utilities & Farm Operations
Farming Safely Around Utilities*

Whether it's installing a new fence, planting a garden, or putting in drain tile, every ground disturbing activity has the potential to impact a utility. Join us to get a snapshot of the best practices to preventing damage to buried utilities while keeping land and communities safe. This will be a shortened version of our Luncheon on Tuesday. For more information on PASA, visit PipelineAgSafetyAlliance.com.

Farm Credit

Headwinds for YBS producers

Young, Beginning and Small producers face a number of significant challenges in today's environment – high cost of land, access to capital, economies of scale and experience gaps just to name a few. With the average age of US farmer nearing 60 years old, the importance of finding remedies to these issues is as important as ever. Despite the head winds, there are options help YBS producers succeed through and partners like FSA, AgWest's AgVision program, mentorship groups and other industry members that recognize the importance of helping the agriculture industry make this transition.

Speaker Profile: Morgan Densberger

Morgan Densberger is Senior Vice President for Eastern Montana at AgWest Farm Credit. He has spent the past 11 years with AgWest,



serving the farming and ranching industries financing needs through a team of lenders across Eastern Montana. He focuses on building meaningful relationships with Montana's farmers and ranchers through even-handed access to capital and strives to help their customers and rural communities thrive. Morgan graduated from Montana State University in 2014.

ANIMAL SCIENCE/CROP SCIENCE DT - Conference Room 5

Merck Animal Health

SenseHub® Vence - Ranching Reimagined for Profitability, Stewardship, and Legacy

Speaker: CK Wisniewski (Vee-schneff-skee)

Title: Associate Director, Rancher Success- Vence at Merck Animal Health

Bayer CropScience

Bayer CropScience is a division of Bayer AG focused on agricultural innovation. It provides seeds, crop protection products, and digital farming solutions to help farmers increase yields sustainably. Through science and technology, Bayer supports global food security while promoting environmental stewardship and advancing modern, climate-smart agricultural practices. Bayer representatives will be on-hand to discuss their latest initiatives.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL & RETIREMENT BENEFITS DT - Conference Room 1

Explorations by Thor

Come and discuss travel opportunities with NACAA! Explorations by Thor and NACAA have partnered together to offer a variety of excursions exploring international and domestic farms, culture and culinary experiences. We will also open the floor to any questions you might have related to travel.

AARP

Engaging Montanans Across the State: Collaborative Opportunities Between AARP State Offices and University Extension Programs.

2025 SERVICE TO AMERICAN/WORLD AGRICULTURE AWARD RECIPIENT

Justen Smith

**Executive Director of Extension Agriculture & Natural
Resources Department & Extension Professor
Utah State University**

Justen Smith has dedicated his career to advancing agricultural education, extension programming, and global outreach. He started with Utah State University Extension as an Assistant Professor and County Extension Agent in 2002, he quickly established himself as a leader in the field. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 2008, and reached the rank of Extension Professor in 2017.



Over the past 26 years, Justen has played a pivotal role in strengthening agricultural systems and improving the lives of farmers both in the United States and across the world.

Professional Experience and Leadership

As the Director and Department Head of the Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Department at Utah State University, Justen has led statewide extension programs, ensuring that farmers and agricultural professionals have access to the latest research, training, and resources. His leadership as State Agriculture Extension Program Leader has further expanded the reach of these programs, benefiting communities throughout Utah and beyond.

Throughout his career, Justen has successfully secured over \$11 million in grants and external funding, directly supporting extension initiatives and agricultural development. One of his notable achievements was leading the effort to secure \$1.2 million in funding for the construction of the USU Extension building in Davis County, providing a dedicated space for agricultural education and outreach.

In addition to administrative leadership, Justen has created and implemented innovative programs that have left a lasting impact. His Cultures Around the World Youth Diversity Education Program has broadened students' understanding of global agricultural practices, while the 4-H High Adventure Program has provided hands-on learning experiences for youth interested in agriculture and natural resources.

International Impact

Justen's expertise in livestock management and agricultural extension services has been recognized on a global scale. He has worked in 24 countries across Africa, the Middle

East, Latin America, and beyond, providing critical technical assistance to farmers and agricultural organizations. His work with USAID, USDA, and international NGOs has helped to improve livestock production, enhance food security, and develop sustainable agricultural practices in diverse regions. His contributions in Iraq, for example, have been particularly impactful. He helped establish Iraq's first feed analysis laboratories, provided technical training for newly-formed 4-H Sheep Clubs, and assisted in the development of commercial cattle and sheep feedlots throughout the country. In South Sudan and Uganda, Justen played a key role in drafting a 25-year master plan for agricultural infrastructure, a project that will guide the nation's agricultural growth for decades to come.

From Lebanon to Armenia, Paraguay to the Philippines, Justen has worked with local farmers, government agencies, and universities to improve agricultural education and extension systems. Whether advising the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon on emergency livestock aid or working with dairy producers in Uganda, his efforts have led to tangible improvements in food production and sustainability worldwide.

Research and Creative Accomplishments

Justen's influence extends beyond direct service—his research and scholarly work have contributed significantly to agricultural knowledge and best practices. He has authored or co-authored 13 peer-reviewed journal articles, 6 peer-reviewed abstracts, 12 technical guides, 10 fact sheets, a handbook, and 11 published proceedings. His expertise has been sought after at international conferences, where he has delivered presentations on agricultural development, livestock management, and extension methodologies.

His ability to translate research into action is evident in the large-scale outreach events he has organized. USU Baby Animal Days, which he launched in 2012, has attracted over 35,000 attendees, providing families with an opportunity to learn about agriculture and animal husbandry while generating crucial funding for extension programs. The 4-H Donated Meat Program, another of his initiatives, has provided over 1 million pounds of meat to food banks and families in need.

Recognition and Lasting Impact

Justen's career is marked by a relentless commitment to improving agriculture at home and abroad. His work has transformed extension programming in Utah, provided critical agricultural support in developing countries, and shaped the next generation of agricultural professionals through education and mentorship. His efforts have strengthened food security, promoted sustainability, and fostered international collaboration in ways that will have a lasting impact for years to come.

2025 AM/PIC SPEAKER PROFILES

Dr. Cody Stone

Montana State University Extension Director

For 20 years, Cody Stone has engaged clientele and faculty through his work with Extension in Texas and Montana. In Texas, he served as an Extension Agent, 4-H Specialist, and Regional Program Director. Cody and his wife Mary moved to Montana in 2005 to begin work at the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development where he served as the Volunteer and Leadership Development Specialist before becoming the Director of the 4-H Center and State 4-H Program Leader. Cody has served three years as the Associate Director of MSU Extension. After a nationwide search Cody was selected in August 2018 as the Extension Director. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Texas A&M University and a Doctorate in Adult and Higher Education from Montana State University.



Dwayne Fisher (ID)

Farmer & VP of Marketing and partner at Champion Produce Sales

Dwayne Fisher had the privilege of growing up in small town America, Parma, Idaho. Active in 4-H and FFA his entire life. He served as the Idaho State FFA President from 1993-94. That same year his long-time best friend, who he met at the county fair as teens, served as the Idaho State FFA Secretary. Two years after their officer service, they were married. Dwayne and Tracy are the parents of 8 kids and now enjoy grandparent life with their 8 grand kids. Dwayne graduated with his bachelor's degree from Boise State University in Marketing Management. Upon graduation they moved to his aunt and uncle's farm in Homedale, Idaho to help run the family business and raise their family. He, along with his cousin and 3 of their children or children's spouses are currently running their row crop farm and onion packing facility. Dwayne is also the VP of Marketing and partner



at Champion Produce Sales. The team at Champion markets for five onion packing facilities year-round and distribute around 100 semi loads of onions each week across the nation. When not growing and selling onions, Dwayne & Tracy, along with their family run a club lamb & goat operation with 300 head of mature ewes and 40 head of does. They do extensive Embryo transfer work and market their livestock across the nation. Dwayne and Tracy are active members of their church and serve in many capacities. Dwayne is also the Vice-Chairman of the Homedale School District.

Taylor Brown

President Northern Ag Network

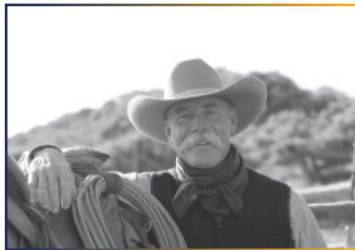
Taylor, the president of the Northern Ag Network, is widely known as one of the nation's leaders in the field of agricultural broadcasting and has played a huge role in western agriculture since he joined the Northern Ag Network as a regional farm broadcaster in 1979. Today he and his wife Shannon own the Northern Broadcasting System, and its flagship radio station KGHL (AM790 and 94.7FM) in Billings. A past National President of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting, Taylor also served 12 years as the President of the NAFB Foundation. His many achievements in the broadcasting industry include being named America's "Farm Broadcaster of the Year" and receiving the "Oscar in Agriculture" award for radio and being inducted into the NAFB Hall of Fame in 2010. Taylor was awarded an honorary doctorate from Montana State University at the fall commencement of 2021. Taylor's signature voice is widely known across the state and region.



Randy Rieman

Randy Rieman is a lifelong cowboy who began his career on cow-calf operations and grazing associations in the Gallatin Valley in Montana, some 45 years ago. His passion for the working cow horse took him to a large stocker operation on the San Benito Cattle Company, a Spanish land grant ranch in California's Salinas Valley. He later spent a decade as the colt starter for the Parker Ranch in Hawaii, one of the largest privately-owned cattle ranches in the United States. Throughout his career, Randy has also been known as a musician and

sought-after reciter of classic cowboy poetry, who has performed at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering since its beginnings. Today, he continues his work with horses and people from his home base in Choteau, Montana, which he shares with his partner, Jenn Swanson.



Dr. Jaye L. Hamby
Director, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Dr. Jaye L. Hamby is the director of the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the extramural funding agency in the USDA Research, Education and Economics Mission Area.



Prior to joining NIFA, Dr. Hamby led and directed hundreds of proprietary research efforts, specializing in concept testing, product marketing, value driver analysis, and farm demographic trends. His consultative expertise includes the agronomy, livestock, and farm machinery markets. He has assisted with the launch of numerous crop protection products and authored field sales and competitive positioning manuals.

Dr. Hamby, a Tennessee native, graduated from the University of Tennessee's College of Agriculture with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education. Following his selection as a Harry S. Truman Scholar, he attended Oklahoma State University and earned master's and doctoral degrees in agricultural education with a specialization in agricultural economics. He was an active 4-H'er and a national FFA officer.

Dr. Jaye L. Hamby was appointed as the USDA NIFA Director on March 20, 2025.

**LIFE MEMBER &
 SPOUSE PROGRAM
 2025 NACAA ANNUAL MEETING**

(Life Members & Spouses are welcome to attend General Sessions and Voting Delegate Session)

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- 8:00 am - **REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**
- 7:00 pm **DROP OFF**
 N - 2nd floor foyer
 AUCTION ITEMS can also be dropped off at -
 DT - Conference Room 2
- 8:00 am - **LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES HOSPITALITY ROOM**
- 5:00 pm N - Enterprise Boardroom
- 9:00 am - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW**
- 1:00 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd floors
- 9:00 am - **NACAA POSTER SESSION SETUP**
- 1:00 pm DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
 Coordinator: Brian Haller (AR), Research &
 Educational Posters Committee Chair
- 12:00 pm - **PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS &**
- 2:00 pm **BOARD LUNCHEON**, DT Skyview 1 and 2
 Presiding: Keith Mickler (GA), Past President
- 1:00 pm - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW**,
- 6:30 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd floors
- 2:00 pm - **FIRST LADY'S OPEN HOUSE**
- 4:00 pm D - Governor's Suite
 (Invitation Only)
- 2:00 pm - **LIFE/SPOUSE ORIENTATION**
- 3:00 pm N - Ballroom
- 2:00 pm - **NACAA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**
- 5:00 pm **ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
MEETING, DT - Skyview 1 and 2
 Presiding: Cynthia Gregg (VA), NACAA
 Educational Foundation President

LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSE

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- 3:00 pm - **PARENT ORIENTATION FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS PROGRAM**
N - South Ballroom
- 3:00 pm - **FIRST TIMER ORIENTATION & SOCIAL**
4:30 pm Hooligans Pub (Offsite location - walk)
Presiding: JJ Jones (AR), President- Elect
- 4:30 pm - **WELCOME TO MONTANA DINNER**
6:30 pm Pub Station (Offsite location - walk)
(Ticket Required)
Courtesy: NACAA, AARP, AgWest
- 7:00 pm - **OPENING SESSION & INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM**, Alberta Bair Theater (offsite - walk)
9:00 pm
 - Welcome & Comments –Scott Jensen (ID), NACAA President
 - Posting of Colors
 - National Anthem - performed by: Chris Bengochea
 - Pledge of Allegiance - Felixe, Beau, and Oliver Becker (MT)
 - Indigenous Prayer & Dance
 - State Flag Presentation - Video produced by Colt Knight (ME)
 - Presentation of Service to American/World Ag Award – Scott Jensen (ID), NACAA President
 - Justen Smith– Utah State University
 - Introduction of Speakers – by Scott Jensen (ID) NACAA President
 - Welcome by Dr. Cody Stone, Executive Director of Montana State University Extension
 - Keynote Speaker – Dwayne Fisher (ID), VP Marketing and partner at Champion Produce Sales
 - Closing Announcements –Shelley Mills and Patrick Mangan, AM/PIC Co-Chairs
- 9:00 pm **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Outside Alberta Bair Theater walk back
Courtesy: Advanced Composting Technologies
- 9:00 pm - **HOSPITALITY ROOMS**
11:00 pm DT - Ponderosa Room, 22nd floor
- 10:00 pm **MONTANA AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**
DT - Skyview 1 and 2

MONDAY, JUNE 30

- 8:00 am - **LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES HOSPITALITY ROOM**
5:00 pm N - Enterprise Boardroom
- 6:30 am - **REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**
7:00 pm **DROP OFF (AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF CONCLUDES AT 12:00 NOON)**
N - 2nd floor foyer
AUCTION ITEMS can also be dropped off at -
DT - Conference Room 2
- 6:30 am - **VOTING DELEGATES BREAKFAST**
7:45 am N - Ballroom South (Invitation only)
Presiding: Donna Beliech (MS), NACAA Secretary
Courtesy: NACAA
- 8:00 am - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW**,
4:00 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd floors
- 8:00 am - **NACAA POSTER JUDGING**
10:00 am DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
- 10:00 am - **BREAK AND MEET THE AUTHORS POSTER SESSION**, DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
10:30 am Courtesy: Wyoming Association of County Agricultural Agents & Bravera Bank
- 10:00 am - **LIFE MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING**
11:30 am N - Ballroom South
Presiding: Steven Munk (SD), National Chair
- 11:45 am **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSES PROGRAM**
1:15 pm **COMBINED LUNCHEON** (Ticket Required)
N - Ballroom South
Guest Speaker - Randy Rieman
- 1:30 pm - **LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSE TOURS**
4:00 pm Location: N - Ballroom South - Tours leave promptly after luncheon
- TOUR 1 - YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MUSEUM**
- TOUR 2 - HERITAGE CENTER**
- TOUR 3 - BEN SWANKE SADDLERY, INC.; BUCKAROO BUSINESS, "KEEPING THE TRADITIONS", AND RANDS CUSTOM HAT MAKERS**
- TOUR 4 - MARBLED MEAT COMPANY, MONTANA PREMIUM BEEF AND RANCH HOUSE MEATS**
- TOUR 5 - PICTOGRAPH STATE PARK**

MONDAY, JUNE 30

- 2:30 pm - **BREAK AND MEET THE AUTHORS POSTER SESSION**, DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor & DT - Trade Show area - 2nd/3rd floor
Courtesy: Oregon Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 3:00 pm - **POSTER REMOVAL/TAKE DOWN**
DT - Ponderosa Room - 22nd Floor
- 3:00 pm - **REGIONAL MEETINGS & CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS**
SOUTHERN Region, N - Grand Ballroom
NORTH CENTRAL Region, DT - Ballroom A
NORTHEAST Region, DT - Conference Room 5
WESTERN Region, DT - Ballroom C
- 6:00 pm - **STATES NIGHT OUT** - Billings Area
- 6:00 pm - **MONTANA TEAM DINNER** -
DT - Skyview 1-2
- 7:00 pm - **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW**, DT - Ballrooms ABC
- 8:00 pm - **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP LIVE AUCTION**
DT - Ballrooms ABC

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- 8:00 am - **REGISTRATION**
2:00 pm N - 2nd floor foyer
- 8:00 am - **LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES HOSPITALITY ROOM**
5:00 pm N - Enterprise Boardroom
- 6:30 am - **NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS BREAKFAST**
8:00 am DT - Ballroom C (Ticket Required)
(For all Present & Incoming Committee Members)
Recognition of Retiring Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs & Special Assignments
Presiding: Connie Strunk (SD), NACAA Vice President
Courtesy: NACAA
- 7:30 am - **LIFE/SPOUSE TOURS**
4:00 pm N - Ballroom North - Tours leave promptly at 8:00

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- TOUR 1 - GREYCLIFF MILL/MONTANA SILVERSMITH/SPECIAL K RANCH**
- TOUR 2 - SOUTHERN AG RESEARCH CENTER AND MOLSON'S COORS/VERMILLION**
- TOUR 3 - BIG HORN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTER, LITTLE BIG HORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT AND POMPEY'S PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT**
- TOUR 4 - RED LODGE**
- 8:00 am - **COMMERCIAL TRADE SHOW FLOORS OPEN FOR VISITORS**
2:00 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd floors
- 8:30 am - **VOTING DELEGATE SESSION**
11:30 am N - Ballroom South
- 10:00 am - **BREAK**
10:30 am DT - Trade Show area - 2nd/3rd floor
Courtesy: Visit Billings and Billings Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture
- 2:00 pm - **TRADE SHOW/EXHIBITS TEAR DOWN**
5:00 pm DT - 2nd and 3rd Floors
- 4:00 pm - **NACAA BOARD RECEPTION**
5:30 pm DT - Governor's Suite (Invitation only)
- 4:30 pm - **FORMAL PICTURE OPPORTUNITY**
6:30 pm Location: DT - foyer outside Ballrooms ABC
- 5:00 pm - **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 pm Location: DT - Sky Bridge Rooms 1-4
- 6:00 pm - **ANNUAL BANQUET**
8:30 pm **(4 LOCATIONS - SEE TICKET FOR ASSIGNED LOCATION) - Doors open at 6:00 - Start: 6:30**
DT - Ballrooms ABC
N - Grand Ballroom
DT - Ponderosa Room (22nd Floor)
DT - Conference room 5
(Ticket Required)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- 6:00 pm **SONS AND DAUGHTERS FAREWELL PARTY**
8:30 pm DT - Skyview Rooms 1-2
- 9:00 pm - **PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**
10:30 pm Location: DT - Governor's Suite
Courtesy: Idaho Association
- 10:00 pm **MONTANA TEAM MEETING**
DT - Skyview 1 & 2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

- 7:00 am - **BREAKFAST**
8:00 am DT - Ballroom
Courtesy: NACAA & MONTANA
- 8:00 am - **ASSEMBLE FOR PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS**
9:00 am DT - Bus loop and street
- 8:00 am - **TOUR DEPARTURES**
5:00 pm check your ticket time
- 5:00 pm - **FAREWELL DINNER**
7:30 pm Pub Station
Sponsored by: Montana Beef Council and Montana Lamb Board
- 5:00 pm - Buses will run from Pub Station for individuals staying at outer hotels
7:30 pm
- 9:00 pm **MONTANA TEAM MEETING**
DT - Skyview 1 & 2

THURSDAY, JULY 3

- 7:00 am **NACAA BOARD MEETING**
6:00 pm N - Enterprise Boardroom

**SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM
2025 NACAA ANNUAL MEETING****SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

- 8:00 am - **REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**
7:00 pm **DROP OFF**
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MONDAY, JUNE 30

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7:00 pm **DROP OFF (AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF CONCLUDES AT 12:00 NOON)**
N - 2nd floor foyer
AUCTION ITEMS can also be dropped off at -
DT - Conference Room 2
- 8:00 am - **SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM GATHER & DEPART**
5:00 pm DT - Ballroom A
- 5:00 pm **SONS & DAUGHTERS RETURN**
DT - Ballroom A
- 6:00 pm - **STATES NIGHT OUT** - Billings Area
8:00 pm
- 6:00 pm - **MONTANA TEAM DINNER** -
8:00 pm DT - Skyview 1-2

MONDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AND LIVE**
9:30 pm **AUCTION PREVIEW, DT -Ballrooms ABC**8:00 pm
NACAA SCHOLARSHIP LIVE AUCTION
DT -Ballrooms ABC

TUESDAY, JULY 1

8:00 am - **REGISTRATION**
2:00 pm N - 2nd floor foyer

9:00 am - **SONS AND DAUGHTERS PROGRAM TOURS**
5:00 pm **ORGANIZE AND DEPART**
DT - Ballroom A

5:00 pm **SONS & DAUGHTERS RETURN**
DT - Ballroom A

6:00 pm **SONS AND DAUGHTERS FAREWELL PARTY**
8:30 pm DT - Skyview Rooms 1-2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

7:00 am - **BREAKFAST**
8:00 am DT - Ballroom
Courtesy: NACAA & MONTANA

8:00 am - **ASSEMBLE FOR PROFESSIONAL**
9:00 am **IMPROVEMENT TOURS**
DT - Bus loop and street

8:00 am - **TOUR DEPARTURES**
5:00 pm check your ticket time

5:00 pm - **FAREWELL DINNER**
7:30 pm Pub Station
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SONS & DAUGHTERS

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Year	President	Location
1916-1919	Heaton, Ed	Chicago, IL
1920	Kennedy, C.N.	Chicago, IL
1920	A.J. Dexter	Chicago, IL
1921-1922	Mosher, ML	Chicago, IL
1923	Merrill, JW	Chicago, IL
1924	Perdue, Calvin	Chicago, IL
1925	Kirkpatrick, K A	Chicago, IL
1926	Hedge, J C	Chicago, IL
1927	Palm, A W	Chicago, IL
1928	Bucholz, A B	Chicago, IL
1929	Olda, R L	Chicago, IL
1930	McKay, Morgan	Chicago, IL
1931	Mayhew, Earl	Chicago, IL
1932	Whonsetler, J E	Chicago, IL
1933	Clough, R S	Chicago, IL
1934	Douglass, Ellwood	Chicago, IL
1935	Kerrigan, P N	Chicago, IL
1936	Abbott, H E	Chicago, IL
1937	McConnell, Bright	Chicago, IL
1938	Boyd, George W	Chicago, IL
1939	McCormick, Dewey Z	Chicago, IL
1940	Parker, J Ed Jr.	Chicago, IL
1941	Ryall, E V	Chicago, IL
1942	Keller, C C	Chicago, IL
1943	Toyne, L V	Chicago, IL
1944	Beck, E D	Chicago, IL
1945	MacDougall, Allister F	Chicago, IL
1946	Sill, Weber H	Chicago, IL
1947	Nichols, H M	Chicago, IL
1948	Sterling, Stuart	Chicago, IL
1949	Logan, John Henry	Denver, CO
1950	Carter, Rex	Chicago, IL
1951	Bay, Ed	Memphis, TN
1952	Hoar, Sherman	Chicago, IL
1953	Kerr, L J	Philadelphia, PA
1954	Brown, Joe T	Salt Lake City, UT
1955	Williams, E O	East Lansing, MI
1956	Farrington, Fletcher	N. Houston, TX
1957	McDougall, R H	Boston, MA
1958	Bunnell, Marion	Seattle, WA
1959	Walker, Orville F	Kansas City, MO
1960	Rose, Carl E	Miami, FL
1961	Campbell, Howard H	New York, NY
1962	Trierweiler, Bernard G	Las Cruces, NM
1963	Barger, Paul	Minneapolis, MN
1964	Cook, Elmo	New Orleans, LA
1965	Thurston, Joseph S	Pittsburgh, PA
1966	Hansen, N John	Honolulu, HI
1967	Kunau, G J	Omaha, NE
1968	Estess, Ansel	Lexington, KY
1969	Whipp, Roscoe N	Atlantic City, NJ

1970	Esplin, Grant M	Corvallis, OR
1971	Iverson, Larry	Columbus, OH
1972	Strohbehn, Douglas W	Atlanta, GA
1973	Hibbard, Russell E	Baltimore, MD
1974	Marek, Richard G	Tucson, AZ
1975	Goodwin, Norman J	Milwaukee, WI
1976	Kennedy, Thurman J	Richmond, VA
1977	Jones, Robert L	Hartford, CT
1978	Koester, Ed	Boise, ID
1979	Juchartz, Donald	Rapid City, SD
1980	Smith, James A	Oklahoma City, OK
1981	Firth, Leslie N	Cornell University, NY
1982	Roberts, Wayne	Billings, MT
1983	Merrick, A Daniel	Wichita, KS
1984	D'Armond, Reymond	New Orleans, LA
1985	Sorensen, Dave	Hershey, PA
1986	Dictson, Billy	Colorado Springs, CO
1987	Davis, Bob	Fargo, ND
1988	Witherspoon, William D. "Billy"	Charlotte, NC
1989	Curran, G. Richard	New Brunswick, NJ
1990	Phillips, Dave	Seattle, WA
1991	Hawbaker, Stuart	Peoria, IL
1992	Tatum, Hal	Little Rock, AR
1993	Kelly, William C	Baltimore, MD
1994	Warnock, Doug	Casper, WY
1995	Sifferath, Warren	Bloomington, MN
1996	Jenkins, Jamie	Nashville, TN
1997	Moramarco, Donna W	Burlington, VT
1998	Drost, Don	San Antonio, TX
1999	Gary Hall	Omaha, NE
2000	Curtis Grissom	Jackson, MS
2001	C. David McManus	Albuquerque, NM
2002	Eddie Holland	Savannah, GA
2003	Steven Munk	Green Bay, WI
2004	Frank FitzSimons	Orlando, FL
2005	Glenn Rogers	Buffalo, NY
2006	Mickey Cummings	Cincinnati, OH
2007	Chuck Otte	Grand Rapids, MI
2008	N. Fred Miller	Greensboro, NC
2009	Richard Gibson	Portland, OR
2010	Phil Pratt	Tulsa, OK
2011	Stan Moore	Overland Park, KS
2012	Paul D. Wigley	Charleston, SC
2013	Paul Craig	Pittsburgh, PA
2014	Henry D. Dorough	Mobile, AL
2015	Mike Hogan	Sioux Falls, SD
2016	Cynthia L. Gregg	Little Rock, AR
2017	R. Mark Nelson	Salt Lake City, UT
2018	Alan B. Galloway	Chattanooga, TN
2019	Richard H. Fechter	Fort Wayne, IN
2020	Gene McAvoy	Virginia Beach, VA (Virtual)
2021	J. Craig Williams	Philadelphia, PA (Virtual)
2022	Bill Burdine	West Palm Beach, FL
2023	Phil Durst	Des Moines, IA
2024	Keith Mickler	Dallas, TX
2025	Scott Jensen	Billings, MT

STATE PICTURES

Due to time constraints - there will be no formal State Pictures coordinated by NACAA. States are encouraged to take their own group photos (ideal time would be while at State's Night Out, or other large gatherings)...and then email those photo(s) to exec-dir@nacaa.com

NACAA will then post the photos on the NACAA website along with other photos taken throughout the conference.

Thank you for your understanding - and SMILE...in your pictures. We look forward to seeing your Happy Faces :)



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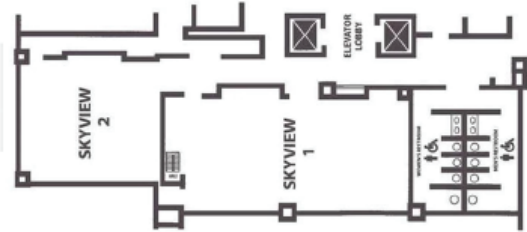
2026 - Denver, Colorado
July 8 - July 12

2027 - St. Paul, Minnesota
September 12-16

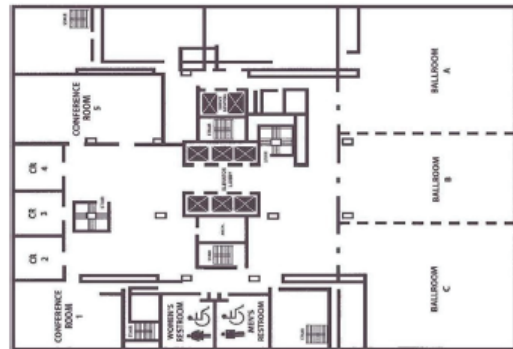
2028 - Atlanta, Georgia
August 6-10

Maps

20TH FLOOR MEETING FACILITIES



3RD FLOOR MEETING FACILITIES



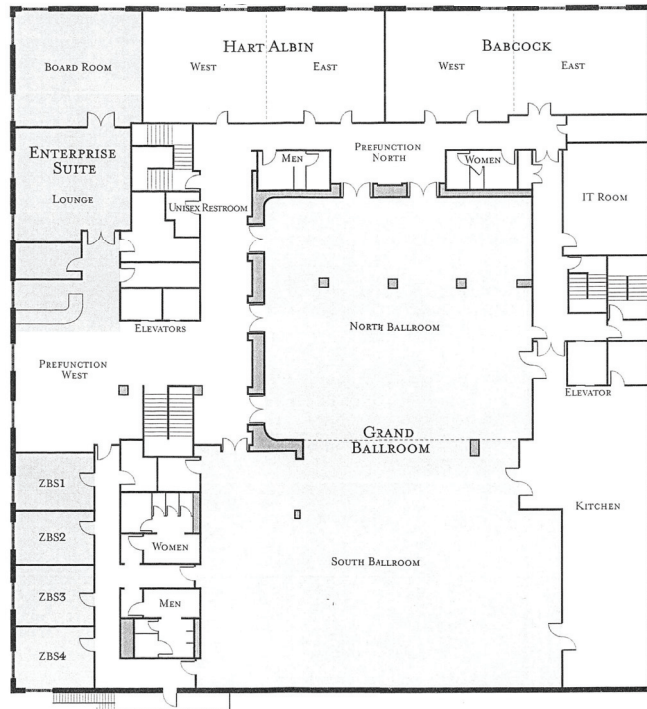
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- BALLROOMS
- GUEST SERVICES
- CONFERENCE ROOMS
- RESTROOMS
- ELEVATOR/STAIRS

First Floor



OTHER LOCATIONS ALBERTA BAIR THEATER, PUB STATION



HOTEL SHUTTLES

Homewood Suites - Ember Lane
 Hampton Inn & Suites - Billings West I-90
 Hampton Inn - Southgate
 Hilton Garden Inn Billings - Grant Road
 Shuttle schedule (buses will be running every 20-30 minutes depending on traffic)

June 29 (Sunday)	7:30 AM - 10:00 AM
June 29 (Sunday)	11:30 AM - 3:00 PM
June 29 (Sunday)	8:30 PM - 10:30 PM
June 30 (Monday)	6:00 AM - 9:00 AM
June 30 (Monday)	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
July 1 (Tuesday)	6:00 AM - 9:00 AM
July 1 (Tuesday)	5:00 PM - 10:30 PM
July 2 (Wednesday)	6:30 AM - 8:30 AM
July 2 (Wednesday)	5:00 PM - 7:30 PM





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