

111th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference July 8-12, 2026

National Association of
County Agricultural Agents



2026 NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

Sheraton Downtown Denver - Plaza Registration

Tuesday:	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday:	8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Thursday:	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday:	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday:	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday:	NOT OPEN - TOUR DAY

COMMERCIAL AND EDUCATION EXHIBITS

Plaza Exhibit

Wednesday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Set-up)
Wednesday:	1:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Thursday:	9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday:	9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday:	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm (Take-down)

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

POSTER DISPLAY

Plaza Exhibit

Wednesday:	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Set-up)
Wednesday:	1:00 pm - 6:30 pm (Open)
Thursday:	8:00 am - 10:00 am (Poster Judging)
Thursday:	9:00 am - 3:30 pm (Open)
Thursday:	10:20 am - 11:30 am (Meet the Authors)
Friday:	9:00 am - 3:30 pm (Open)

ANNUAL MEETING RIBBON COLOR GUIDE

National Board.....	Dark Blue
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National Committee Vice Chair.....	Orange
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Past National President.....	Purple
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Guest.....	White/Gold
First Timer.....	Maroon
Hall of Fame.....	Gray

Welcome to the 111th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference



National Association of County Agricultural Agents

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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JJ Jones
President

Welcome to the Denver: Agriculture with Altitude

Welcome to Denver, Colorado, for the 111th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. The Colorado Association of County Agricultural Agents, the NACAA Board, and I are excited to welcome you and showcase this year's theme: Agriculture with Altitude.

As you review this program book, you will notice that this year's conference differs from the traditional AM/PIC format. While the outstanding professional development opportunities you have come to expect remain in place, several changes have been made to maximize your experience in Denver.

The most noticeable change is the conference schedule. Traditionally, AM/PIC begins on Sunday and concludes on Thursday. This year, we will gather from Wednesday through Sunday. States Night Out has also been moved to Thursday evening. As always, the Scholarship Auction will take place that same evening, so be sure to join us for both events. On Friday night, attendees will have the opportunity to visit Colorado State University's innovative CSU Spur Campus for a special Friday night block party.

This week offers exceptional opportunities to learn from some of agriculture's most respected voices. We are honored to open the conference with Dr. Temple Grandin, internationally recognized for her groundbreaking work in designing humane livestock handling systems and for her advocacy and writing on autism, informed by her own experiences as a person on the autism spectrum. Her contributions have transformed animal welfare practices and deepened our understanding of animal behavior.

We are also pleased to welcome Dr. Jaye Hamby, Director of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), who will discuss how Extension and NIFA can continue

working together to support American agriculture and rural communities. Closing the conference will be Michele Payn, an acclaimed author and speaker who helps agricultural professionals effectively communicate the value of food and farming while building trust with consumers.

Of course, the heart of this conference is the work of NACAA members and the opportunity for professional growth. Friday and Saturday will feature more than 100 presentations delivered by fellow agents, highlighting innovative programs, successful initiatives, and measurable impacts in communities across the country. In addition, more than 120 posters will showcase outstanding Extension programming and research efforts.

Attendees will also benefit from our popular Super Seminars, Trade Talks, and presentations from national winners in the nine Search for Excellence award categories.

While you are here, please take time to visit the Trade Show and interact with our sponsors and donors. Their support helps make many NACAA awards and programs possible. Explore their exhibits, learn about their products and services, thank them for their partnership, and invite them to join your state during States Night Out.

The members of the Colorado Association of County Agricultural Agents have devoted countless hours to planning and hosting this conference. Their dedication and hard work have created what promises to be an exceptional experience for all attendees. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the NACAA Board for their commitment and attention to detail in ensuring the success of this event. Without their efforts, a conference of this magnitude would not be possible.

Thank you for joining us in Denver, the Mile High City. I hope you leave this conference with new knowledge, fresh ideas, valuable connections, and renewed inspiration to elevate your work and truly experience Agriculture with Altitude.

JJ Jones
NACAA President

Welcome to Colorado

Greetings from the Centennial State and welcome to Denver! The Colorado County Agent's Association is pleased to host the 111th NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement



Kurt Jones
Co-Chair



Bruce Fickenscher
Co-Chair

Conference. We are excited to showcase Colorado agriculture, hospitality, and some of the unique things that make Colorado State University special.

As our nation recognizes 250 years and Colorado celebrates our sesquicentennial anniversary, it is easy to reflect on history and wonder what it was like at previous AMPICs and other important milestones. A quick scroll to the back of this program will show that this event first came to Denver in 1949 after 30 years of being in Chicago. Imagine riding the train to attend the AMPIC. Thirty-seven years later, CCAA hosted this event in Colorado Springs at the Broadmoor Hotel. Forty years later, we are here again. Congratulations on your decision to attend this year...we cannot predict when CCAA will host again given our history!

We are excited to highlight several things throughout these five days together. Our opening event celebrates NACAA and some of the traditional activities associated with the AMPIC, concluding with remarks from Dr. Temple Grandin. Thursday evening helps to showcase downtown Denver with state's night out. Be sure to utilize the free mall ride shuttle to ease your travels along 16th Street. Friday is a Block Party featuring CSU SPUR, a Colorado State University offering that connects with PreK-12 students, elevates research, and provides services to the community. It's an educational destination in Denver, free and open to the public year-round. Celebrate colleagues at the annual banquet Saturday evening, then explore a taste of Colorado Agriculture on Sunday professional improvement tours, concluding at the Legacy Center located on the National Western Center. Our spouse and life members have exciting offerings throughout the week, and our sons & daughters' program is envious!

On behalf of the members of the Colorado County Agent's Association, we are honored to serve as AMPIC Co-Chairs. Enjoy your time in Denver and we hope you can spend more time in Colorado exploring this amazing place we get to call home.

Sincerely,
Kurt Jones and Bruce Fickenscher



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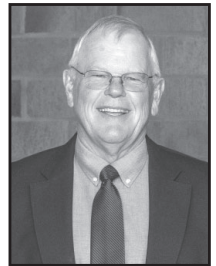
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MONDAY, JULY 6

8:00 am - HORTICULTURE PRE-TOUR

TUESDAY, JULY 7

7:30 am HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE PRE-TOUR,
ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR

8:00 am - NACAA BOARD MEETING
5:00 pm Directors Row F

3:00 pm - REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION
6:00 pm DROP OFF
Plaza Registration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

8:00 am - REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION
7:00 pm DROP OFF
Plaza Registration

9:00 am - NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
10:30 am Directors Row F

9:00 am - COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW SETUP
1:00 pm Plaza Exhibit

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- MEMBER**
- 9:00 am - **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE**
12:00 Plaza Court 6
Presiding: Jennifer Lutes (MO), Scholarship Committee Chair
- 10:00 am - **REGIONAL DIRECTORS/VICE DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**
12:00 Plaza Court 3
Presiding: Sherri Sanders (AR), Southern Region Director
- 12:00 pm - **PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD LUNCHEON**, Directors Row I
2:00 pm Presiding: Scott Jensen (ID), Past President
- 1:00 pm - **NACAA POSTER SESSION SETUP**
5:00 pm Plaza Exhibit
Coordinator: Brian Haller (AR), Research & Educational Posters Committee Chair
- 1:00 pm - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW**,
6:30 pm Plaza Exhibit
- 1:30 pm - **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**
3:00 pm Plaza Court 3
Presiding: Anna Duncan (TN), Leadership and Administrative Skills Committee Chair
- 2:00 pm - **FIRST LADY'S OPEN HOUSE**
4:00 pm Presidential Suite - Suite 3893
(Invitation Only)
- 2:00 pm - **LIFE/SPOUSE ORIENTATION**
3:00 pm Directors Row H
- 2:00 pm - **NACAA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**, Plaza Court 1
5:00 pm Presiding: Cynthia Gregg (VA), NACAA Educational Foundation President
- 4:30 pm - **WELCOME TO COLORADO DINNER**
6:30 pm Plaza Ballroom
(Ticket Required)
Courtesy: NACAA, CSU Chancellor's office
Entertainment: *All That Chicken*, which features CSU Extension Web Systems Coordinator Darrin Goodman. They describe themselves as, "Ben Burdette & Ben Guzman play fiddle and guitar music in Colorado. They and their pals, Bob Craig and Darrin Goodman, play great old music: Old Time, Cajun, Country, Cowboy, Mexican and Southwestern. Based in Boulder and Colorado Springs. The Colorado Front Range is their home territory."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- MEMBER**
- 5:30 pm - **STATE PRESIDENT FLAG CEREMONY REHEARSAL** -
6:00 pm Plaza Ballroom
Presiding: JJ Jones (AR) NACAA President
- 5:30 pm - **PARENT ORIENTATION FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS PROGRAM**
6:00 pm Directors Row H
- 7:00 pm - **OPENING SESSION & INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM**, Plaza Ballroom
9:00 pm
 - Welcome – JJ Jones, NACAA President
 - Posting of Colors - Colorado FFA Officers
 - National Anthem - Katelynne Good, Elbert County 4-H
 - Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge - Katelynne Good, Elbert County 4-H
 - State Flag Presentation – Todd Hagenbuch, Colorado
 - Welcome to Colorado - Kate Greenberg, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture
 - Keynote Speaker – Dr. Temple Grandin
 - Service to American /World Agriculture Award
 - Announcements – Kurt Jones
- 9:00 pm - **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
10:00 pm Plaza Ballroom
Courtesy: Nick Polanin, VP Candidate (NJ) and the Ag Agents Association of NJ (AAANJ)
- 9:30 pm - **HOSPITALITY ROOMS**
11:30 pm Sheraton Rooms
Minnesota - 3591
North Carolina - 3766
VP & Treasurer Candidates - 3612
- 10:00 pm **COLORADO AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**
Plaza Court 6

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 8:00 am - **REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**
5:00 pm **DROP OFF (AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF CONCLUDES AT 12:00 NOON)**
Plaza Registration

THURSDAY, JULY 9

6:45 am - **BAYER CROPSCIENCE BREAKFAST -**
 8:00 am **HOW BAYER USES E.L.Y. TO BETTER**
SUPPORT FARMERS IN THE FIELD
 Grand Ballroom II (Ticket Required)
 Presiding: Michael Rethwisch (CA), Chair -
 Agronomy & Pest Management
 Courtesy: Bayer CropScience LP
 Speaker: Robson Monastier, Agronomic Digital
 Innovation Lead, Bayer CropScience

CCA Recertification Credit will be offered with the Bayer CropScience Breakfast

6:45 am - **VOTING DELEGATES BREAKFAST**
 8:00 am Grand Ballroom I (Invitation only)
 Presiding: Joni Harper (MO, NACAA Secretary)
 Courtesy: NACAA

7:00 am - **LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES HOSPITALITY ROOM**
 5:00 pm Drinks, snacks and other refreshments
 throughout the day (Room 3512)

9:00 am - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW,**
 4:30 pm Plaza Exhibit

8:00 am - **NACAA POSTER JUDGING**
 10:00 am Plaza Exhibit

7:00 am - **SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM GATHER &**
 5:00 pm **DEPART AT 7:30 AM**
 Directors Row H

8:15 am - **LIFE MEMBER DENVER MINT (AM) TOUR**
 10:00 am **DEPARTURE - SEE TICKET FOR AM OR PM**
SESSION
 Directors Row H

8:30 am - **GENERAL SESSION**
 10:30 am Plaza Ballroom
 Presiding: JJ Jones, NACAA President

- Call to Order & Welcome – JJ Jones, NACAA President and
- Welcome - Rico Munn - CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and James Pritchett, Vice President for Engagement and Extension
- 2025 Happy Faces Video
- Recognition of Donors – Connie Strunk, NACAA President-Elect
- Dan Kluchinski Award – Nick Polanin
- 2030 Host Bid Presentation – North Carolina, Becky Spearman & Shawn Banks
- Keynote – Dr. Jaye Hamby, USDA, NIFA
- Announcements – Kurt Jones

THURSDAY, JULY 9

10:30am - **MEET THE AUTHORS POSTER SESSION**
 11:30 am Plaza Exhibit

10:00 am - **LIFE MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING**
 11:30 am Grand Ballroom 1
 Presiding: Steven Munk (SD), National Chair

11:45 am **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSES PROGRAM**
 1:15 pm **COMBINED LUNCHEON** (Ticket Required)
 Grand Ballroom 1
 Guest Speaker - Brandee Gillham

11:45 am **FIRST TIME ATTENDEE LUNCHEON**
 1:15 pm Grand Ballroom II
 Presiding: Connie Strunk (SD), President- Elect
 Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE - AGRICULTURE**
 1:15 pm **AWARENESS & APPRECIATION AWARD**
LUNCHEON
 Plaza Court 2/3
 Presiding: Anthony Ohmes, North Central Region Search for Excellence Vice, Chair & Bindu Poudel-Ward, Incoming Western Region
 Presenter: Morgan Pinkerson (FL) - Nat. Winner
 Topic: Reimagining Farm Tours: Increasing Agriculture Awareness and Appreciation through Social Media Content Creators
 Team Members: Hannah Eason, Matt Smith, JK (James) Yarborough, and Kevin Camm
 Presenter: Jennifer Davidson (AL) – Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Synergy Through Agency Partnerships: Exploring Nature Through Art - Project Learning Tree Educator Workshops
 Presenter: Will Jaremko-Wright (NM) - Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Tierra, Agua y la Gente: A Taoseño Film Series
 Courtesy: Bayer CropScience

11:45 am - **PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT &**
 1:15 pm **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE LUNCHEONS**

CROP PRODUCTION
 Plaza Court 4/5
 (Ticket Required)
 Presiding: Ron Patterson (ID), SFE Western Region Vice Chair
 Presenter: Ethan Carter (FL) – Nat. Winner

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Topic: UF Peanut Field Day
 Presenter: Leanne Martin (KY) – Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Kentucky-Tennessee Grain Improvement Conference
 Presenter: David Russell (AL) - Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Weed Management Strategies for Alabama Cropping Systems
 Presenter: Zheng Wang (CA) - Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Applied Research and Cooperative Extension Programs Support adoption of Grafted Watermelons in California
 Courtesy: NACAA

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

Directors Row I
 Presiding: Leslie Rose (NC), SFE Vice-Chair and Heather Gessner (SD), SFE National Chair
 Presenter: Bridget Stice (FL), - Nat. Winner
 Topic: A Land Remembered: Connecting Florida Youth to Ranching, Conservation, and Agricultural Heritage
 Team Members: Kendall Gill and Allie Williams
 Presenter: Natalia Rivera (PR), - Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Cuatro Patas 4-H: A Hands-On Youth Program Promoting Animal Welfare and Responsible Pet Guardianship
 Presenter: Becky Spearman (NC), Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Egg-cellent Egg Contest
 Team Members: Liz Lahti, Alex Kissinger, Richard Goforth, Margaret Ross
 Presenter: Mary McCarty (KY), - Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Agriculture Career Discovery Course
 Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am - **ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERS LUNCHEON & MEETING**, Governor's Square 11 (Ticket Required)
 3:00 pm Presiding: JJ Jones (AR), President
 Presenter: Dr. Jaye Hamby - USDA NIFA Director
 Hosted by: USDA NIFA

1:30 pm - **TRADE TALK CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**
 2:30 pm **OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**
 (See page 40-41 for Topic Descriptions)

FORAGE/TURF, SAFETY, FARM BUSINESS

Governor's Square 14
 Participants: Barenbrug, Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance, Farm Credit

THURSDAY, JULY 9

ANIMAL SCIENCE, CROP SCIENCE

Governor's Square 15
 Participants: Bayer Crop Science, National Pork Board

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL & FINANCIAL PLANNING

Governor's Square 10
 Participants: Explorations by Thor, AARP

1:15 pm - **LIFE MEMBER TOURS/ SPOUSE PROGRAM**
 1:30 pm **TOURS ORGANIZE AND DEPART**
 Directors Row H

3:00 pm - **REGIONAL MEETINGS & CANDIDATE**
 5:00 pm **PRESENTATIONS**
 SOUTHERN Region, Grand Ballroom I
 NORTH CENTRAL Region, Ballroom II
 NORTHEAST Region, Governor's Square 17
 WESTERN Region, Governor's Square 16

6:00 pm - **STATES NIGHT OUT** - Dinner with your state
 8:00 pm association

7:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AND LIVE**
 9:30 pm **AUCTION PREVIEW**, Plaza Ballroom

8:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP LIVE AUCTION**
 Plaza Ballroom

10:00 pm **COLORADO AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**
 Plaza Court 6

FRIDAY, JULY 10

6:45 am **SONS AND DAUGHTERS GATHER FOR**
 7:15 am **TOURS DEPART AT 7:15 AM**
 Location: Directors Row H

7:45 am **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSE TOURS DEPART**
 8:00 am **AT 8:00 AM** Location: Directors Row H

8:00 am - **REGISTRATION**
 2:00 pm Plaza Registration

7:00 am - **LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES HOSPITALITY ROOM**
 5:00 pm Drinks, snacks and other refreshments throughout the day (Room 3512)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 7:00 am - **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECOGNITION**
 8:30 am **BREAKFAST**, Grand Ballroom II
 Presiding: Ed Lentz (OH), Recognition & Awards Committee Chair
 Courtesy: American Income Life Insurance Company (Invitation Only)
- 8:30 am - **VOTING DELEGATE SESSION**
 11:30 am Grand Ballroom I
- 9:00 am - **COMMERCIAL TRADE SHOW FLOORS OPEN**
 3:30 pm **FOR VISITORS**
 Plaza Exhibit
- 8:30 am - **EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**
 11:30 am **SEMINARS**
- 8:30 am - **EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT**
 11:30 am Governor's Square 10
 Presiding: Daniela Roland (PA), Northeast Region Vice-Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
 From Chaotic to Charismatic: Harnessing Type B Energy for High-Impact Extension Programming
 Presenter: Kati Lawson (FL)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
 Sharing Your Work Through the Journal of Extension
 Presenter: Jason de Koff (TN)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am
 From Soil Tests to Self-Discovery: Lessons from My First Three Years in Extension
 Presenter: Jemila Chellappa (ID)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am
 Break
- 10:30 - 11:00 am
 Regional Working Groups as a Mentorship Model for Early Career Success
 Presenter: Caitlin Justesen (FL)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am
 Lessons from the Field: Using Farm Visits and Pasture Walks to Strengthen Extension Impact
 Presenter: Ashley Stonecipher (FL)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 8:30 am - **LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS**
 11:30 am **SEMINARS**
 Governor's Square 16
 Presiding: Anna Duncan (TN), National Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
 Retention strategies that empower Master Gardener Volunteers
 Presenter: Cynthia Nazario-Leary (FL)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
 Using SWOT to Build Leadership Accountability in Cooperative Extension
 Presenter: Kevin Camm (FL)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am
 Strengthening Local Relationships in a "Tough County"
 Presenter: Kalen Taylor (UT)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am
 Break
- 10:30 - 11:00 am
 Passing It On: Setting Up the Next County Agent for Success
 Presenter: Shannon Williams (ID)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am
 Building the Small Team Atmosphere
 Presenter: Brooklynne Wassel(GA)
- 8:30 am - **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES**
 11:30 am Governor's Square 11
 Presiding: MJ Fisher (ID), Western Region Vice-Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am
 New Tools for Addressing Depredation and Assessing Scope of Impact
 Presenters: Ethan Gilliam (UT)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am
 Utilizing Peer to Peer Learning and a Regional Approach to Connect Idaho's Farmer Veterans with Risk Management Education and Each Other
 Presenters: Arial Agenbroad & Connie May (ID)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

9:30 - 10:00 am

A Blueprint for Connection: Using Regional Research to Strengthen Campus-County Extension Relationships
Presenters: Ashley Adair & Marty Huseman (IN)

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 - 11:00 am

Engaging Women Producers Through Targeted Utah Extension Programming
Presenters: Melanie Heaton, Reganne Briggs, Brooke Holgate, Rebekah Esplin Iverson & Maggi Mathews (UT)

11:00 - 11:30 am

Women in Ag Conference Brings Together Iowa's Agricultural Leaders
Presenters: Lisa Scarbrough, Madeline Schultz, Patrick Hatting & Ryan Drollette (IA)

8:30 am -
11:00 am

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES SEMINARS

Governor's Square 17
Presiding: Travis Harper (MO), North Central Region Vice Chair and David Yates (TN) National Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am

A Comprehensive Approach to Enhancing IPM Extension Programming
William Errickson (NJ)

9:00 - 9:30 am

From Classroom to Field: Hands-On and Interactive Learning for Crop Scouts
Presenter: Rebecca Vittetoe (IA)

9:30 - 10:00 am

Tree Tips: Expanding Extension Urban Forestry Education to Nearly 100,000 Viewers Through Short-Form Video
Presenter: Hannah Eason (FL)

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break

FRIDAY, JULY 10

10:30 - 11:00 am

Promoting a Culture of AI Literacy at Ohio State University Extension
Presenter: Lee Beers (OH)

11:00 - 11:30 am

Impact Without the Agent: Tools to Determine Engagement from Nontraditional Education
Presenter: Steven Yergeau (NJ)

8:30 am -
11:30 am

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL SEMINARS

8:30 am -
11:30 am

4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Plaza Court 2/3
Presiding: Genevieve Christ (PA), Northeast Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am

A Land Remembered: Ranching, Conversation and Working Lands
Presenters: Bridget Stice, Kendall Gill, Allie Williams (FL)

9:00 - 9:30 am

Showmanship Success: Training Youth and Volunteers
Presenter: Ashley Stonecipher (FL)

9:30 - 10:00 am

Embryology in the Classroom
Presenter: Courteney Sisk (AR)

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 - 11:00 am

Junior Master Gardener Program Expands Reach Using In-School Club Format
Presenter: Tonya K. Ashworth (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am

Growing Agricultural Literacy: A Seasonal Approach to Youth Extension Education
Presenter: Emily Beach (FL)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 8:30 am - 11:30 am** **AG ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
Silver
Presiding: Nathan Hulinsky (MN), Robyn North
Central Region Vice Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am**
Farm Transfer Education
Presenter: Nathan Hulinsky (MN)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am**
2025 Small Farm Start-up School: Teaching New
Beginner Farmers Business Planning, Including
Crop and Animal Production
Presenter: Luis Rodriguez (FL)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am**
Using Grain Marketing Workshop Curriculum to
Build an Online Course and to Expand Teaching
Capacity of County Extension Educators
Presenter: Wm. Bruce Clevenger (OH)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am**
Break
- 10:30 - 11:00 am**
Farm Well - Building Farmer Mental Health and
Resilience
Presenter: Jennifer Bearden (FL)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am**
Beyond the Auction Social Impacts of
Nebraska's Livestock Sale Barns
Presenter: Randy Saner (NE)
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am** **AGRONOMY AND PEST MANAGEMENT SEMINARS**
Governor's Square 12
Presiding: Chris Grimes (AR), Southern Region
Vice Chair and Jenny Brehl, North Central
Region Vice Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am**
The Extension Connection: How Farmers and
Ag Professionals Really Want to Receive Crop
Management Information
Presenter: David Nicolai (MN)

CCA Recertification Credit will be offered with the Agronomy oral presentations

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 9:00 - 9:30 am**
What I Have Learned About Variable Rate
Seeding for Rice, Corn and Soybeans
Presenter: Stewart Runsick (AR)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am**
Engaging in Multi-State Collaborations to
Enhance Florida's Rice Variety Program
Presenter: Matthew vanWeeden (FL)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am**
Break
- 10:30 - 11:00 am**
Identifying Weed Threats to Ohio Soybean
Production
Presenter: Stephanie Karhoff (OH)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am**
Optimizing Phosphorus Fertilizer Rates in
Alfalfa Hay Production by Using Tissue Testing
Presenter: Steven Norberg (WA)
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am** **HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS SEMINARS**
Governor's Square 14
Presiding: Haley Sater (MD), Northeast Region
Vice Chair
- 8:30 - 9:00 am**
On the Same Branch
Presenter: Mayerling Tatiana Sanchez-Jones (FL)
- 9:00 - 9:30 am**
Extension Education on Attracting Wildlife
Creates Eco-friendly Landscapes
Presenter: Tiare Saracino (FL)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am**
Which Tour Type is Best for Extension Gardens?
Presenter: Jamielyn Daugherty (FL)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am**
Break
- 10:30 - 11:00 am**
Lessons Learned When Developing Bilingual
Food Safety Front-line Worker Training Program
Presenter: Elena Rogers (NC)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

11:00 - 11:30 am

Organic Solutions to Control Brassica Insect Pests

Presenter: Haley Sater (MD)

8:30 am –
11:30 am

ANIMAL SCIENCE SEMINARS

Governor's Square 15

Presiding: Earl Ward (OK), Southern Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am

Livestock Fecal Egg Counting Workshops

Presenter: Melanie Barkley (PA)

9:00 - 9:30 am

Calf Pulling Demonstrations Designed for Cattlemen

Presenter: Alicia Halbritter (FL)

9:30 - 10:00 am

From Lambing School to Risk Management Education: Building Sheep and Goat

Programming in Utah

Presenters: Ashley Longmore & Chad Page (UT)

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 - 11:00 am

Listening First: How Producer Feedback Shaped a Newborn Lamb and Kid Care Extension Curriculum

Presenters: Jacci Smith, Rob Leeds (OH)

11:00 - 11:30 am

The Digital Hayfield: Leveraging Logic-Based Frameworks for Forage Planning

Presenter: Mercedes Moffett (MN)

8:30 am -
11:30 am

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES SEMINARS

Plaza Court 4/5

Presiding: Shawn Steed (FL), Southern Region Vice Chair

8:30 - 9:00 am

From Disaster Response to Stewardship: Building a Forest Landowner Network Through Extension Education

Presenter: Emily Beach (FL)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

9:00 - 9:30 am

Organic Study Circles: Lessons Learned From Peer-to-Peer Extension Programming in Pennsylvania

Presenter: Anna Hodgson (PA)

9:30 - 10:00 am

Can Compost Increase Economic and Environmental Sustainability in Ornamental Production?

Presiding: Shawn Steed (FL)

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 - 11:00 am

Precision Drone-Derived Elevation Mapping Improves Irrigation Efficiency and Water

Sustainability in Arkansas Row-Crop Systems

Presenter: Grant Beckwith (AR)

11:00 - 11:30 am

Increasing Awareness of Health Risks Through Private Water Supply Education and Water Testing

Presenter: Danielle Rhea (PA)

10:00 am - **BREAK**

10:30 am Plaza Exhibit Hall

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

Grand Ballroom II (Ticket Required)

Presiding: Heather Gessner (SD) National Committee Chair & Anthony Ohmes (MO), North Central Vice-Chair

Presenter: Travis Harper (MO) - Nat. Winner Topic: Heroes to Hives in Missouri

Presenter: Ben Boyles (SC), - Nat. Finalist

Topic: South Carolina New and Beginning Young Farmer Program

Presenter: Colby Dye (KY), - Nat. Finalist

Topic: Farming 101: Farming Basics for Success Online Course

Team Members: Kristen Hildabrand, Joanna Coles, Adam Huber, Jason Phillips, and Leann Martin

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Presenter: Gabrielle LaTora (GA)- Nat. Finalist
Topic: Fulton County's Journeyman Farmer
Certificate Program Builds Resilient Urban Farm
Businesses
Courtesy: Farm Credit

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN FARM & RANCH
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LUNCHEON,**
1:15 pm Directors Row I (Ticket Required)
Presiding: Ron Patterson (ID), Western Region
Vice-Chair

Presenter: Ken Kelley (AL) – Nat. Winner
Topic: Surviving High Cattle Prices
Presenter: Madeline Schultz (IA) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: Iowa Women in Ag Program Impacts the
Economy, Environment, and Community
Presenter: Savannah Tanner (GA) – Nat. Finalist
Topic: Agri-Manager Short Course: Farming
the Bottom Line
Presenter: Emily Marrow (WV) - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Saving Our Acres: Estate Planning in
West Virginia's Fastest Growing Region
Courtesy: SERM

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSUMER &
1:15 pm COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE PROGRAM
LUNCHEON,**
Directors Row J (Ticket Required)
Presiding: David Handley (ME), Northeast Region
Vice-Chair and Bindu Poudel-Ward, Incoming
Western Region Vice Chair

Presenter: Morgan Pinkerton (FL), - Nat. Winner
Topic: Landscape University: Advancing
Sustainable Practices in Florida's Green Industry
Team Members: Hanna Eason and Brooke Moffis (FL)
Presenter: Gabrielle LaTora, - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Virtual Symposium Advances Knowledge
in the Emerging Southeast Cut Flower Industry
Presenter: Erin Hubbard (OK), - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Spring Gardening Conference
Presenter: Anna Duncan (TN), - Nat. Finalist
Topic: UT Extension Certified Lawn Care
Professional Course
Courtesy: NACAA

FRIDAY, JULY 10

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIVESTOCK
1:15 pm PRODUCTION PROGRAM LUNCHEON**
Directors Row H
Presiding: Lesline Rose (NC) - Souther Regino
Vice Chair

Presenter: Elisabeth Whitehead (FL),
- Nat. Finalist
Topic: Livestock and Forages Field Day:
Building a Tradition of Practical Producer
Education
Team Members: Micah Gallagher, Stephen
Jennewein, Emily Beach, Aly Schortinghouse,
Paulette Tomlinson, Cassidy Dossin, and Alicia
Halbritter
Presenter: Crystal Shipman (OK), - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Strengthening Southeast OK Ranchers
Through Target Producer Education
Presenter: Melanie Barkley (PA) - Nat. Finalist
Topic: Livestock Fecal Egg Counting Workshops
Courtesy: National Pork Board

11:45 am - **COMMUNICATION/POSTER AWARDS
1:15 pm LUNCHEON,** Grand Ballroom I
(Invitation Only)
Presiding: Brittany Council-Morton (FL),
Nat. Committee Chair and Brian Haller (AR) ,
Research & Educational Posters Chair
Courtesy: NACAA

1:30 pm - **EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT**
4:00 pm Governor's Square 10
Presiding: Anita Thompson, (AZ) Western
Region Vice-Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm
Early Steps in Agricultural Research and
Extension Landscape
Presenter: Idongesit Mokwunye (CA)

2:00 - 2:30 pm
Program Hospitality
Presenter: Charlotte Maxwell (SC)

2:30 - 3:00 pm
From Nothing to Networked: Building an
Onboarding Program for Early-Career ANR
Extension Agents
Presenter: Sarah Sharpe (VA)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

3:00 - 3:30 pm

From Draft to Delivery: Navigating a Winning Extension Journal Submission

Presenter: Bindu Poudel-Ward (Guam)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

How to Think Like a Diagnostician

Presenter: Sara Rutherford (VA)

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS SEMINARS

Governor's Square 16

Presiding: Mike Estadt, North Central Regional Vice Chair (OH)

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Collaborative Leadership: Breaking Silos in Extension Work

Presenters: Megan Diss, Janessa Hill, Jamie Daugherty, and Sarah Vogel (IL)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Capturing Leadership: A Career Lens Approach for Extension Professionals

Presenters: Shelley Mills (MT), Jemila Chellapa (ID), and Heather Neikirk (OH)

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Addressing High Turnover Rates in Cooperative Extension Through Engagement

Presenters: Madelyn Greathouse (FL) and Beth Burchell (NC)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Interim Leadership in Cooperative Extension

Presenters: Alex Kissinger (NC), Leeoria Willis (OH), Laura Edwards (SD)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Temporary Leadership: Can You Make a Difference in an Interim Role?

Presenter: Daniel Leonard and Nick Simmons (FL)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES

Governor's Square 11

Presiding: Donna Aufdenberg (MO), North Central Region ViceChair & Mackenzie Gunn (VA), Southern Region ViceChair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

The People Side of Agritourism: Hiring, Training, and Empowering Employees

Presenters: Rob Leeds, Jacci Smith & Christie Welch (OH)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Farm to School: A Tool to Increase Agriculture Awareness and Create Connections

Presenter: Andrea Slye (VA)

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Investing in Local Agriculture to Reduce Food Insecurity in Montgomery County

Presenter: Meredith Hoggatt (VA)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Strength in Diversity: A Multi Faceted Approach to Educating Women in Agriculture

Presenters: Nanette Neal, Heather Neikirk, Sarah Noggle & Beth Scheckelhoff (OH)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

From Science to Policy: How Extension can Inform Local Landscape Ordinances

Presenter: Brooke Moffis (FL)

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES SEMINARS

Governor's Square 17

Presiding: Melanie Barkley (PA), Northeast Region Vice Chair and Alicia Halbritter (FL), Southern Region Vice Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Connecting the Dots for Small & Beginning Farmers: A Replicable Extension Program Model

Presenter: Andrea Lazzari (FL)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Plant to Plate Introduces Innovations that Link Food Systems to Health and Sustainability

Presenter: Mark Bailey (FL)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Use of Drones in Extension Teaching and Research for Wheat Producers

Presenter: Jacob Powell (OR)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Beyond the Inbox: Strengthening Connectivity and Documenting Impact through Digital Inquiry Management

Presenter: Kaitlyn Davis (WI)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Escape Rooms: Breaking the Mold for Teaching Agriculture

Presenter: Brooklyne Wassel (GA)

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL SEMINARS

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Plaza Court 2/3

Presiding: Mark Heitstuman (WA), Western Region Vice Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

National 4-H Food Loss and Waste Prevention Program

Presenter: Rowe Zwahlen (UT)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

BE SAFE: Biosecurity Education to Safeguard Animals at Fairs and Events

Presenter: Sara Tomis (CT)

2:30 - 3:00 pm

New Mexico Southern Regional 4-H Livestock School

Presenter: Emily Bruton (NM)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Young Homesteaders Curriculum: Building Agricultural Literacy and Self-Sufficiency in Youth

Presenter: Anna Glenn (MD)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Youth Participation in Farmers' Markets Strengthens Civic Engagement

Presenter: Darla Campbell (MO)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

AG ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Silver

Presiding: Blake Carter (GA), National Committee Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Mapping Agriculture with AgSite Assessment Tool

Presenter: Katie Neuner (MO)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Utah Farmers Markets as Impactful Community Infrastructure

Presenter: Steven Price (UT)

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Stories from the Field: Reducing Farm Stress Through Community and Conversation

Presenter: Klæe O'Brien (ID)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Who Buys Sheep & Goat Meat And What Do They Value?

Presenter: Jennifer Lutes (MO)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Laying the Groundwork for Small Farm Success: A Collaborative Approach to Greenbelt Education and Farm Business Development

Presenter: Allison Williams (FL)

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

AGRONOMY AND PEST MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

Governor's Square 12

Presiding: Justin Brackenrich (PA), Northeast Vice Chair and Kalen Taylor (UT), Western Region Vice Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Forage Production and Harvest within Utility Scale Solar

Presenters: Amanda Douridas and Christine Gelley (OH)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Enhancing Weed Management in South Florida: From Weed Identification to Precision Sprayer Adoption

Presenter: Anna Meszaros (FL)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Managing Palmer Amaranth in Central Arizona
Cotton: A Stakeholder-Driven Herbicide
Evaluation

Presenter: Avik Mukherjee (AZ)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Impacts of Deer Herbivory Quantified in Florida
Peanut

Presenter: Ethan Carter (FL)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Effects of Low Risk Nematicides on Nematode
Community, Microbiome and Nutrient Cycling
in Cantaloupe Rhizosphere in Low Desert of
California

Presenter: Philip Waisen (CA)

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1:30 pm – **ANIMAL SCIENCE SEMINARS**

4:00 pm Governor's Square 15

Presiding: Ethan Gilliam (UT), Western Region
Vice Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Improving Milk Quality on Pennsylvania Dairy
Farms Through Individual Farm Assessments to
Increase Profitability

Presenters: Emily Fread, Angela Breneman, &
Daniela Roland (PA)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Medication 101: The Basics You Need To Know
Presenters: Cynthia Gregg, Joanne Jones, Kari
Sponaugle (VA)

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Understanding the "Why" Behind Today's Cattle
Management Decisions for Tomorrow's Success
Presenters: Allie Williams, Hannah Baker (FL)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Keeping Your Farm Safe from H5N1: Guardians
of the Herd

Presenters: Jacqueline Wilkins (OH),
Tina Horn (SC)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Improving Pasture Weed Identification and
Herbicide Stewardship Through an Interactive
Extension Exhibit

Presenters: Ashley Stonecipher, Caitlin Justesen,
Tim Wilson, Andrea Lazzari, Morgan Yoder (FL)

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS SEMINARS

Governor's Square 14

Presiding: Ginny Rosenkranz (MD), National
Committee Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Improving Palm Diagnostics and Management
in Florida's Urban Landscapes
Presenter: Hannah Eason (FL)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Evaluating Performance of Vidalia Onion
Varieties for Suitability in Organic Production
Presenter: Ross Greene (GA)

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Give the Gift of Flowers

Presenter: Christina Lueking (IL)

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Good Growing: Delivering Research-based
Horticulture Across digital Platforms
Presenter: Chris Enroth (IL)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Welcome Home: Growing New Audiences
Presenter: Seth Whitehouse (TN)

1:30 pm -
4:00 pm

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES SEMINARS

Plaza Court 4/5

Presiding: Kasey Hower (PA), Northeast Region
Vice Chair

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Expanding Shiitake Mushroom Production in
Mississippi Through Extension Training and
Outreach

Presenter: Donna Beliech (MS)

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Rooted & Resilient: Cultivating Confidence and
Capacity in Modern Homesteaders
Presenter: Elysia Rodgers (IN)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

2:30 - 3:00 pm
Educating Public Land Managers on Using
Cattle to Enhance Land Stewardship
Presenter: Christa Kirby (FL)

3:00 - 3:30 pm
The "Wall of Water": An Innovative Approach
to Advancing Water Conservation and Quality
Awareness in Florida
Presenter: Maria E. Quirico Bautista (FL)

3:30 - 4:00 pm
Extension Support in Market Driven
Sustainability: A Case Study of Bee Friendly
Certification on Commercial Farms
Presenter: Jessica Ryals (FL)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
**POSTER REMOVAL/TAKE DOWN
EXHIBITS**
Plaza Exhibit

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
VIP/DONOR RECEPTION
Presidential Suite - Room 3893
(By Invitation)

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
**CSU SPUR SHOWCASE / CCAA DINNER / BLOCK
PARTY**
Courtesy: CSU Spur, CCAA and various
members
Buses will be departing in shifts from the Tower
Lobby starting at 4:00 pm

10:00 pm
COLORADO AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Plaza Court 6

SATURDAY, JULY 11

6:30 am - 8:00 am
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS BREAKFAST
Grand Ballroom I (Ticket Required)
(For all Present & Incoming Committee
Members)
Recognition of Retiring Committee Chairs, Vice
Chairs & Special Assignments
Presiding: Connie Strunk (SD), NACAA
President-Elect
Courtesy: NACAA

6:45 am - 8:00 am
**LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSE TOURS DEPART
AT 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM**
See your tour ticket for exact time
Location: Directors Row H

SATURDAY, JULY 11

7:30 am - 10:00 am
SONS & DAUGHTERS SERVICE PROJECT
DEPART AT 8:00 AM Plaza Court 3
Earliest dropoff 6:45 am for parents attending
Life Tours

8:00 am - 2:00 pm
REGISTRATION
Plaza Registration

8:30 am - 10:15 am
GENERAL SESSION
Plaza Ballroom

- Call to Order – JJ Jones, NACAA President
- State Membership Awards
- Life Member In Memorium Video
- Oklahoma Hat Presentation – Coy McCorkle
- Montana Belt Buckle Presentation – Shelley Mills
- Capstone Speaker – Michele Payn
- President-Elect Comments – Connie Strunk, NACAA President-Elect
- Announcements – Kurt Jones

10:30 am - 11:30 am
NACAA POLICY MEETING
Plaza Court 3
Presiding: Cynthia Gregg (VA), NACAA Policy
Chair

10:30 am - 11:30 am
**EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
SEMINARS**

10:30 am - 11:30 am
**LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS
SEMINARS**
Governor's Square 16
Presiding: Laura Kenny (PA), NE Regional Vice
Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
Leveraging Leadership: Empowering Local
Leadership in Volunteer Organizations
Presenters: Emily Richards and Melody
Rose(TN)

11:00 - 11:30 am
Brown L.E.A.D.S.: Place-Based Leadership
Presenter: Trevor Corboy (OH)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

10:30 am - **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES**
 11:30 am Governor's Square 11
 Presiding: David Marrison, National Chair (OH)

10:30 - 11:00 am
 The Rutgers Agrivoltics Program: Can Solar Energy Production and Agriculture Coexist?
 Presenters: Peter Nitzsche, William Bamka, Daniel Ward, David Specca, AJ Both, Rebeca Mata, Shawn Sorrels, Carey Williams, Clint Burgher, Andrew Wyenandt, & Ramandeep Kumar Sharma (NJ)

11:00 - 11:30 am
 AI Applications in Agriculture
 Presenters: Joanna Radford, Shawn Banks, & Mark Blevins (NC)

10:30 am - **TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL**
 11:30 am **TECHNOLOGIES SEMINARS**
 Governor's Square 17
 Presiding: Scott Stinnett (CO), Western Region Vice Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 The Hive Mind: Connecting Extension, AI, Volunteer Engagement, and Community Science
 Presenter: Lisa Mason (CO)

11:00 - 11:30 am
 Same Roots, New Methods: A Hybrid MGv Training Program
 Presenter: Noelle Zmary (OH)

10:30 am - **PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**
 11:30 am **SEMINARS**

10:30 am - **4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING**
 11:30 am Plaza Court 2/3
 Presiding: Heather Jennings (MS), National Committee Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 Play, Participation, & Prevention: Teaching Youth About Invasive Species
 Presenter: Clarissa Chairez (FL)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

11:00 - 11:30 am
 Trash to Treasure: Crafting with Youth on a \$0 Budget
 Presenters: Alissa Hevesh, Kati Lawson (FL)

10:30 am - **4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING**
 11:30 am Governor's Square 10
 Presiding: Carter Oliver (IA), North Central Region Vice Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 Farm to Fork: Teaching Life Skills Through Pork in 4-H
 Presenters: Lauren Minyard, Crystal Shipman (OK)

11:00 - 11:30 am
 4-H Cattle Prospect Show: Expanding Youth Livestock Education Through Competitive Events
 Presenters: Lizzie Whitehead, Cindy Sanders (FL)

10:30 am - **AG ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY**
 11:00 am **DEVELOPMENT**
 Silver
 Presiding: Blake Carter (GA), National Committee Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 Backyard Gardens Engages Extension Volunteers to Fill Farmers Market Gap in Fresh Produce for Seniors
 Presenter: Ariel Agenbroad (ID)

10:30 am - **ANIMAL SCIENCE SEMINARS**
 11:30 pm Governor's Square 15
 Presiding: Nichole Thompson (PA), Northeast Region Vice Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 Driving Adoption of Livestock Best Management Practices Through a Regional Extension Field Day
 Presenters: Lizzie Whitehead, Cassidy Dossin, & Micah Gallagher (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am
 Winter Cattle Seminar: A Partnership with Local Cattlemen's Association
 Presenters: Jennifer Bearden, Amanda Masholie (FL)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

10:30 am - **HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS SEMINARS**
 11:30 am Governor's Square 14
 Presiding: Heather Neikirk (OH), North Central
 Region Vice Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 Garden N Grow: Growing Gardens, Growing
 Futures
 Presenter: Jennifer Schutter (MO)

11:00 - 11:30 am
 How to Host a Seed Swap
 Presenter: Amanda Sears (KY)

10:30 am - **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL**
 11:30 am **RESOURCES SEMINARS**
 Plaza Court 4/5
 Presiding: Kattie Kammler (MO), North Central
 Region Vice Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 Building Drone Capacity in Florida Forestry:
 From Research to Statewide Adoption
 Presenters: Stacy Strickland and Brittany Scharf
 (FL)

11:00 - 11:30 am
 Step Into Nature: Using Interpretive Walks to
 Promote Wildlife Awareness and Stewardship
 Presenter: Jim Davis (FL)

10:30 am - **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL**
 11:30 am **RESOURCES SEMINARS**
 Governor's Square 12
 Presiding: Jake Hadfield (YT), Western Region
 Vice Chair

10:30 - 11:00 am
 Soil Health Under Cover: Evaluating Soil Testing
 Approaches for High Tunnel Production in
 Connecticut
 Presenter: Amelia Magistrali (CT)

11:00 - 11:30 am
 Connecting Funding, Workforce Training, and
 BMP Implementation: Pennsylvania's Model for
 Agricultural Conservation Training
 Presenter: Genevieve Christ (PA)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

11:45 am - **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN**
 1:15 pm - **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, FORESTRY &
 NATURAL RESOURCES LUNCHEON**
 Directors Row J (Ticket Required)
 Presiding: Anthony Ohmes (MO), North Central
 Region Vice-Chair
 Presenter: Morgan Pinkerton (FL) – Nat. Winner
 Topic: First Fridays in Florida First Detector: A
 State-Wide Invasive Species Webinar
 Presenter: Laura Edwards (SD) – Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Filling the Pipeline: Preparing the
 Next Generation of Watershed Management
 Extension Professionals
 Presenter: Jacob Powell (OR) – Nat. Finalist
 Topic: Increasing Wildlife Preparedness and
 Reducing Wildlife Risk for Agricultural
 Producers in Oregon
 Courtesy: NACAA

11:45 am **SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN**
 1:15 pm **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE LUNCHEON**
 Directors Row I (Ticket Required)
 Presiding: David Handley (ME), Northeast
 Region Vice-Chair, Bindu Poudel-Ward,
 Incoming Western Region Vice Chair
 Presenter: Reed Graham (KY) - Nat. Winner
 Topic: The Art of Summer Sausage: Craft, Cure
 & Create
 Presenter: Luis Rodriguez (FL), - Nat. Finalist
 Topic: The Southwest Florida Small Farmers
 Network (SWFSFN): Strengthening Local
 Agriculture Through Education and Community
 Team Members: Allison Williams, Jessica
 Ryals, David Outerbridge, Jennifer Hagen, and
 Kendall Gill
 Presenter: Nicholas Rowley (ME)
 Topic: Carcass Management Training for Foreign
 Animal Disease Events
 Presenter: Leanna Duppstadt (PA)
 Topic: Equipment Demo
 Courtesy: NACAA

SATURDAY, JULY 11

11:45 am - **PIPELINE AG SAFETY ALLIANCE EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON,**
1:15 pm Grand Ballroom I (Ticket Required)
Program: Beyond the Fence Line: Navigating the Intersection of Ag and Infrastructure
Moderator: Jennifer Bentley (IA), NACAA North Central Region Director
Sponsored by: Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance

1:30 pm - **SUPER SEMINAR – USING DRONES IN CROP PRODUCTION AND PEST MANAGEMENT**
4:30 pm Governor’s Square 14
Hosted by: NACAA Agronomy & Pest Management Committee

SUPER SEMINAR - FROM FARM BILL TO FRONT PORCH: TURNING POLICY INTO PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR EVERY CLIENTELE GROUP
Governor’s Square 10
Presenters: Nathan Hulinsky (MN) & Others
Hosted by: Agricultural Economics & Community Development Committee

SUPER SEMINAR - NATIVE PLANT MASTER - HOW COLORADO WORKS WITH NATIVE PLANTS
Governor’s Square 11
Hosted by: Horticulture & Turfgrass Committee

SUPER SEMINAR - INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING FOR THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT
Governor’s Square 12
Presenters: Keith Fielder (GA), Amy Trang Vu (FL)

SUPER SEMINAR - SOUND ADVICE: HOW TO START AND GROW AN EXTENSION PODCAST
Governor’s Square 15
Hosted by: NACAA Teaching & Educational Technologies Committee

4:00 pm - **NACAA BOARD RECEPTION**
5:30 pm Presidential Suite - Room 3893
(By Invitation)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

4:30 pm - **FORMAL PICTURE OPPORTUNITY**
6:30 pm Plaza Exhibit

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 Plaza Exhibit

6:30 pm **ANNUAL BANQUET**
9:00 pm Plaza Ballroom
(Ticket Required)

6:30 pm **SONS AND DAUGHTERS FAREWELL PARTY**
9:00 pm Grand Ballroom

9:00 pm - **PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION**
10:30 pm Presidential Suite - Room 3893
Courtesy: ACAA

10:00 pm **COLORADO TEAM MEETING**
Plaza Court 6

SUNDAY, JULY 12

6:00 am - **BREAKFAST (Grab & Go)**
9:00 am Plaza Exhibit
Courtesy: AARP & COLORADO

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5:00 pm - **FAREWELL DINNER**
7:30 pm National Western Center
Courtesy: CSU College of Agriculture Science and CSU Office of Engagement and Extension

MONDAY, JULY 13

8:00 am **NACAA BOARD MEETING**
6:00 pm Directors Row F

TRADE TALK SESSION TOPICS:

(Concurrent Sessions held

Thursday, July 9, 2026 in the afternoon)

FORAGE/TURF, SAFETY, FINANCIAL Governor's Square 14

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.

Barenbrug has business operations all over every continent of earth, with the exception of Antarctica. With our worldwide presence, we can research and introduce new species and varieties into the North American market that enhance the Barenbrug motto of Safe, Sustainable and Profitable.

Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance (PASA)

Ag and Infrastructure: Navigating the Intersection

Understanding what lies beneath our feet is a critical component of modern agricultural management. Join the Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance for a brief discussion on new resources that can help producers prevent utility strikes, avoiding both personal injury and costly infrastructure damage.

Farm Credit

Stacy Loutzenhiser is the Chief Business Development Officer for Farm Credit of Southern Colorado. In his role, he serves as the sales leader for the association and is responsible for growing the core loan portfolio, insurance services, and rural home loans. Stacy has been with FCSC for 17 years, previously serving as a loan officer and branch manager. Stacy thrives on helping others succeed. Whether it is helping a new customer structure a plan to take over the family operation, assisting a colleague to achieve their professional goals, or coaching youth sports; it is a great day when Stacy can help someone figure out a path to achieve their goals.

A native of Eastern Colorado, Stacy comes from a dry crop and beef cattle operation. He is a graduate of Colorado State University with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science and Agricultural Business.

ANIMAL SCIENCE/CROP SCIENCE Governor's Square 15

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.

NATIONAL PORK BOARD

At National Pork Board (NPB), we are driven to meet consumer expectations guided by pork producers. We aspire to do what is right for people, pigs and the planet.

NPB leads as a catalyst and connector to add value and build trust among those who produce, process, sell and consume pork worldwide.

We are agile and accountable to clearly define current priorities, and we prepare and lead the industry into an ever-changing future. We are dedicated to understanding and meeting the needs of U.S. pork stakeholders.

Empowered by the Pork Act and Order, we achieve our strategic objectives through promotion, research and education.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL & RETIREMENT BENEFITS Governor's Square 10

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

AARP and Cooperative Extension share a common goal: helping people live well as they age, particularly in rural and underserved communities. With Extension's on-the-ground reach and AARP's resources, programming, and advocacy, there is strong alignment across areas like fraud prevention, healthy living, livable communities, and digital access. Join this Trade Talk to learn about a few simple, actionable ways Extension Agents can start partnering with their AARP state office to bring these connections to life locally.

2026 SERVICE TO AMERICAN/WORLD AGRICULTURE AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Temple Grandin

**Colorado State University Distinguished Professor in the
Department of Animal Sciences within the College of
Agricultural Sciences**

Dr. Temple Grandin is eminently deserving of the NACAA Service to American/World Agriculture Award for her extraordinary, sustained, and measurable contributions to agriculture in the United States and around the world. For more than five decades, Dr. Grandin has provided visionary leadership in livestock handling, animal welfare, facility design, education, and public communication, resulting in permanent, positive change across the beef, pork, dairy, and livestock industries.



Dr. Grandin's work exemplifies the intent of this award: service that improves agriculture through innovation, application of science, leadership, and broad societal impact. Her contributions extend well beyond any single institution or program and have reshaped industry standards globally.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCOPE OF IMPACT

Dr. Grandin is internationally recognized as one of the most influential figures in modern livestock production. Through her pioneering application of animal behavior science to facility design and handling systems, she fundamentally changed how livestock are managed throughout the supply chain. Approximately half of all cattle in the United States and Canada are handled using equipment she designed, including curved chute systems and center-track restrainers that reduce stress, improve animal welfare, enhance worker safety, and increase processing efficiency.

Her work directly addressed critical industry challenges—excessive bruising, dark cutters, handling injuries, worker safety risks, and public concern over animal welfare—by providing practical, science-based solutions that producers and processors could readily adopt. These improvements have resulted in significant economic benefits, improved meat quality, and increased consumer confidence in animal agriculture.

Dr. Grandin also led the development of objective animal welfare measurement and auditing systems, transforming animal welfare from a subjective concept into a measurable management outcome. Her scoring systems for handling and stunning are widely used by major meat processors, food

retailers, and foodservice companies. These systems are now embedded in corporate procurement policies and quality assurance programs, influencing animal care practices for millions of animals annually.

LEADERSHIP AND GLOBAL INFLUENCE

The reach of Dr. Grandin's work is truly global. She has designed livestock handling facilities and provided professional consultation in Canada, Europe, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, and other regions. She routinely delivers invited presentations internationally and is regarded worldwide as a trusted authority on humane livestock handling and welfare assessment.

EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIP, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Grandin has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, hundreds of industry publications, and 16 books, including *Livestock Handling and Transport*, now in its sixth edition. Her scholarship consistently emphasizes practical application, ensuring research findings translate into real-world improvements. For more than 35 years, she has taught livestock handling and facility design at Colorado State University, training generations of professionals who now serve agriculture worldwide.

PUBLIC TRUST AND COMMUNICATION

A hallmark of Dr. Grandin's service is her ability to communicate effectively with both agricultural audiences and the general public. Through national and international media appearances, a widely viewed TED Talk, and an award-winning HBO film, she has strengthened public understanding of agriculture and animal welfare.

RECOGNITION AND SUMMARY

Dr. Grandin's career has been recognized with numerous national and international honors, including induction into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, Fellowship in the American Society of Animal Science and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Farm Bureau Federation Distinguished Service Award, the OIE Meritorious Award, and the American Veterinary Medical Association Humane Award. In 2025, she was selected as a Portrait of a Nation Honoree by the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery.

Dr. Temple Grandin exemplifies exceptional service, sustained leadership, and transformative impact on American and world agriculture. She is a resident of the Western Region and is excited to be the Key Notes Speaker at the opening ceremony at the 2025 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference.

2026 AM/PIC SPEAKER PROFILES

Commissioner Kate Greenberg

Kate Greenberg was the first woman appointed to serve as Colorado's Commissioner of Agriculture by Governor Jared Polis in December 2018. As Commissioner, Greenberg provides leadership and direction to the Colorado Department of Agriculture and its over 300 employees. Commissioner Greenberg has worked in various aspects of agriculture, from boots-on-the-ground experience to advocating for family farmers through two federal Farm Bills.



Prior to her appointment, Greenberg was the Western Program Director for the National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC), where she established and grew the organization's presence and membership across the West. In her role as Western Director, she organized farmers and ranchers to advocate for state and federal policies that best serve them. Her work focused on farmland affordability, ag education, protecting water for agriculture and expanding access to capital and credit for young and beginning producers.

Leading up to her tenure at NYFC, Greenberg farmed on various operations across the West, managed Western policy field programs through her alma mater, Whitman College, and worked in natural resource education and restoration from eastern Washington to Mexico's Colorado River Delta. Greenberg was also involved in the development of the Colorado Water Plan and Colorado River Basin water policy, advocating for policies that keep water in agriculture.

Greenberg is the recipient of the Emerging Conservation Leader Award from Western Resource Advocates and an awardee of the 2019 Who's Who In Agriculture recognition from Colorado Farm Bureau and the Denver Business Journal. She graduated from Water Education Colorado's Water Leaders flagship course in 2018 and sits on the board of the Quivira Coalition, which brings ranchers, scientists, and conservationists together to practice land stewardship at the radical center.

As Commissioner, Greenberg serves on numerous boards and commissions, including the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Colorado State Fair Board. While she currently spends much of her time on Colorado's Front Range and traveling the state, she still calls Durango, Colorado home.

Dr. Temple Grandin Colorado State University

Temple Grandin is a Distinguished Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Facilities she has designed for handling livestock are used by many companies around the world. She has also been instrumental in implementing animal welfare auditing programs that are used by McDonalds, Wendy's, Whole Foods, and other corporations. Temple has appeared on numerous TV shows such as 20/20 and Prime Time. Her books include: *Thinking in Pictures*, *Livestock Handling and Transport* and *The Autistic Brain*. Her books *Animals in Translation* and *Visual Thinking* have been on the New York Times Bestseller List. Temple was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in September



2017, in 2022 was named a Colorado State University Distinguished Professor, and in 2023 was inducted into the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame.

Rico Munn, Executive Vice Chancellor, Colorado State University

Rico Munn serves as CSU's Executive Vice Chancellor. He will hold this title until June 30, 2027, when he will become the next chancellor of the Colorado State University System. He previously held the role of Vice President for Metro Denver Engagement and Strategy where he oversaw the CSU Spur campus and led efforts to deepen the university's engagement in the metro Denver region. Munn has also served as Chief of Staff to CSU President Amy Parsons.



Prior to his work at CSU, he spent a decade as superintendent of Aurora Public Schools. His experience also includes more than a decade of legal practice and public service as executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education and of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies. He served on the Board of Governors of the CSU System from 2013-2020, including two years as chair; on the Colorado Board of Education from 2003-2007; and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Midland University. Munn graduated with a BA from Midland Lutheran College and earned his juris doctorate from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He also has a graduate certificate in crisis management from St. Joseph's University.

James Pritchett, Vice President for Engagement and Extension

James Pritchett serves as the Vice President for Engagement and Extension. In his role, Pritchett oversees teams responsible for CSU Extension, Colorado State 4-H, the Colorado Water Center, the Colorado State Forest Service, and CSU Spur.



Pritchett is a seasoned university leader committed to serving Colorado, its diverse agricultural and urban communities, and CSU's land grant mission. He has served CSU in many leadership roles including as dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station; assistant vice president for Engagement; and executive associate dean for the College of Agricultural Sciences. He joined the College of Agricultural Sciences faculty in 2001.

Originally from southeastern Colorado, Pritchett is a two-time CSU alum who has bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from the university, and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Agriculture and Applied Economics. Pritchett is a land grant economist who has worked in a wide range of teaching, research and engagement activities including agribusiness management, water resource economics, community development and interdisciplinary land management strategies.

Michele Payn, CSP

Michele Payn, CSP, connects the people and science of food and farming as principal of Cause Matters Corp. She is known for being a community catalyst, a passionate advocate for global agriculture - and antagonizing people into action. Michele has worked with farmers in more than 25 countries and raised millions of dollars for 4-H & FFA. She is the author of four books, the new *Science Story Speak*, IPPY gold medalist *Food Bullying*, IPPY bronze medal winner *Food Truths from Farm to Table, No More Food Fights!*. Michele's degrees are in Agricultural Communications and Animal Science from Michigan State University. She has earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation, awarded to less than 10% of professional speakers globally. She resides with her 'city slicker' husband and cow-loving daughter on a small farm in central Indiana. She enjoys Registered Holsteins, the MSU Spartans, and creating a wildflower venue. Michele connects conversations around the food plate at www.causematters.com and on social media with @mpaynspeaker.



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
2026 NACAA ANNUAL MEETING

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 7:30 am HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE PRE-TOUR, ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR
- 8:00 am - NACAA BOARD MEETING
- 5:00 pm Directors Row F
- 3:00 pm - REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION
- 6:00 pm DROP OFF
- Plaza Registration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 8:00 am - REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION
- 7:00 pm DROP OFF
- Plaza Registration
- 9:00 am - COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW SETUP
- 1:00 pm Plaza Exhibit
- 12:00 pm - PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD LUNCHEON, Directors Row I
- 2:00 pm Presiding: Scott Jensen (ID), Past President
- 1:00 pm - NACAA POSTER SESSION SETUP
- 5:00 pm Plaza Exhibit
- Coordinator: Brian Haller (AR), Research & Educational Posters Committee Chair
- 1:00 pm - COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW,
- 6:30 pm Plaza Exhibit
- 2:00 pm - FIRST LADY'S OPEN HOUSE
- 4:00 pm Presidential Suite - Suite 3893
- (Invitation Only)
- 2:00 pm - LIFE/SPOUSE ORIENTATION
- 3:00 pm Directors Row H

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

2:00 pm - **NACAA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**
5:00 pm **ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING, Plaza Court 1
Presiding: Cynthia Gregg (VA), NACAA
Educational Foundation President

4:30 pm - **WELCOME TO COLORADO DINNER**

6:30 pm Plaza Ballroom

(Ticket Required)

Courtesy: NACAA, CSU Chancellor's office

Entertainment: *All That Chicken*,

which features CSU Extension Web Systems Coordinator Darrin Goodman. They describe themselves as, "Ben Burdette & Ben Guzman play fiddle and guitar music in Colorado. They and their pals, Bob Craig and Darrin Goodman, play great old music: Old Time, Cajun, Country, Cowboy, Mexican and Southwestern. Based in Boulder and Colorado Springs. The Colorado Front Range is their home territory."

5:30 pm - **STATE PRESIDENT FLAG CEREMONY**

6:00 pm **REHEARSAL -**

Plaza Ballroom

Presiding: JJ Jones (AR) NACAA President

5:30 pm - **PARENT ORIENTATION FOR SONS AND**
6:00 pm **DAUGHTERS PROGRAM**

Directors Row H

7:00 pm - **OPENING SESSION & INSPIRATIONAL**
9:00 pm **PROGRAM**, Plaza Ballroom

- Welcome – JJ Jones, NACAA President
- Posting of Colors - Colorado FFA Officers
- National Anthem - Katelynne Good, Elbert County 4-H
- Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge - Katelynne Good, Elbert County 4-H
- State Flag Presentation – Todd Hagenbuch, Colorado
- Welcome to Colorado - Kate Greenberg, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture
- Keynote Speaker – Dr. Temple Grandin
- Service to American /World Agriculture Award
- Announcements – Kurt Jones

9:00 pm - **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

10:00 pm Plaza Ballroom

Courtesy: Nick Polanin, VP Candidate (NJ) and the Ag Agents Association of NJ (AAANJ)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

9:30 pm - **HOSPITALITY ROOMS**

11:30 pm Sheraton Rooms

Minnesota - 3591

North Carolina - 3766

VP & Treasurer Candidates - 3612

10:00 pm **COLORADO AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

Plaza Court 6

THURSDAY, JULY 9

7:00 am - **LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSES HOSPITALITY ROOM**

5:00 pm Drinks, snacks and other refreshments throughout the day (Room 3512)

7:00 am - **SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM GATHER & DEPART AT 7:30 AM**

Directors Row H

8:00 am - **REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**
5:00 pm **DROP OFF (AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF CONCLUDES AT 12:00 NOON)**

Plaza Registration

8:15 am - **GENERAL SESSION**

10:20 am Plaza Ballroom

Presiding: JJ Jones, NACAA President

9:00 am - **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT TRADE SHOW,**
4:30 pm Plaza Exhibit

10:30am - **MEET THE AUTHORS POSTER SESSION**

11:30 am Plaza Exhibit

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

11:30 am Grand Ballroom 1

Presiding: Steven Munk (SD), National Chair

11:45 am **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSES PROGRAM**
1:00 pm **COMBINED LUNCHEON** (Ticket Required)

Grand Ballroom 1

Guest Speaker - Brandee Gillham

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

Directors Row H

THURSDAY, JULY 9

3:00 pm - **REGIONAL MEETINGS & CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS**
SOUTHERN Region, Grand Ballroom I
NORTH CENTRAL Region, Ballroom II
NORTHEAST Region, Governor's Square 17
WESTERN Region, Governor's Square 16

6:00 pm - **STATES NIGHT OUT** - Dinner with your state association
8:00 pm

7:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW**, Plaza Ballroom
9:30 pm

8:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP LIVE AUCTION**
Plaza Ballroom

10:00 pm **COLORADO AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**
Plaza Court 6

FRIDAY, JULY 10

6:45 am **SONS AND DAUGHTERS GATHER FOR TOURS** - Location: Directors Row H
7:15 am

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5:00 pm Drinks, snacks and other refreshments throughout the day (Room 3512)

7:30 am **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSE TOURS DEPART AT 8:00 AM** Location: Directors Row H
8:00 am

8:00 am - **REGISTRATION**
2:00 pm Plaza Registration

8:30 am - **VOTING DELEGATE SESSION**
11:30 am Grand Ballroom I

9:00 am - **COMMERCIAL TRADE SHOW FLOORS OPEN FOR VISITORS**
3:30 pm Plaza Exhibit

4:00 pm - **VIP/DONOR RECEPTION**
5:00 pm Presidential Suite - Room 3893 (By Invitation)

4:00 pm **CSU SPUR SHOWCASE / CCAA DINNER / BLOCK PARTY**
8:00 pm Buses will be departing in shifts from the Tower Lobby starting at 4:00 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 10

10:00 pm **COLORADO AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**
Plaza Court 6

SATURDAY, JULY 11

6:30 am - **NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS BREAKFAST**
8:00 am Grand Ballroom I (Ticket Required)
(For all Present & Incoming Committee Members)
Recognition of Retiring Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs & Special Assignments
Presiding: Connie Strunk, NACAA President-Elect
Courtesies: NACAA

7:15 am **LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSE TOURS DEPART AT 8:00 AM** Location: Directors Row H
8:00 am

8:00 am - **REGISTRATION**
2:00 pm Plaza Registration

8:00 am - **SONS & DAUGHTERS SERVICE PROJECT**
10:00 am Plaza Court 3

8:30 am - **GENERAL SESSION**
10:15 am Plaza Ballroom
- Call to Order – JJ Jones, NACAA President
- State Membership Awards
- Life Member In Memorium Video
- Oklahoma Hat Presentation – Coy McCorkle
- Montana Belt Buckle Presentation – Shelley Mills
- Capstone Speaker – Michele Payn
- President-Elect Comments – Connie Strunk, NACAA President-Elect
- Announcements – Kurt Jones

4:00 pm - **NACAA BOARD RECEPTION**
5:30 pm Presidential Suite - Room 3893 (By Invitation)

4:30 pm - **FORMAL PICTURE OPPORTUNITY**
6:30 pm Plaza Exhibit

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 Plaza Exhibit

SATURDAY, JULY 11

6:30 pm **ANNUAL BANQUET**
9:00 pm Plaza Ballroom
(Ticket Required)

6:30 pm **SONS AND DAUGHTERS FAREWELL PARTY**
9:00 pm Grand Ballroom

9:00 pm - **PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**
10:30 pm Presidential Suite - Room 3893
Courtesy: ACAA

10:00 pm **COLORADO TEAM MEETING**
Plaza Court 6

SUNDAY, JULY 12

6:00 am - **BREAKFAST (Grab & Go)**
9:00 am Plaza Exhibit
Courtesy: AARP & COLORADO

7:30 am - **ASSEMBLE FOR PROFESSIONAL
IMPROVEMENT TOURS**
9:30 am Plaza Exhibit

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7:30 pm National Western Center
Courtesy: CSU College of Agriculture Science
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MONDAY, JULY 13

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6:00 pm Directors Row F

SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM 2026 NACAA ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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7:00 pm **DROP OFF**
Plaza Registration

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6:30 pm Plaza Ballroom
(Ticket Required)
Courtesy: NACAA, CSU Chancellor's office
Entertainment: *All That Chicken*

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Directors Row H

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9:00 pm - **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
10:00 pm Plaza Ballroom
Courtesy: Nick Polanin, VP Candidate (NJ)
and the Ag Agents Association of NJ (AAANJ)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

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5:00 pm **DROP OFF (AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF**
CONCLUDES AT 12:00 NOON)
Plaza Registration

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4:30 pm Plaza Exhibit

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Directors Row H

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8:00 pm association

7:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AND LIVE**
9:30 pm **AUCTION PREVIEW, Plaza Ballroom**

8:00 pm **NACAA SCHOLARSHIP LIVE AUCTION**
Plaza Ballroom

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 6:45 am **SONS AND DAUGHTERS GATHER FOR TOURS DEPART AT 7:15 AM**
Location: Directors Row H
- 5:00 pm **SONS AND DAUGHTERS RETURN FROM TOURS**
Location: Directors Row H
- 4:00 pm **CSU SPUR SHOWCASE / CCAA DINNER / BLOCK PARTY**
8:00 pm
Buses will be departing in shifts from the Tower Lobby starting at 4:00 pm
- 10:00 pm **COLORADO AM/PIC COMMITTEE MEETING**
Plaza Court 6

SATURDAY, JULY 11

- 8:00 am - **REGISTRATION**
2:00 pm
Plaza Registration
- 7:30 am - **SONS & DAUGHTERS SERVICE PROJECT**
10:00 am
DEPART AT 8:00 AM Plaza Court 3
Earliest dropoff 6:45 am for parents attending Life Tours
- 10:00 am - **SONS & DAUGHTERS DEPART FOR ELITCH GARDENS THEME AND WATER PARK**
4:00 pm
Plaza Court 3
- 4:00 pm **SONS & DAUGHTERS RETURN GARDENS THEME AND WATER PARK**
Plaza Court 3
- 4:30 pm - **FORMAL PICTURE OPPORTUNITY**
6:30 pm
Plaza Exhibit
- 6:30 pm **SONS AND DAUGHTERS FAREWELL PARTY**
9:00 pm
Grand Ballroom

SUNDAY, JULY 12

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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	Moramarc, Donna W	Burlington, VT
1998	Drost, Don	San Antonio, TX
1999	Gary Hall	Omaha, NE
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2001	C. David McManus	Albuquerque, NM
2002	Eddie Holland	Savannah, GA
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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
2026	JJ Jones	Denver, CO

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

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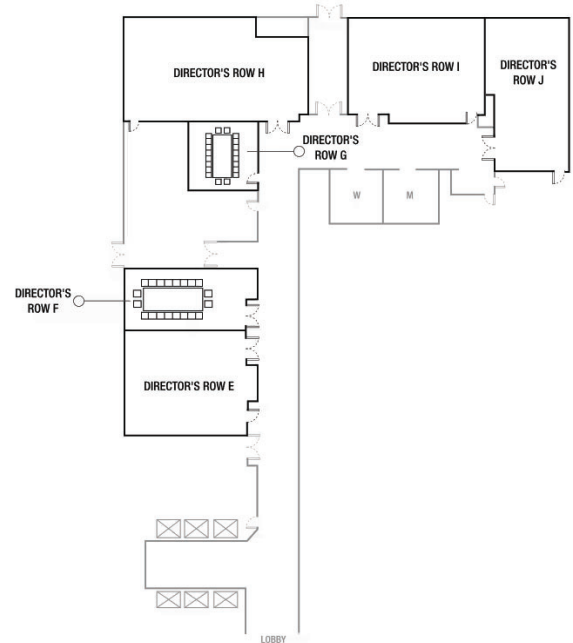
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September 12-16

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August 6-10

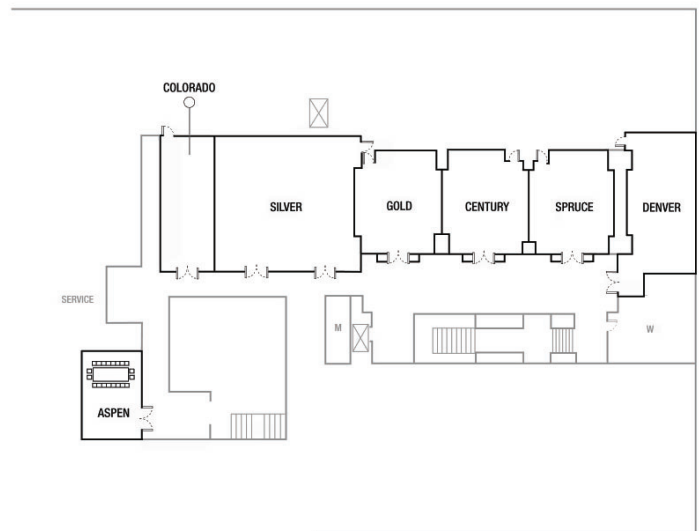
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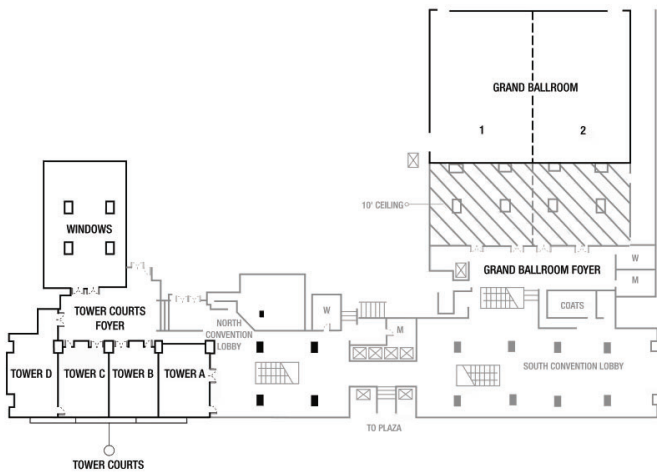


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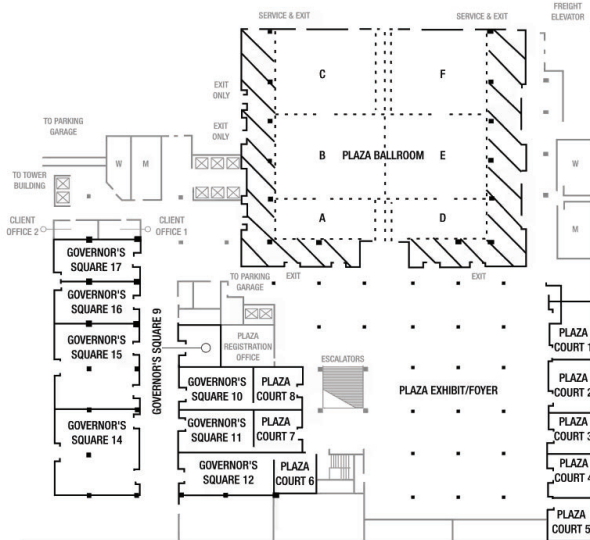


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