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President's Corner - A Baker's Dozen Why

Grab a drink and relax in your favorite chair because you need to read this edition front to back. The Florida Association and others have finalized plans and are ready to welcome you to West Palm Beach for the 107th AM/PIC! Many of you are suffering through the snow, wind and cold so lift your spirits and come on down to sunny South Florida. We'll even throw in some high humidity at no extra charge.

All the details for the AM/PIC are in the following pages so I'll just give you a Baker's Dozen list of reasons to attend this year:

1. It's Florida! Great beaches, scenic views, amazing food. Isn't this enough?
2. Family reunion atmosphere since we haven't seen each other since Ft. Wayne in 2019.
3. Pre-tours are packed with quality educational opportunities.
4. Keynote speaker Dr. Jewel Bronough. She is Deputy Secretary of USDA. She is a prior Virginia Commissioner of Ag, Extension Specialist, and Dean of Ag at Virginia State University. She will provide insight on topics including attracting youth to agriculture, food security and farmer stress.
5. Brigadier General Gary Huffman (ret) will provide insight into leadership and making the world a better place. Gen. Huffman enjoys retirement on his rural Mississippi farm. His message deals with the character of a person and how we all need help from others. Check out the link in his bio to get a feel for the man behind the uniform.
6. Beach Party on Monday evening is replacing the 4-H Talent Revue.

We are trying something new so come enjoy music, food, games, and socializing with friends and colleagues.

7. Search for Excellence presentations highlight 'cream-of-the-crop' innovative programming by our members to better serve our clientele.
8. Oral and Poster presentations share so many ideas that everyone will learn a few great tips to take back home.
9. Professional Tour Day will be awesome as we go 'Beyond the Beaches'. This region is bursting at the seams with ag innovation and tradition. If you don't see a great tour for you, just file retirement papers now.
10. DSA Banquet is a time to honor those who have excelled during their career. We appreciate their dedication to the Extension mission.
11. Education Luncheons, Trade Talks and Tradeshow exhibits are packed with information and networking opportunities. Show our sponsors and donors they are appreciated.
12. Super Seminars have seven options to pick from for an in-depth look into specific topics.
13. Wednesday's General Session will be different. It will be an interactive, deep-dive conversation into NACAA goals, mission, directions for the future, and more. Everyone should plan to participate.

There are plenty more reasons to spend the week in West Palm Beach so look through the magazine. Make your plans for good times, camaraderie, networking, and professional development.



*2022 NACAA
President
Bill Burdine*

NACAA is more than just our AM/PIC however. Tune in to the free Webinar 365 series for interesting topics. They are archived on the website so check out any you couldn't attend live. We had great NACAA participation at the JCEP Extension Leadership Conference a few weeks ago. Coming up in April is the JCEP Public Issues Leadership Development Conference. Registration information is on the JCEP website (www.jcep.org).

I hope everyone is off to a great year professionally and personally. Keep the momentum going by joining us for the family reunion in West Palm Beach. Some activities will be traditional while others will chart new territory for NACAA. I think this is a good thing since we, Extension Professionals, are supposed to be agents of change. Our job is to help others realize new, better ways of doing things. I'll see you in July when we go 'Beyond the Beaches'!

Welcome to Florida

In only a few short weeks we hope you all will make the journey to the Sunshine State for the 2022 NACAA AM/PIC in West Palm Beach. We can't wait to see everyone—face-to-face! After two years of virtual AM/PICs the Florida agents are ready to make this one memorable. Aside from having a beautiful venue, and a stunning location right in the heart of Florida agriculture, we also have a special evening party and dinner at the beach planned for all our guests.

East Central Florida has a lot to offer everyone in terms of a get-away location. WPB is a couple of hours away from Disney Properties, Universal, and Sea World and locally there are numerous local attractions to visit like the Flagler Museum, the Norton Museum of Art, Lion Country Safari, The Palm Beach Zoo, among others. Everything is super convenient. The airport is minutes away, the hotels are steps away from the convention center, and entertainment is across the street.

There is something for everyone even if you are not busy with all the educational moments, networking, and leadership opportunities of the AM/PIC. You can occupy your time with local shopping literally feet from our venue at Rosemary Square and unique eating venues at Clematis Street. Not far from our host site you can shop at one of the most iconic streets in the nation for shopping --Worth Avenue.

The natural wonders of Florida are genuinely unique and the wildlife (outside the convention center hotels)

is diverse and numerous. Aside from miles of coastline, stunning natural beauty is surprisingly close to the urban core. West Palm Beach is a short hop to an unparalleled National Park; the Everglades - The River of Grass, the largest subtropical wilderness in the nation.

You will have the opportunity to learn about how the ever-growing population of Florida impacts the confluence of agricultural, water, societal, and waste systems.

As ag agents, we would be remiss if we didn't introduce you to how agriculture happens in our part of the world. Our legendary cattle husbandry in Florida began over a century before pilgrims arrived at Plymouth. You can get a glimpse into the lives of our cattle ranchers and see how productive they are with practically year-round pasture. Horticulture in the sunshine state is one of the biggest agricultural economic drivers in the Florida economy and the diversity of what can be grown is stunning. You will have the chance to see tropical and subtropical growing operations in various tours within a few hours

of our venue. We also have world-class agronomy a few miles from the convention center with our m u c k - g r o w n sugar cane.

On behalf of the entire Florida d e l e g a t i o n ,

we are very excited to host our colleagues at the 2022 NACAA AM/PIC in West Palm Beach, FL. Four years of anxious planning is finally over. The weather is hot, the palms are blowing, the welcome mat is out, Florida agents have their plan, all we are missing is your presence!

Shawn Steed & Libbie Johnson
Co-Chairs, 2022 NACAA AM/PIC



Shawn Steed



Libbie Johnson



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Opening Ceremony to Feature Los Sobrinos del Juez – Iconic Latin Crossover Group and the Original “Miami Sound”

The Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents (FACAA) invites you to join us in celebrating the official kick-off of the 2022 NACAA AM/PIC in West Palm Beach at Sunday evening's Opening Ceremonies! This exciting evening will include a mix of NACAA tradition with Florida's unique, diverse heritage.

The session is sure to inspire by kicking off the AM/PIC with a special presentation of the colors by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps regional winning color guard team, performance of the national anthem by Christian music artist Mercedes Nodarse, and NACAA's traditional flag ceremony that honors each great state and territory of our country!

Keynote speaker: Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, USDA

Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, will be a speaker at the NACAA AM/PIC in West Palm Beach, Florida July 17 – 22, 2022. Dr. Bronaugh's professional roots have been in agriculture, nourished with a firm foundation of Cooperative Extension. Before joining the USDA, Dr. Bronaugh was the 16th Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). She previously served as the Virginia State Executive Director for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in July 2015. Preceding her FSA appointment, she served as Dean of the College of Agriculture at Virginia State University (VSU) with oversight of Extension, Research and Academic Programs. Formerly, she was the Associate Administrator for Extension Programs and a 4-H Extension Specialist.

In the spring 2019, Dr. Bronaugh launched the Virginia Farmer Stress Task Force to raise awareness and coordinate resources to address farmer stress and mental health challenges in Virginia. This network continues to ensure state's farmers recognize the importance of mental health and have the necessary tools and support available to them before. In the fall of 2020, she helped establish the Virginia Food Access Investment Fund and Program, the first statewide program of its kind to address food access within historically marginalized communities.

Capping off the evening is our featured entertainment, the acclaimed local Latin crossover group Los Sobrinos del Juez. Los Sobrinos del Juez is a highly polished ensemble of nine committed musicians who love and believe in the style of music they play so well. Created and led by international music producer, vocalist, and arranger, Carlos Oliva, who is credited by Time Magazine as the initiator of the iconic Latin crossover “Miami Sound,” their unforgettable music reflects Florida's inter-cultural community by blending Cuban music with salsa, afro beats, samba, jazz, and rock! Performing in both Spanish and English, their distinct sound is authentically tropical, danceable, and so much fun - no matter what language you speak!



Dr. Bronaugh has spent a lot of time with farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners in her career. She is motivated and inspired by their optimism even when the current road and road ahead is challenging. She is an advocate for all customers and stakeholders who rely on the USDA daily.

Dr. Bronaugh received her Ph.D. in Career and Technical Education from Virginia Tech. She is passionate about the advancement of youth leadership in agriculture. Dr. Bronaugh is from Petersburg, Virginia. She is married to Cleavon, a retired United States Army Veteran.

Welcome to First Timers

The 2022 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) First Timer Committee and Early Career Development Committee invite you to attend the 107th NACAA AM/PIC in West Palm Beach, Florida. We are very excited about this year's event and confident that the program offers something for everyone. If you are attending the NACAA event for the first time, be sure to attend the First Timer Orientation and First Timer Luncheon. The First Timer Orientation will be held on Sunday afternoon, July 17, 2022, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and is designed to help you successfully navigate your first AM/PIC. It will also help you learn more about NACAA. Extension can be a challenging and rewarding career and we want to provide you with information and insights that will help you succeed. The program will let you know about an assortment of opportunities that NACAA has to offer to help you build your career in Extension. The First Timer Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, July 18, at 11:45 a.m. Here you will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow first timers from around the country and hear from Dr. Andra Johnson, Dean and Director for Florida Extension. Dr. Johnson is excited to welcome you to Florida and to share with you his positive view for the future of Extension and how First Timers (those new to Extension) can be the trendsetters as we move into the future and continue to improve the lives of people through Extension's educational outreach. Dr. Johnson is a product of Extension and is an accomplished and innovative educational leader with extensive experience in academic, research and extension program management. Prior to becoming Dean and Director of UF Extension in November 2021, Dr. Johnson served in the following leadership positions: Associate Director of Extension at Penn State; Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Development at Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Louisiana; Assistant Director of Research at Alcorn State University's School of Agriculture, Research, Extension and Applied Sciences (AREAS) in Mississippi and Associate Professor of Urban Forestry at Southern University and A&M College in Louisiana.

Take a close look at the County Agent magazine for details on the 2022 NACAA AM/PIC. This 2022 conference website has additional information that will be of interest. (<https://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/ampic2022/2020/10/02/hello-world>) If you have specific questions about Florida or any of the events that are planned, please contact a member of the First Timer or AM/PIC planning committee. Your First Timer contact is Larry Williams (llw5479@ufl.edu). We hope to make your first AM/PIC a great experience and we are here to help in any way we can!

Wednesday General Session to feature Brigadier General Gary Huffman (ret)

Brigadier General Gary Huffman was the Deputy Senior Military Representative/Chief, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Advisory Team, Sarajevo. General Huffman was responsible for leading a joint international military and civilian staff that conducted strategic level defense and security sector reform. Primary responsibilities included: Commander of Camp Butmir, Senior United States Officer/Military in the Balkans Area for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, daily interaction with the Ministry of Defense and Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of Bosnia & Herzegovina, support to European Union Forces Operation ALTHEA, and coordination with multiple international organizations.



General Huffman received his commission through officer candidate school in 1984. He served in various command and staff positions in units at battery, battalion, brigade, and joint force headquarters. He served on active duty in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and commanded the 2nd Battalion, 2-114th Field Artillery during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 - 2005. Prior to his commission, he served as an enlisted Soldier with the Army Reserve and Mississippi Army National Guard.

Now retired, he spends most of his time on his Mississippi farm. His hobbies include restoring vintage tractors, assisting with the Chickasaw Historical Society and counseling military colleagues both young and old.

This video courtesy of AARP Media Relations, depicts the character of the man rather than the accolades on the uniform.

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Video courtesy of AARP Media Relations



Sunday Evening Opening Meal

Sunday evening's meal will be a comfort food buffet. After a long day of travelling to arrive in West Palm Beach the Florida Association wants you to enjoy something comforting like at Mom's house after a road trip.

Your menu includes:

- Mixed salad with homemade dressing
- Fried Chicken is next with a delicious ranch or spicy Sriracha sauce
- Or if you prefer a Baked cheesy pasta dish (meat free) topped with buttery bread crumbs
- Mixed vegetables (a medley of broccoli and corn) round out your plate.
- Delicious bread pudding just like mom might make.

It is going to be nice and comforting!

Monday Night Beach Party



Now that you have settled into south Florida, enjoy some delicious, hand-held grub and entertainment on Monday evening at the beach! Relax and enjoy an icy cold beverage at Carlin Park, located on the coast of Jupiter, Florida with some easy going background music. With 3,000 feet of beach front access, chat with the county lifeguards about the tides and surfing the waves, or inquire with our UF/IFAS Sea Grant agents about marine life and protecting our coastal habitats. Meanwhile, take a moment to cheer for your state as the "Beach Olympic Games" plow on in the sand! Come prepared with your flip flops, towel and sunscreen (pre-apply in your room to prevent a sand scrub effect – you'll thank us later). Buses will be ready to shuttle you to and from the park throughout the evening.

Annual Awards Banquet

Join us at the annual awards banquet on Wednesday, July 18, as we celebrate Distinguished Service Award winners and another stellar year for NACAA. Dinner will include Green & Red Oak Lettuce and Frisee with Mandarin Oranges, Goat Cheese, Dried Cranberries & Watermelon Radish, Braised Short Ribs, with a magnificent slice of Key Lime pie and rinse your palate with a tantalizing glass of Champagne. See you in Florida!



Tour Day Farewell Dinner



Beef is on the menu in cattle country! Florida is the first state in the USA to have cattle in it and we pride ourselves in pioneering the greatest industry since 1521. The Hendry County Cattlemen's Association will serve up the best USDA Choice 16 oz. ribeye – cooked the way you like it over a coal flame. All the fixins are note worthy too; an ear of sweet corn, your choice of baked or sweet potato, and a guava cream cheese pastry for dessert is such a Florida treat. The Professional Improvement Tours will conclude at Yesteryear Village at the South Fl. Fairgrounds where supper is served and you can travel back in time experiencing the preserved buildings, homes and traditions of the Sunshine State.

New This Year - Sandwiches/Snacks available on Tradeshow floor!!!

Delicious sandwiches and snacks will be available for purchase on the tradeshow floor.

Enjoy chatting with the exhibitors and grabbing a convenient lunch, snack and beverage.

There is not a free lunch option at this conference. Either you register for a meal and get a ticket or you buy lunch on the tradeshow floor, or you leave the conference center to find lunch on your own



Trade Show 2022

The 2022 NACAA AM/PIC trade show will provide you with great opportunities network and learn while visiting with a wide variety of vendors from all over the country. Be sure to stop in and check out all the fun and interactive displays – there will be something for everyone. In addition to the displays, the trade show will be a great place to spend some time visiting with old friends or making new ones in one of the spaces set aside especially for relaxing and taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the conference. There will also be a variety of entertaining and educational presentations scheduled throughout the tradeshow hours.

Educational Breakfast/Luncheon Opportunities

Next-to-Launch Trait Innovations

**Educational Breakfast sponsored by
Bayer CropScience LP
Monday - July 18
6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**

Bayer CropScience is a committed leader in delivering innovative solutions that combine genetics, traits, crop protection chemistries, agronomic recommendations & digital solutions to help our customers manage risk, drive profitability, and deliver food for a growing global population. Our unmatched innovation pipeline is set to drive growth, with more new product launches in the next 10 years across crops, than we've done in the previous 20 years. Today's presentation will highlight Bayer's innovation pipeline with a special focus on the next-to-launch trait innovations in Corn Rootworm Control with SmartStax® PRO and our game-changing Short Stature Corn hybrid technology.

Speaker:
**Ryan Tichich - Corn Agronomic Systems Team Lead,
North America Market Development, Bayer Crop
Science**

Ryan Tichich is the North America Corn Agronomic Systems Team Lead within Market Development. Ryan started his career at Bayer (via Monsanto) in 2006. After several years in R&D, he joined the Market Development team in November of 2019. He currently leads the Corn Agronomic Systems team which focuses on linking seed treatments, pest management, germplasm, and agronomic traits into a tailored solution to bring value to growers.

Extension Agents Enhance Expertise in Specialty Crops and Emerging Enterprises

**Educational Luncheon sponsored by
UF Extension (FACAA)
Tuesday- July 19
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

The University of Florida developed a new Research and Extension initiative to encourage the development of integrated teams of State, Regional, and County faculty. The initiative, known as SEEDIT (Support for Emerging Enterprise Development Integration Teams) provided funding to help build and support integrated teams working toward alleviating “choke points” in the development of emerging enterprises in Florida. Successful proposals assisted in the creation and transfer of tools and technologies with commercialization and business enterprise potential. The program provide funds for 19 teams (https://research.ifas.ufl.edu/media/researchifasufledu/docs/pdf/SEEDIT-Geographical-Distribution-Flyer_Final.pdf). Teams included efforts in several specialty fruit and vegetable crops, craft beer ingredients (malting barley and hops), medicinal crops, animal agriculture, and agricultural production systems including protected ag. Extension agents will share how they benefitted by engaging in these highly productive teams and enhancing their areas of expertise.

Modernizing Productivity: Making the Tools Work for You

**Educational Luncheon sponsored by
Microsoft
Wednesday, July 20
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

Are you craving creative new ways to transform your daily work life? Wishing there were more efficient ways to collaborate with your team, collect and process data, and access information anytime, anywhere? We'll walk you through a day in the life of a modern extension agent to empower you with simple, accessible, and very mobile tools to improve the way you work.



Delivering America's Best Energy Value

***Educational Luncheon sponsored by Florida's Power & Light Company (FPL)
Wednesday, July 20
11:45 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.***

In this session, we will hear how FPL is committed to delivering America's best energy value – electricity that's not just among the cleanest and the most reliable in the country, but also affordable. FPL expects to complete its goal of installing 30 million solar panels across Florida five years early – by the end of 2025 – generating billions of dollars in fuel savings for customers and creating more than 20,000 jobs during construction of the solar farms. FPL is also continuing to build the most advanced energy grid in the nation, providing our customers with reliable service they can count on in good weather and bad.

Seating is limited to 50 participants.

Educational Luncheon sponsored by Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance

***Wednesday - July 20
11:45 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.***

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

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

Seating is limited to 100 participants.

Additional Luncheon Opportunities

Box lunches will be provided by NACAA (and sponsors) for Award related luncheons on Monday/Tuesday. You must register for a Luncheon in order to receive a box lunch. Those not attending award luncheons, will be on their own for lunch.

Monday, July 18, 2022 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)

Search For Excellence in Crop Production

Search For Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management

Search For Excellence in Consumer or Commercial Horticulture

Search For Excellence in 4-H & Youth Programming

Ag Awareness & Appreciation Award Luncheon

First Timer Luncheon
(Spouses of First Timers are welcome)

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)

Search For Excellence in Livestock Production Luncheon

Search For Excellence in Young Beginning & Small Farmers Luncheon

Search For Excellence in Sustainable Ag- Luncheon

Search For Excellence in Forestry and Natural Resources



2022 Pre-Tour Opportunities



2022 NACAA Sustainable Agriculture - SARE Pre-Tour

NACAA and SARE are excited to offer a Sustainable Agriculture Pre-Tour for up to 30 Extension Agents/Specialists on Friday, July 15 - Saturday, July 16, 2022 in tropical South Florida. Participants should arrive Thursday, July 14th in time to depart early morning Friday, July 15th. Tour van/bus will be centralized at the NACAA headquarters hotel West Palm Beach and will return to that location Friday night – then travel again on Saturday to several sustainable agriculture locations **all** within two hours of West Palm Beach. Tour stops will include:

- Friday, July 15 **-West to the Everglades** Visit diverse producers, including organic vegetable field production, hydroponic protected agriculture, sugar and rice producers, and an award-winning, water-farming ranch. We will also hear about SARE-funded research during a lunch stop at the Everglades Research and Education Center.
- Saturday, July 16 **-South to the Tropics** Meet urban and veteran farmers, as well as researchers at the Tropical Research and Education Center. Enjoy a lunch of Cuban food hosted by Miami-Dade Extension. Then tour the Fruit and Spice Park and cool off with a tropical fruit smoothie from the infamous Robert is Here fruit stand, listed on the National Culinary Heritage Register.

You may register on-line thru the AM/PIC registration process - or by checking the box on the registration form found within the registration page 28 of this edition of The County Agent. Registration cost is \$25/person which includes lunch both days and snacks. You will be on your own in West Palm Beach for breakfast/dinner on both days. Registration does not include lodging. We recommend extending your stay at the host hotel to begin Thursday, July 14.



2022 NACAA Animal Science Pre-Tour

The 2022 NACAA Animal Science Preconference Tour will be held on Thursday, July 14 through Saturday, July 16. This year's Animal Science Pre-Conference tour will take an in-depth look at animal agriculture in south Florida, and will start and end in West Palm Beach.

Thursday July 14th

Tour participants will meet in the Best Western lobby at 6:30pm and walk over to BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, which is .3 of a mile from the hotel.

Friday July 15th

Tour Stops:

- #1 Kempfer Beef Cattle Ranch – 25,000 acre family owned and operated ranch
- #2 Larson Dairy Farm, the largest dairy in Florida.
- #3 Okeechobee Livestock Market – We will have lunch and a tour of the market
- #4 Diamond C Ranch – Diversified beef cattle/agritourism operation

Day ends at Lake Okeechobee, Roland Martin Marina, where we will spend the night.

Saturday July 16th

Tour Stops:

- #5 United State Sugar/Westway Molasses -- U.S. Sugar combines traditional farming values with modern technology to farm 215,000 acres
- #6 JB Ranch – A commercial cow/calf operation.
- #7 Gator Park! An alligator adventure and an opportunity to take an airboat ride through the heart of the Everglades National Park.

Day ends back in West Palm Beach at your conference hotel in time for supper.

ALL Hotel reservations will be the responsibility of each person. Reservations must be secured on or before June 12, 2022. All room blocks will be released on June 13th.

Thursday night, July 14th

Best Western Palm Beach Lakes. Book online: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.10225.html?groupId=X99FE7W7 or contact the hotel directly at (561) 683-8810. The room block is under NACAA. Room rate \$119 plus tax.

Friday night, July 15th

Roland Martin Marina. Contact the hotel directly at (863) 983-3151. The room block is under NACAA. Room rate \$78 plus tax.

We hope you will join us on the Animal Science Pre-Conference Tour and experience livestock production and the agri-business industry in south Florida! Registration for the tour will be \$60 per person. The registration includes lunch and dinner on Friday, July 15th. It also covers snacks and the airboat ride on Saturday, while we are in the Everglades. With respect to other meals, there will be a complimentary continental breakfast on Friday morning provided by the hotel. Dinner on Thursday night, as well as, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, will be Dutch treat.

2022 NACAA Horticulture/ Turfgrass Pre-Tour



The National Horticulture and Turfgrass Committee welcomes you to join the 2022 Horticulture and Turfgrass Pre-tour highlighting Miami, Florida. The tour will begin on Friday, July 15 in Miami, leaving in a tour bus from the Hyatt Place at 8:30 am after enjoying the complimentary breakfast. The first stop is Sunset Nursery specializing in topiaries and foliage for landscaping and interiorscape. From there we will travel to Nixia's Exotic Plants and Rancho La Familia tailors plants for interiorscape and the hotel industry. Lunch (unlimited tacos) will be at the Ranch where hopefully we will see their beautiful horses. Next is Kampong National Tropical Garden which contains a fascinating array of tropical fruits and flowering trees. This is the former estate of Dr. David Fairchild. We will end our day at Dogfish Brewery in the Wynwood area. (Please note drinks and dinner are not part of the registration fee). We will end day one with a short drive back to Hyatt Place.

Saturday, July 16 we will pack up and depart the Hyatt Place at 9:15 am to drive to the Deering Estate. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places this was the home of Charles Deering. The estate is dedicated to preserving and protecting natural ecosystems, native plants, and wildlife. Next, we travel to Grow2Heal Community Garden at the Baptist Health's Hospitals in South Miami. The produce grown is provided to hospital patients, visitors, employees, and local organizations in need. Our lunch will be provided by Grow2Heal and time permitting you can walk to the South Miami Farmers Market. Our last stop is Greenlife Farms greenhouses that use hydroponics, renewable energy, and recycling in every element of their operation. They produce baby kale, arugula, romaine, and butterhead lettuce. From there we will travel to the Palm Beach Convention Center to arrive by 5:15 pm to take part in the evening activities.

The registration cost is \$100 per person. Overnight lodging at Hyatt Place Miami Airport-West/Doral; telephone 305-505-1491. We have a block of rooms at a negotiated rate of \$122.00 per night, mention "NACAA Horticulture Room Block". Tour participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations, and the cost of lodging is not included in the registration fee. **Participants must register for hotel accommodations by June 15, 2022.** If you are looking for a roommate please contact Cyndi Lauderdale, NACAA Horticulture and Turfgrass Committee Chair at 252-237-0111, if you need assistance.

Be sure to bring sunscreen, a large brim hat, a small cooling fan, and a cooling towel (Frogg Togg). This tour uses a non-accessible bus and most sites require excessive walking on uneven surfaces.

2022 NACAA Natural Resources Pre-Tour

Swamps, Sawgrass and Sea-life of South Florida



This program is designed to provide the opportunity for NACAA members to study and analyze Florida's natural resources including unique water habitats, protected plant and animal species, and invasive species management in

a rapidly growing state. The 2022 Natural Resources pre-tour will highlight the many environmental educational and eco-tour activities that South Florida is known for. Begin by staying along the boardwalk of Hollywood Beach to enjoy Florida's Atlantic Coast each morning and evening. The Southeast coast in the nesting grounds for many species of sea turtles, shore birds and crabs.

We will begin early on Thursday morning, July 14, by riding through the Everglades National Park to experience the magnificence of Florida's subtropical wilderness. Everglades National Park has been declared a UNESCO world heritage site and a Wetland of International Importance. At Everglades Florida Adventures in Everglades City, we will board a guided boat tour of the 10,000 Islands. The trip will take place on a 45ft passenger catamaran with partial shade and bench seating. This 90-minute excursion ventures across Chokoloskee Bay, into Indian Key Pass, and through the mangrove islands of Everglades National Park. A naturalist will highlight the rich history and unique wildlife of the area. Upon arrival to the Gulf of Mexico, guests may enjoy views of Indian Key, the Stop Keys, Picnic Key, and Marco Island. Every trip is unique, and while wildlife varies day to day, we are always on the lookout for manatees, osprey, sea turtles, shore birds, and playful dolphins. Guests should consider bringing sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen, and water.

After lunch, we head back east to the Sawgrass Recreation Park in Weston. We start our adventure with an airboat tour of the sawgrass marsh. Glide across miles of river at speeds up to 40 mph, and get up-close and personal with native wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for alligators as you cruise through the unbridled wild beauty of the Florida Everglades. After the boat ride, we will stroll through the exhibit areas featuring over 100 reptiles and mammals that have been adopted and rescued. We will then meet up with the "Croc Docs". The University of Florida's "Croc Docs" are a team of biologists, ecological modelers, and outreach specialists on the forefront of wildlife research in south Florida and the Caribbean. They conduct long-term, applied research and monitoring focused on crocodilians, invasive reptiles, threatened and endangered species, climate change, and human dimensions. In collaboration with federal, state, local, and tribal agencies, the Docs respond to pressing wildlife management needs and provide scientific support for Everglades restoration. We will be able meet a baby gator and possibly more. Different animals that often include reptiles like tortoises, snakes and iguanas. Gator Bites are available from an on-site food truck.

Friday morning, July 15, we will gather early to walk out to the beach to speak with Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation personnel and observe the existing nests. Then we head out for a fun-filled day of exploring the

Atlantic Ocean. Virginia Key is an 863-acre barrier island in Biscayne Bay just outside of Miami. The owners of Salty Soul Adventure (Florida Master Naturalists) will meet us with all the equipment necessary for snorkeling and kayaking. We will be experiencing sea-grass beds and inter-tidal sand/mud flats, mangrove and herbaceous wetlands, beach dune communities and a coastal maritime hammock. Unique marine life is easily spotted in the clear waters. Lunch will be at the nearby park.

Saturday, July 16, we will have to head toward the conference. But, we have time to stop in Boca Baton for a visit at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. This 20-acre coastal preserve is surrounded by a rare remnant of tropical hardwood hammock. We will visit the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility to learn about the sea turtle patients, visit Florida Atlantic University's onsite laboratory with a gallery for viewing research projects, and observe a variety of native fish and other marine animals that reside in marine aquariums. Time permitting, we can stroll through the butterfly garden and walk the boardwalk to the authentic Chiki overlooking the Intracoastal waterway.

Getting back to West Palm Beach in time for the beginning of the 2022 NACAA AMPIC.

Participants will need to arrive in Hollywood Beach, Florida on Wednesday, July 13. We will help with pick up from nearby airports if Hollywood is not possible. The nearest airport is the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. If you fly into Miami International or Palm Beach International, we can help transport you to Hollywood. The cost per participant is \$650 and includes 3 nights lodging, ground transportation to and from West Palm Beach and admission to all activities. A few meals will be covered, the remainder will be at your own expense. Upon registration - we will contact you to determine final arrangements.

AM/PIC Travel Information

Plan your AM/PIC trip to West Palm Beach! Fly directly into Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) from more than 25 destinations on nearly 200 daily non-stop arrivals and departures. Or fly into Miami International Airport (MIA) or Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International (FLL) and take either the Tri-Rail or the brand-new Brightline train service right into downtown West Palm Beach. Driving in is also a breeze with I-95 and the Florida turnpike running north-south through Palm Beach County and I-75 bringing you directly to the region.



2022 Super Seminar Opportunities

The following Super Seminars will be offered during the 2022 NACAA AM/PIC. Pre-registration is required and can be found on page 28 of this edition of *The County Agent* - and also online at www.nacaa.com (registration link on homepage under the Florida AM/PIC logo). Please note, registration fees apply to two of the seminars.

Wednesday July 20, 2022

1. Sustainable Agriculture

"Reading the Farm" (Sponsored by USDA SARE)

1:15 – 3:00 pm

***Super seminar participants are required participate in the Professional Improvement Tour (#22).** Reading the Farm is designed to help Extension agents and other agriculture service providers use a team approach to understand farms as holistic systems. Addressing the economic, environmental, and social components of a farm to assist farmers who want to improve the sustainability of their operations. The super seminar provides the program overview, profile of the farm, preparation for our tour. On tour day, we will visit a vegetable farm, meet farmers, enjoy a farm-to-table lunch, and travel to the Elisabeth Lahti Library in Indiantown to summarize our observations before meeting with farmers to share ideas.

Reading the Farm is a useful way to look at all agricultural production systems and the process benefits from participants with a wide range of backgrounds. Knowledge of subtropical vegetable production is not required. Super Seminar and tour will be led by 2017 SARE Fellows: Anthony Bly - SD, Kurt Jones - CO, Naveen Kumar - MD, Amanda Sears - KY and Yvette Goodiel - FL.

Space is limited by to 50 people and preregistration for both the super seminar and the professional improvement tour is required.

2. Agricultural Issues

"Adapting Agriculture to a Changing Climate"

1:15 – 2:45 pm

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

The presenter is Pam Knox, Director of UGA Weather

Network. She is an agricultural climatologist for the Univ. of Georgia and provides education on climate and its effects on crops and livestock in the Southeastern US. Pam is also an active Consulting Meteorologist in forensic meteorology and climatology. She serves on the technical advisory boards for the Southeast Regional Climate Center (NOAA) and the Southeast Regional Climate Hub (USDA).

3. Horticulture and Turfgrass

"Lawn Care Myth-busting"

1:15 – 3:15 PM

Join us if you work with Master Gardeners, nursery/landscape industry, or homeowners with questions about lawn care. This will be a panel presentation with panelists coming from the landscape industry, a turf specialist familiar with residential lawns, an urban horticulture specialist familiar with residential landscapes and a Master Gardener. Panelists will begin by addressing common lawn care questions followed by taking questions from the audience. Sponsored by Bartlett Tree Labs.

4. Florida IT Team

"Delivering Effective Presentations with PowerPoint in 2022"

1:15 – 3:30 PM

Since March of 2020 the world has experienced 10 years of digital adoption and innovation. Online technologies have advanced at breakneck speeds and keeping up with change is harder than ever. An overwhelming number of options can paralyze rather than empower. This seminar will empower agents with knowledge of tools already at their disposal. This interactive session (bring your mobile devices) will take attendees through multiple scenarios you may find yourselves in while delivering presentations.

Attendees will learn to craft interactive and inclusive presentations in an online environment using **PowerPoint Online** in ways not possible with standard screen sharing. This powerful hybrid option provides learners with digital access to the presentation on their own mobile device. Learners get a close look at slide content, language translations, and built-in feedback opportunities to provide educators with valuable data. This new tool defeats language barriers and overcomes visual impairments. We'll look at how to blend the two technologies to ensure no participant is left behind. Remote and in person learners can see the same content and have access to translations and captions powered by **PowerPoint Online** and Microsoft Teams. We will also look at **PowerPoint Coach** which provides feedback and data to ensure presentations are professional, polished, and properly timed. Agents

will learn just how big their toolbox is when it comes to delivering presentations in all scenarios.

This is an interactive session so you should plan to bring a device (laptop, tablet, smartphone). If your device isn't up to snuff, then you'll want to stay until the very end where we'll be raffling off 2 brand new Microsoft Surface devices!

5. Teaching and Educational Technology

"Equipment Needs for Professional Extension Videos"

\$25 registration fee

1:15 – 4:00 PM

This seminar will help you prepare for shooting your own professional quality videos. We'll address: What camera should I buy? Do I need special software? What accessories? How do I film outside versus inside? Background noise? What new technologies can I incorporate into my programming? This seminar will help videographers by outlining equipment they will need, and suggestions for any budget level. We will demonstrate new technologies and techniques to capture and present video to our audiences like 3-D, drones and virtual reality. Everyone will learn something new.

Participants will learn about video cameras, microphones, accessories, editing software, and new trends in extension video creativity for programs budget in mind. Speakers will bring along equipment for show and tell, as well as show short video clips to highlight how equipment can be used to our advantage.

6. Agricultural Economics & Community Development

"Cultivating Resiliency in Ourselves and Our Clientele"

1:15 – 4:00 PM

Do you need better skills at working with clients across all disciplines; particularly those who have to deal with adversity? Merriam-Webster defines adversity as a state or instance of serious or continued difficulty or misfortune. Merriam-Webster defines resiliency as an ability to recover from, or adjust easily to, adversity or change. Adversity is bound to happen at some point in life. The ability to cultivate resiliency in the face of adversity is critical to leading a more productive career and fulfilling life.

Join us to understand how adversity affects behavioral health and mental wellness. Increase your knowledge and preparedness in dealing with adversity. Our plan is for a

1-hour session on **Cultivating Resiliency in Ourselves**. We need to balance the demands of work and family and this session focuses on "filling our cup" first so that we can be more productive and helpful. After a short break, we will begin the final 1-hour session on **Cultivating Resiliency in Our Clientele**. Learn how Extension professionals can support our farmers and other clientele. We will teach participants to notice signs of stress in others and using tools and resources to help those facing adversity better manage stress. Presentation will be by the Mental Health Team of Iowa State University Extension.

7. Leadership & Admin Skills

"Comprehending Your Leadership Style to Enhance Personal and Professional Growth at the Local Level"

Registration fee: \$10

Limited to 30 participants

1:15 – 4:30 PM

We will focus on individual leadership growth from a professional vantage point, focusing on bridging the gap between complex foundational leadership potential and application in the Extension profession with a team-based approach. Both seasoned and new professionals would gain insight into their personal leadership style to enhance their professional growth in all facets of Extension work. This seminar will be an in-depth, hands-on approach to leadership style with the integration of various components adapted to both personal growth and professional enhancement. Facilitators will be Dr. Kimberly Heller and/or Carolyn Humphrey.

Dr. Kimberly Heller provides program development, training, and facilitation in areas of human and organizational development for youth and adult audiences at the local, regional and national levels. She was a faculty member for 8 years at Univ. of Georgia managing Lead21 and facilitation in youth and adult leadership programming. She has expertise in leadership and program development through years of experience with Agricultural Education, FFA and 4-H at the national level.

Ms. Carolyn Humphrey is a facilitator with Leap Insights and founder of The Consulting Psychology Group. This organization provides leadership development on an individual, group and organizational level. Her expertise is in counseling psychology, organizational development, executive coaching, design of psychological assessments, and facilitation and evaluation of leadership development programs. Carolyn is a faculty member for Lead21, the national leadership program for land-grant Universities.

107th Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 15

7:00 am – Pre-Conference Livestock, Horticulture, Natural Resources & Sustainable Ag Tours
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 16

7:00 am – Pre-Conference Livestock, Horticulture, Natural Resources & Sustainable Ag Tours
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting
 3:00 pm -6:00 pm Registration at Palm Beach Convention Center

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:00 am – 7:00 pm Registration at Palm Beach Convention Center
 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Commercial Exhibits & NACAA Educational Exhibits, Poster Set Up
 9:00 am – Noon Regional Directors and Vice Directors Workshop
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Scholarship Selection Committee
 9:00 am – Noon Nominating Committee Meeting
 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Past National Officers and Board Luncheon
 Noon – 2:00 pm National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Luncheon and Workshop
 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Life Member/Spouses Lounge
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Early Career Development Super Seminar
 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Commercial Exhibit Trade Show and NACAA Poster Session Display
 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm State Officers Workshop
 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Program Recognition Council Workshop
 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Extension Development Council Workshop
 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Professional Improvement Council Workshop
 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting
 3:00 pm -4:30 pm First Timer Orientation and Reception
 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Welcome to Florida Dinner
 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony
 6:00 pm – 6:15 pm National Leadership Rehearsal

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm Parents Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program
 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm Opening Session and Inspirational Program
 9:00 pm Ice Cream Social
 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm All State Pictures
 9:30 pm – 11:30 pm Hospitality Rooms Open (Hilton)
 10:00 pm Florida Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 18

6:30 am- 7:45 am Voting Delegates Breakfast
 6:30 am- 7:45 am Bayer CropScience LP AgVocate Breakfast
 7:30 am - 8:45 am Spouse Breakfast Program (with Speaker) - Spouse Activities to follow
 8:00 am-5:00 pm Registration at Palm Beach Convention Center
 8:00 pm-5:00 pm Life Member and Spouses Lounge
 8:00 am- noon NACAA Poster Judging
 8:00 am-10:00 am General Session
 9:00 am-5:00 pm Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits Open
 10:00 am-10:30 am Break and Meet the Authors Poster Session
 10:30 am-11:40 am Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions
 11:45 am-1:15 pm Agriculture Awareness & Appreciation Award Luncheon (Tickets Required)
 11:45 am -1:15 pm First Time Attendee Luncheon (Tickets Required)
 11:45 am -1:15 pm Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons (Tickets Required) Crop, Farm and Ranch Management, Landscape Horticulture, 4-H and Youth Programming
 11:45 am -1:15 pm Educational Luncheon Seminars
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Life Members Business Meeting
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Committee Workshops for all NACAA Members
 2:30 pm- 3:00 pm Break
 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations
 5:00 pm -9:00 pm Beach Party
 9:30 pm-11:30 pm Hospitality Rooms Open (Hilton)
 10:00 pm Florida Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 19

7:00 am – 8:00 am Achievement Award Recognition
Breakfast

8:15 am- 4:30 pm Load buses for Life Member/
Spouses Tours

8:00 am -2:00 pm Registration at Palm Beach
Convention Center

8:30 am-11:30 am Delegate Session

8:30 am- 11:30 am Committee Oral Presentations

10:00 am- 10:30 am Break and Meet the Authors
Poster Session

9:00 am- 4:00 pm Commercial and NACAA
Educational Exhibits Open

9:00 am- 4:00 pm NACAA Poster Session Open

11:45 am-1:15 pm Communication/Poster Awards
Luncheon

11:45 am-1:15 pm Search for Excellence Luncheons:
Livestock Production
Young, Beginning or Small Farms/
Rancher Program
Forestry/Natural Resources,
Sustainable Agriculture

11:45 am-1:15 pm Educational Luncheon Seminars
(Tickets Required)

1:30 pm- 4:00 pm Committee Oral Presentations

2:30 pm-3:20 pm Break

4:00 pm -6:00 pm Commercial Exhibits close and
take down

4:30 pm States Night Out

7:00 pm Silent and Live Auction Preview

8:00 pm Live Auction

10:00 pm Florida Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

6:30 am -8:00 am National Committee Members
Breakfast Recognition of Retiring
Chairs, Vice Chairs and Special
Assignments

6:30 am- 7:45 am Life Member Breakfast

8:00 pm-5:00 pm Life Member/Spouses Lounge

8:30 am- 10:00 am NACAA Policy Meeting

8:00 am- 10:00 am General Session

8:00 am- 2:00 pm Registration at Palm Beach
Convention Center

10:00 am-10:30 am Break

10:30 am-11:30 am Committee Oral Presentations

11:45 am- 1:15 pm Educational Luncheon Seminars
(Tickets Required)

11:45 am- 1:15 pm Ag Pipeline Alliance Luncheon –
(Tickets Required)

11:45 am-3:00 pm Administrative Leaders Luncheon
and Program (for Extension
Directors, Program Leaders with
statewide responsibilities)

1:15 pm – 4:30 pm **Super Seminars**

1:15 pm - 3:00 pm
Sustainable Agriculture (SARE)

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Agricultural Issues

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Horticulture & Turfgrass

1:15 pm - 3:30 pm
Florida IT Team

1:15 pm - 4:00 pm
Teaching & Educational Technology

1:15 pm - 4:00 pm
Ag Economics & Community Dev.

1:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Leadership & Admin. Skills

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Life Member Travelogue

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Formal Picture Opportunity

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm DSA & AA Recipients, Hall of Fame
Recipients, NACAA Board
Members, Region Directors, Past
Officers, Special Assignments,
Special Guests, Council Chairs,
Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs
Assemble for Banquet

6:30 pm- 9:00 pm Annual Banquet

9:15 pm-11:00 pm President's Reception

10:00 pm Florida Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 21

No registration—Tour Day

6:00 am -8:45 am Breakfast – in the great outdoors
of the Hilton

6:30 am- 9:00 am Assemble for Professional
Improvement Tours

8:00 am– 6:00 pm Professional Improvement Tours
(22 tours)

4:45 pm Shuttle buses for Florida Dinner
for non-tour participants

5:00 pm-7:00 pm Post Tour Dinner

10:00 pm Florida Meeting in a location

FRIDAY, JULY 22

8:00 am- 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 23

8:00 am- 12:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

2022 NACAA AM/PIC Professional Improvement Tours

Tour 1: Northern Everglades Ag



Discover the beauty and challenges of the relationships between the Florida water system and local agriculture. Start with the Butler Oaks Dairy farm on the Kissimmee River. The dairy has been on the river since 1965. They recycle all their water and strive to improve water as it traverses their varied landscapes before it enters the Kissimmee River. The farm is nestled between the manmade channel like structure that runs from Orlando to Lake Okeechobee and the old meandering runs of the natural system. Next visit one of the oldest and largest cattle ranches in Florida, Lykes Brothers. While the ranch division specializes in cattle, they're property also diversifies into hunting leases, timber, sod and vegetable production. Visit the ranch and see how their operation and the water shed benefits from water storage and filtration. Then, have lunch on the banks of Lake Okeechobee, the largest freshwater Lake in the Southeast. We will finish lunch and tour the top of Lake Okeechobee, where will meet with a water management expert to help explain the lake's many challenges. I hope you saved room for desert as we go to Milking R Dairy to have homemade ice cream and tour their progressive calf raising facility and maternity barn. *Light Walking*

Tour 2: Cowboys and Ice Cream

Okeechobee prides itself on the nickname of "Cowtown", being home to more cattle than people. Come explore the diversity within the dairy and beef industries in Okeechobee. The 1st stop is Larson Dairy, a family owned and managed 5,000 cow freestall dairy working to improve sustainability with genetics, methane digesters, and more. Next up is Williamson Cattle Company, a 5th generation cattle and citrus operation established in the 1940's. In 2004 WCC became the first Ranch east of the



Mississippi River to receive the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Environmental Stewardship Award. For lunch, we will visit Florida's oldest Livestock Market and try out the best burger in town. Save room for dessert, because the next stop is Milking R Dairy, serving up some of the most unique ice cream flavors around. Milking R is known for their automated calf raising facility, a thriving agritourism business, and exciting ice cream flavors - Banana Pudding, Big Deborah, and Love Child, just to name a few. Saddle up for the last stop at Buck Daniel Ranch, an active cow calf operation with a flourishing horse and rodeo training operation and arena. *Moderate walking*

Tour 3: Gators, Grass, and Caladiums



The Caladium Capitol of the World, Lake Placid Florida, holds nearly one thousand acres of this unique and colorful tropical foliage plant. The University of Florida's breeders help develop new colorful varieties for the farmers in Lake Placid. Nearly 90 percent of the worlds Caladiums are grown there. We'll visit Happiness Farms, one of the world's largest caladium producers. A third-generation family farm where you'll tour their packing facility. We then head for Windy Point on the shores of Florida's Fifth largest Lake, Istokpoga. There we'll stop for a Barbeque lunch with all the fixings served by the Highlands County Master Gardeners. Next, we visit Duda Sod. The Duda Family is a sixth-generation family-owned farming operation that started in south Florida. They now produce vegetables and/or citrus in five states and 7 countries. Duda's Turf division in Lake Placid grows

Florida's Native Grass, St. Augustine "Floritam". They also grow "Empire" Zoysiagrass. Along the route we will stop to visit Highlands County's number one agricultural crop, Citrus. We then head to Parker Island Gator Farm. A second-generation alligator farm where they raise alligators for meat and hides. You'll get a close look at the large breeder alligators while you get a closer look at the young the offspring. The Parker Island Gator farm is always a favorite stop on our tours. **Moderate walking, closed toed shoes and sun protection recommended**

Tour 4: Sweetest Tour in South Florida



South Florida is home to a variety of agriculture; including cattle, sugarcane, citrus, and every crop from A-Z (Arugula to Zucchini) - it is all growing on the edge of the Florida Everglades. You will experience the research conducted on the rich muck soils at the UF/IFAS Everglades Research and Education Center, one of the largest cow-calf operations in the nation, a sweet stop at the United States Sugar Company's mill, and a thrilling AIRBOAT ride through the Everglades! Along the route we will travel through the Big Cypress National Preserve and through the Miccosukee Indian Reservation. If you want to see real, un-touched Florida and experience ranching in the Glades amongst the panthers, gators, and water (oh my) - then this is the tour for you. **Moderate walking, closed toed shoes and sun protection recommended**

Tour 5: South Florida Water Management

Initially the purpose of the South Florida Water Management District was to provide flood control of the submerged southern tip of Florida to provide agricultural land and opportunities for homes to be built. As the oldest and largest of Florida's five water management districts, managing water resources in a 16-county region that stretches from Orlando to the Florida Keys, serving a population of 9 million. The district now works to continue water control, improve water quality, protect



coastal estuaries, manage the water supply, as well as restore damaged ecosystems such as the Everglades and Kissimmee River. Take part in a tour of the headquarters of the district and visit some of the newest water control structures and reservoirs. **Light walking**

Tour 6: Beautiful Tropical Ornamentals



Let's start visiting University of Florida researchers working to obtain best local tropical crops such as Vanilla and/or Calabaza for production in southern Florida. Followed by a 4th-generation family-owned bromeliad nursery with the largest selection of small and large Neoregelia's in the market and species and hybrids produced and grown in house. During lunch, we will have the opportunity to share a meal with friends of UF/IFAS Extension located in the heart of agricultural area. In the afternoon, for those orchid lovers, we have a lush, tropical nursery specializing in flowering orchids, including exotics & rare hybrids. And we will finish visiting a 37-acre botanical garden & park containing over 500 varieties of fruit, vegetables, spices & herbs. **Moderate walking**

Tour 7: Liquid Vices in the Land of Sunshine

Join us for this informative and fun tour exploring St. Lucie County's finest beverages - including the adult variety. We will begin in the morning with a walking tour of a local juice plant, Natalie's - making your second favorite breakfast

drink that pairs so well with vodka (not included). Natalie's Juice is known for their philanthropic work to donate juice for various non-profit events. Next, we visit a commercial kitchen focused on the cottage food and taste the variety of products made by one of their members. Enjoy mead made with local honey, sour ciders and cold brew coffee then stay for a lunch prepared by other kitchen



members. Learn more about the Kitchen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BNz5Pajalo From there, it is a short ride to St. Lucie County's only winery where we will tempt our palate with the different varieties of tasty wines they offer. A special feature about this winery is the opportunity they give local non-profits to "sponsor" the weekend to obtain free advertisement and any revenue in the form of donations from the public when they visit the winery. Relax, enjoy, and learn while you taste what Florida beverages have to offer - and leave the driving to us! *Moderate walking*

Tour 8: Indian River Lagoon Tide to Table Tour



The Indian River Lagoon (IRL) is considered the most bio-diverse estuary in North America. Reflective of this bio-diversity, Florida's aquaculture industry produces the greatest variety of aquatic species of any state. The rich waters of the IRL supports a burgeoning aquaculture industry producing clams, oysters and fish. Traditional and modern aquaculture technology ensures that these products are not only delicious and safe, but also sustainable, providing additional benefits of improved water filtration, nitrogen removal, and

carbon sequestration. We will visit oyster and fish farms and learn how these animals are raised and sample the delicious bounty from these waters. Join us in this unique "Tide to Table" experience! *Moderate walking*

Tour 9: Traditional Florida Ranches



Ranching is a family tradition in south Florida. Come visit two family-owned operations in St. Lucie County. At Adams Ranch they are known for raising quality cattle grown naturally in open pastures using only natural cattle breeding, calving, weaning and growing practices. The Adams Family is credited with creating the Braford breed, a mix of Herford and Brahman breeds to increase growth potential and meat quality with heat tolerance. They have also taken to producing beef for local grocery chains while emphasizing that no antibiotics or hormones are used. Participants will head out into the wilds of Adams Ranch in an open-air vehicle to look for cattle, deer, birds and other wildlife. Cow-calf Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be noted throughout the trip. Wildlife and conservation practices are abundant in the pastures and hammocks throughout the property. Practices that emphasize the conservation of water in South Florida will be seen as you go. The next ranch we will visit is Wynne Ranch, the largest registered Brangus breeder in the country. Located on over 8,000 acres in the heart of cow country in south Florida. Cow-calf BMPs play a vital role in their operation. Come see how cow production and resource conservation is done, deep in south Florida. *Light walking*

Tour 10: Florida Turfgrass

In 2019, Florida's turfgrass related industries had a total of \$13.63 billion in turfgrass related output (or revenue) contributions and provided 139,863 full- and part-time jobs. Florida's turf managers are national leaders and early adopters of Best Management Practices as evidenced by having the only Golf Course BMP Certification Program in the US, the most comprehensive Green Industries BMP



program, and the only state with comprehensive sod production BMPs. Tour attendees will visit a coastal golf course, a major league football stadium, and a prominent sod production farm where turf managers will share about the challenges of managing turf in high profile, environmentally sensitive sites. Additionally, attendees will visit the Turf Research Plots at the University of Florida, IFAS, Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center and hear from Turfgrass Scientists focused on improving turf industry best management practices. *Moderate walking*

Tour 11: Rotational Crops of the Everglades Agricultural Area



Join us on a tour of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), one of the United States' most productive farming regions. This tour will highlight crops that are rotated with sugarcane, the primary crop of the EAA. First, we will visit rice fields and learn how rice is produced in Florida, and how growers utilize BMPS to improve soil conditions and mitigate pests in subsequent crops. Then we will visit the Sem-Chi rice mill to learn about post-harvest operations. Next, we will visit the UF/IFAS Everglades Research and Education Center for lunch, followed by a tour of the facility to learn how university faculty are improving rotational crop production in South Florida. Finally, we will stop by the TKM-Bengard vegetable packing house to learn how leafy green vegetables are grown and packaged, as well as the health and food safety protocols required when handling these crops. Continual philanthropic work in Palm Beach leadership in numerous organizations

within community, employee housing, co-generation plant at the Okeelanta Sugar mill: yard waste from palm beach county and electricity to return to the grid, mill is powered by burning sugarcane bagass sugarcane stalk fiber to power mill and office complex. Organic: rice and sugarcane and rice (8,000 acres). *Moderate walking*

Tour 12: The Sweetest Place on Earth: A Tour of Florida's Sugarcane Industry



Welcome to the Everglades Agricultural Area, home to over 400,000 acres of sugarcane! This tour will highlight sugar production in Florida, from cultivation of sugarcane to the milling and packing processes. First, we will visit a sugarcane field owned and operated by Florida Crystals, one of the largest sugarcane growers in the state, to learn how sugarcane is grown and harvested. Next, we will visit Tellus Products to learn how sugarcane byproducts are being used to produce recyclable products, including plates and bowls. This portion of the tour will highlight other environmental benefits of sugarcane. Next, we will visit the UF/IFAS Everglades Research and Education Center for lunch and learn how UF faculty are improving sugarcane production across the United States. The final portion of the tour will be to visit the Florida Crystals Okeelanta Sugar Mill and Packaging Facility. The mill houses a co-generation system that recycles yard waste from Palm Beach County and returns the electricity by-product back to the electricity grid as well as utilizing the sugarcane bagass (sugarcane stalk fiber) to power the mill and the office complex. Here we will learn how sugarcane is processed to produce various types of sugar products, and how these products are packaged for consumers across the country. Ride along in the EAA, the sweetest farming area in the world! *Moderate walking*

Tour 13: Birds and Botany

The Patch (People's Access to Community Horticulture TM) is a unique community garden located in the heart of Dania Beach built by the Dania beach Redevelopment Agency (DBCRA) with efforts in enhancing the health and nutrition of the residents and



providing green spaces for locally grown food in urban residential/mixed use districts. Through its work, The Patch has fostered meaningful relationships between the residents and gardeners, educators, students, and researchers on market and community gardens and provides residents with opportunities to cultivate friendships, strengthen their neighborhoods, improve health, and enjoy recreational and therapeutic activities. Then enjoy a personalized visit with the horticulturalist at Flamingo Gardens, a botanical wildlife sanctuary with over 3,000 species of rare and exotic, tropical, subtropical, and native plants, and trees. Established in 1927, the gardens are home to one of the oldest botanical gardens in south Florida. It is home to over 90 species of Florida native birds and animals. Come see our signature south Florida bird, the Flamingo! There will also be a unique art exhibit temporarily there during our visit called Free RSEAS. It is art pieces made out of trash collected in the ocean. *Moderate walking*

Tour 14: Exotic Plants and Tropical Fruit

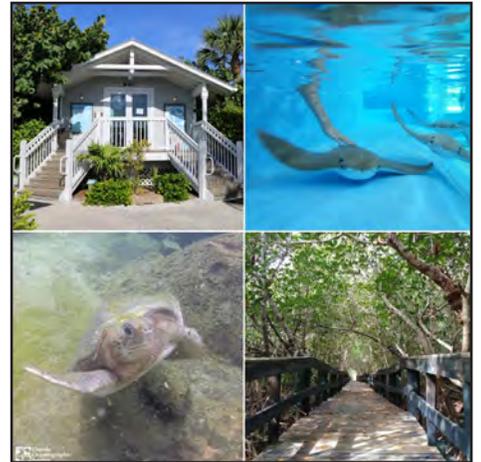
Join us on a tour for a sampling of South Florida's tropical plant nurseries, edible tropical fruits groves, and cultivated gardens. Our journey will begin with a visit to Excelsa Gardens, a tropical plant nursery that specializes in high-quality rare and exotic plants. Unique heliconias, philodendrons, palms, and ferns are just a few of the plants you



will expect to see. Just a stone's throw away is the 13-acre Tropical Bamboo Nursery and Gardens, which will be our next stop. Their display garden features 200 varieties of clumping and spreading bamboo that they grow and sell. Our next stop at Mounts Botanical Garden will allow you to see the previously mentioned exotic plants and bamboo in a luscious garden setting. MBG, which began around 1954, was named in honor of Marvin U. "Red" Mounts, an Extension Agent in Palm Beach County. He established and cared for the Garden's fruit tree collection to help produce new food resources that could help families overcome vitamin deficiencies. Next up we will head over the shores of Lake Okeechobee where we will be taken on a tour of Erickson Farm. This 4-generation family operation grows gourmet mangos, avocados, starfruit, and other tropical delicacies. *Moderate walking*

Tour 15: Seas and Gardens

Join us as we travel across Martin County. We will start our day with a visit to the Florida Oceanographic Center, a 57-acre marine life nature center situated on a barrier island between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean. The Center features a 750,000-gallon



Game Fish Lagoon, Sea Turtle Pavilion, Sea Star Touch Tank Pavilion, Rays on the Reef Ray Pavilion, as well as nature trails through coastal hammocks and mangrove swamps. After a short welcome to the Center, tour participants will be able to choose their own self-guided tour of the pavilions, lagoon, and trails. Next, we will stop for lunch at the Colab Farm restaurant, located in downtown Stuart. Stuart claimed the 2020 "Great Places in Florida" award hosted by the state's chapter of the American Planning Association, was named "America's Happiest Seaside Town" by Coastal Living in 2016, and was a finalist in Smithsonian Magazine's 2015 "Best Small Towns to Visit". Colab Farms operates protected agriculture hydroponic production farms at two locations in Martin County, both of which contribute produce to the downtown Stuart restaurant and shop. If you want to take a walk around the block at lunch, visit Castronovo's Chocolate Factory and shop for a sweet treat! Castronovo's features award-winning chocolates, like their new White Chocolate Lemon & Lemon Salt bar, which won World Gold at the International Chocolate Awards. After lunch, we travel inland to the Village of Indiantown, where a community

garden has been thriving at the Boys & Girls Club. The garden features fruit trees and 60 vegetable plots maintained by community members and Boys & Girls Club participants. Master Gardener Paula Smith will show us around the garden and offer tour participants the chance to sample some unique tropical fruits and vegetables being grown. *Moderate walking*

Tour 16: Wanna Gamble?

Experience South Florida's elite gaming atmosphere with a selection of over 3,100 of the most popular slots, nearly 200 table games, and a 45-table poker room. The High Limit Slots room offers an array of favorite titles and the newest Slots in the industry. The floor layout and contemporary design create a relaxed and stimulating atmosphere where guests enjoy hours of play in a private setting. Slot denominations range from one cent to \$5 on the general gaming floor, while the High Limit Slots room offers \$1 to \$1,000 bets. A Non-Smoking Slots area is conveniently located near the Winners Way Garage. Inside, guests will find an impressive selection of the most popular slot titles in a variety of denominations. Guests can also enjoy a Non-Smoking High Limit Slots area. *Light walking*



IFAS PBC Extension campus and is named after extension agent Marvin U. "Red" Mounts, who in 1925 used the site to demonstrate fruit tree varieties. The Mounts subsequently evolved into a 16-acre tropical oasis, with 25 display gardens containing 6,000 species of tropical and sub-tropical plants, including Florida native plants, exotic trees, and astonishing ornamentals. Green Cay Wetlands is a 100-acre constructed wetland that occupies former farmland that was deliberately preserved under natural ecosystem to avoid urban development. The 1.5 miles of elevated boardwalks include interpretive signs for 9 different wetland habitats, with a Nature Center featuring live animals and information displays. Final stop is the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, which features 6 gardens inspired by signature Japanese garden styles that date back to the 9th century. Unique rock formations amid aesthetic plant arrangements, waterfalls, Japanese-inspired architectural features and open waterways help distract visitors from the surrounding urban pressures to enjoy a unique sensory experience. A relaxing stroll to be savored as you close out your day. *Moderate walking*

Tour 18: Turtles and Beaches



Enjoy a tour planned around all things beachy! Meet rescued sea turtles and have a picnic lunch on the beach. Loggerhead marine center is one of Florida's most visited nonprofit scientific destinations focused on ocean and sea turtle conservation. After your private tour enjoy a packed lunch and some quality time in the sunshine on Juno beach, next door. Please pack beach appropriate clothing. We will head back to the hotel with plenty of time to freshen up before dinner. *Moderate walking*

Tour 17: Nature's Walk: Wetlands and Botanical Gardens

This tour connects you to nature. Bring your comfy shoes and visit four natural area attractions in Palm Beach County.



First stop is the Wakodahatchee Wetlands, which means "Created Waters" in the Seminole language. Wakodahatchee occupies 50 acres of former urban land, converted by the PBC Water Utilities Department into a wetland ecosystem that now features wooden boardwalks that cross open ponds and bird-nesting islands. Wakodahatchee receives treated urban wastewater, and acts as a percolation and nutrient filtration marsh to return fresh water back into the water table. The Mounts Botanical Garden is part of the UF/

Tour 19: Private Gardens of Palm Beach

Come on a private tour of some of the Palm Beaches most special gardens. First will be Pan's Garden, a half-acre garden designed by landscape architects consisting exclusively of native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers, many of which are endangered. These are incorporated into upland and wetland areas designed to display their naturally occurring relationships to one another. The travel to Kit's Garden, an award-winning



private Palm Beach estate garden. Kit Pannill has been crafting the landscape of her Lake House, located on the historic Lake Trail, for the past thirty-three years. From what was once an ordinary landscape with two Ficus trees and two Mango trees, Kit has created an elegant plant-lovers paradise complete with interesting plants and intriguing secret spaces. Then enjoy a waterfront lunch at ER Bradleys Saloon. After lunch we will visit Unbelievable Acres Botanic Gardens. The garden has a large collection of tropical foliage and flowering plants that are usually considered greenhouse plants because of their cold tenderness. In the tropical fruit section see over 160 varieties of tropical fruits including 17 different starfruits. This tour will end midafternoon allowing for time to return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner. *Moderate walking*

Tour 20: Idyllic Treasure Coast

Explore the hidden beauty and diversity of the Ft. Pierce area. Visit the St. Lucie County Aquarium (Smithsonian Marine



Station) and see the underwater worlds of the Indian River Lagoon and Atlantic Ocean, visit the touch tank and other interactive exhibits, and displays. The museum is located on the white sandy beaches of the Ft. Pierce Inlet. After a walk on the beach enjoy lunch on your own in downtown Ft. Pierce. We will round out the trip with a visit to the Navy SEAL Museum. It is the only museum dedicated to preserving the history of the US Navy SEALs and their predecessors. Built on the training grounds of the original navy combat divers, the Frogmen. The facility allows you to explore the history of the SEALs with interactive exhibits of unusual artifacts and exhibits of any museum. *Moderate walking*

Tour 21: Airboat the Everglades

Climb aboard for an Everglades airboat ride and go on an adventure in the Florida Everglades. During your Everglades airboat tour, listen to fun facts about this impressive ecosystem while you take in the exciting sights. You may even catch a glimpse of the wildlife as you skim across the glassy water on your adventure. Keep your eyes peeled as you cruise through the unbridled wild beauty of the Florida Everglades. Feel free to let your spirit soar as you view nature at its finest. *Moderate walking*



Tour 22: SARE/Reading the Farm

Participation in the Reading the Farm Tour requires participation in the Reading the Farm Super Seminar. The super seminar will provide the program overview, a profile of the farm, and time to prepare for our visit. On the tour day, we will visit the 40 A vegetable farm, meet the farmers, enjoy a farm-to-table lunch, and then travel to the Elisabeth Lahti Library in Indiantown to summarize our observations before meeting with the farmers to share our ideas.



Kai Kai's farmers, husband and wife, Carl Frost and Diane Cordeau, have diversified vegetable and herb production, including some production in greenhouses and under shadehouses. They sell their products through a mix of channels, including an on-site farm market, CSA subscriptions, and direct sales to restaurants. They have also diversified into agritourism, offering farm-to-table meals at their on-site restaurant, concerts, cooking classes, weddings, a farm market, farm tours, and more. Reading the Farm is a useful way to look at all agricultural production systems and the process benefits from participants with a wide range of backgrounds. Knowledge of subtropical vegetable production is not required. A willingness to learn and share some of the things you know is.

The Super Seminar and tour will be led by the 2017 cohort of SARE Fellows, Anthony Bly, South Dakota State, Kurt Jones, Colorado State, Naveen Kumar, University of Maryland, and Amanda Sears, University of Kentucky and by local University of Florida Extension Agent Yvette Goodiel. *Moderate Walking*

Sons and Daughters Program

The 2022 AMPIC will be glad to host sons and daughters from across this country to West Palm Beach. FACA leaders are planning on taking guests to many exciting locations through south Florida. Be sure to bring bathing suits, sunscreen, caps, beach towels, and shoes ready for the water.

Monday, July 18:



At Gator Park you will explore the “River of Grass” on an airboat to experience the wonders of the Florida Everglades. You’ll have the chance to visit with their resident turtles, macaws and peacocks. Furthermore, native snakes also reside nearby, including the Blackpine, Brooks Kingsnake, Florida Kingsnake and Red Ratsnake. Keep your camera handy, as our gator tours provide you with many opportunities to capture alligators and many other creatures in their natural habitat. On the return to the Hilton, participants will have the opportunity to visit Sugar Mountain located in Clewiston, FL.

Tuesday, July 19:

SeaWorld Orlando is a theme and marine zoological park, in Orlando, Florida. It is the only place in Florida to learn first-hand about killer whales, penguins, walruses, endangered sea turtles and rescued manatees all in one location. Furthermore, you may experience the force and power of the high seas on world-class coasters.



Wednesday July 20:



Morning- Diva Duck is a modern Hydra-Terra engineered with U.S. Coast Guard oversight, using flotation foam throughout her hull to ensure the vessel will stay afloat even if full of water. Strenuous testing proved this and allowed the manufacturer to claim she is unsinkable. She splashes into the calm blue waters of the Intercoastal Waterway and lagoon for a relaxing and entertaining cruise that gets you an up close and personal view of the homes, mega yachts, and lifestyles of the rich and famous. At Howard Park youth will enjoy outdoor and indoor activities.



Afternoon: The Rapids Water Park is South Florida’s largest water park featuring 35-action packed acres and 42 of the biggest, wettest, most thrilling water slides and attractions. Take a jaw dropping seven-story ride down Big Thunder or a relaxing break floating through the serene current of the Lazy River.

Wednesday Evening: Farewell Party at the Convention Center

SON'S & DAUGHTER'S MEDICAL RELEASE FORM: Medical release forms will be required for all youth participants. Please complete the document found online at: <https://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/ampic2022/sons-daughters/> WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM - OR EMAIL TO: NACAAEMAIL@AOL.COM

Life Member & Spouse/Guest Program

NACAA and Florida wish a special welcome to Life Members, spouses, and other guests. This year, the Life Members and Spouses Programs will participate together in a shared hospitality room, workshops, and tours. Participants will also be provided information about local attractions that they may visit on their own.

See a summary of Life Member and Spouses Program functions by conference day below:

Sunday, July 17

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room (8 am to 5 pm)

Monday, July 18

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room (8 am to 5 pm)
- Spouse Breakfast Program (7:30 am to 8:45 am)
- Spouse Activities (Begin at 9 am, ending time varies)
- Life Member Business Meeting (all Life Members) (1 pm to 3 pm)

Tuesday, July 19

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room (8 am to 5 pm)
- Life Member and Spouse Tours and workshops (times vary)

Wednesday, July 20

- Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room (8 am to 5 pm)
- Life Member Breakfast (6:30 am to 7:45 am)
- Spouse Tours (times vary)
- Life Member Travelogue (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)
- Spouse Workshops (2 pm to 4 pm - times vary)

Life Member and Spouse Activities for Monday, July 18

Spouse Breakfast Program

(For all Spouses/Guests) (7:30 to 8:45)

Guest Speaker will be presenting a program.

Life Members are encouraged to attend the General Session. Spouses and guests can choose among three tours on Monday:

Activity 1: Palm Beach Experience 1

(9:00 am to 12:00 noon)



Visit Wakodahatchee Wetlands, a manmade wetland built by Palm Beach Water Utilities to further clean wastewater to replenish the aquifer. A $\frac{3}{4}$ mile boardwalk is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail where you can observe a vast variety of birds, alligators, and other Florida wildlife.

Activity 2: Palm Beach Experience 2

(10:00 am to 12:00 noon)



Visit the Norton Museum of Art, founded in 1941 by Ralph Hubbard Norton, an industrialist who headed the Acme Steel Company in Chicago, and his wife Elizabeth Calhoun Norton. He and his wife began collecting to decorate their home and eventually formed a sizable collection of paintings and sculpture.

The Museum's permanent collection now consists of more than 8,200 works in five curatorial departments:

European, American, Chinese, Contemporary and Photography.

Life Member Business Meeting

(all Life Members) (1 pm to 3 pm)

Activity 3: Palm Beach Experience 3

(2 pm to 4 pm)



Ever been on a bus ... that's also a boat?! On a Diva Duck, you can view the mansions and mega yachts of Palm Beach while enjoying the informative narration from our lively tour guide and captain.

Life Member and Spouses Tours for Tuesday, July 19

Life members, spouses and guests can choose from two tours and three workshops on Tuesday:

Choose among two tour options – Surf or Turf. A Grab-and-Go breakfast will be provided on the Tour Bus.

Tour 1: Surf

(7 am to 2 pm)

Go drift fishing in the Atlantic Ocean aboard the Seamist III, a licensed and US Coast Guard approved vessel with an experienced crew. Enjoy a morning on the Atlantic Ocean fishing and looking for sea turtles, flying fish and maybe a shark. Then, enjoy lunch at a local spot. No fishing license required by guests.

Tour 2: Turf

(9:30 am to 2 pm)

Stay on land and embrace the tropics at Mounts Botanical Garden, a 13-acre garden, part of UF/IFAS Extension in Palm Beach County with collections of tropical fruit, palms, bromeliads, and orchids. Tour the gardens, eat a Caribbean lunch on the grounds, and enjoy a few Florida-based cock/mocktails.

Workshop 1: Citrus (Chris Oswalt) or Tropical Fish (TBD)
(2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

Workshop 2: Tropical Fruit – TREC faculty
(2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

Workshop 3: History of Palm Beach area
(2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

Life Member and Spouses Programs for Wednesday, July 20

Life Member Breakfast Program (6:30 am to 7:45 am)

Life members are encouraged to attend the Wednesday morning General Session.

Spouses and guests can choose from two tours and on Wednesday:

Tour 1: Coastal Tour

(9 am to 1 pm)

Start the day on a PonTiki cruise along the Jupiter Inlet, famous for its sparkling blue water and beautiful scenery. Then, head to the Loggerhead Marine Life Center where staff rehab sea turtles and educate others about sea turtle conservation.

Tour 2: Garden Tour

(9:45 am to 12:15 pm)

Explore Pans Garden and a private estate garden on Palm Beach Island. Pan's Garden is a half-acre, all-native botanical garden that was established in 1994 by the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach. Pan's Garden serves to protect and showcase Florida's indigenous plants and the wildlife they support. A private estate will also open its gates to allow for a special tour of their tropical garden.

Life Member Travelogue

(1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

Come learn about an exciting travel experience from one of your very own Life Members.

Workshop 1: Art – Ink and Isopropyl Alcohol –
Donna McAvoy (TBD - will be afternoon)

Workshop 2: Restaurant – Eat Regional –
Lyndsey Autry (TBD - will be afternoon)

Workshop 3: Bulb Chipping – Alicia Lamborn
(2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

REGISTRATION FORM

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

July 17-22, 2022 - West Palm Beach, FL

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2022: Late fee is \$100 - Return ALL forms together.

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

On-site Registration will be in the West Palm Beach Convention Center Foyer.

For Insurance Liability reasons - Name Tags will be required at ALL EVENTS (meal functions, bus trips, conference sessions - everything). NO EXCEPTIONS

SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT TO: NACAA 6584 W. Duroc Road Maroa, IL 61756 Phone: 217-794-3700 Fax: 217-794-5901 E-mail: exec-dir@ncaa.com

PARTICIPANT'S NAME

(Last) (First) (Preferred first name on tag if different from above)

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE - daytime () -

Cell Phone () -

(for emergency conference contact)

E-mail address

Confirmations will be sent electronically for everyone (unless you are without email - it will then be mailed via U.S. Mail) - by no later than June 15, 2022.

Are you an NACAA Member (Active or Life) NO

Check your region: NC NE W S

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS - Please check below if you need special assistance during the meeting.

- Accessibility needs during the meeting
Dietary (Please contact the registration office at the above address prior to June 1st to make request or send a note with this registration).

If your spouse, child(ren), and/or guest is attending the conference, please complete:

SPOUSE NAME: (Last) (First)

GUEST'S NAME (Last) (First)

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES (if attending):

Name Age

Name Age

Name Age

Name Age

LIFE MEMBER & SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - July 18, 2022

Spouse Breakfast Program

(For All Spouses/Guests) (7:30 to 8:45)

Plan To Attend

Activity 1: Palm Beach Experience 1

(9:00 am to 12:00 noon)

Plan To Attend

Activity 2: Palm Beach Experience 2

(10:00 am to 12:00 noon)

Plan To Attend

Activity 3: Palm Beach Experience 3

(2 pm to 4 pm)

Plan To Attend

TUESDAY - July 19, 2022

Tour 1: Surf Tour 2: Turf

(7 am to 2 pm) (9:30 am to 2 pm)

Table with columns: 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, Tour No., # on Tour

Workshop 1: Citrus (Chris Oswalt) or Tropical Fish (TBD) (2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

Workshop 2: Tropical Fruit - TREC faculty (2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

Workshop 3: History of Palm Beach area (2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

Table with columns: 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice, Workshop No., # of Participants

WEDNESDAY - July 20, 2022

Life Member Breakfast Program (For All Life Members)

(6:30 to 7:45)

Plan To Attend

Tour 1: Coastal Tour (9 am to 1 pm)

Tour 2: Garden Tour (9:45 am to 12:15 pm)

Table with columns: 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, Tour No., # on Tour

Life Member Travelogue (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm) # Plan To Attend

Workshop 1: Art - Ink and Isopropyl Alcohol -

Donna McAvoy (TBD - will be afternoon)

Workshop 2: Restaurant - Eat Regional -

Lyndsey Autry (TBD - will be afternoon)

Workshop 3: Bulb Chipping - Alicia Lamborn (2:45 pm to 4:15 pm)

Table with columns: 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice, Workshop No., # of Participants

REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

Check ALL Blocks That Apply to You

Participant's Name _____

	Last Name	First Name			
NACAA Member	Agent Fee # Attending	Spouse/Guest Fee # Attending			Total Fees to be Paid
First Time Attending <small>(5 yrs. or less) employed after 7/1/2017</small>	(\$225.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Regular Member	(\$475.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Life Member	(\$325.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
OTHERS					
Sons & Daughters	(\$225.00 x _____)		<i>(participating in activities)</i>	=	\$ _____
Visitor	(\$475.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Univ. or USDA Administrator	(\$475.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Guest of NACAA President	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____
National Donor/Exhibitors	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____
Past National Board Luncheon (\$45 x Number of People _____)				=	\$ _____
Sustainable Ag Pre-Tour (\$25 x Number of People _____)				=	\$ _____
Horticulture & Turfgrass Pre-Tour (\$100 x Number of People _____)				=	\$ _____
Animal Science Pre-Tour (\$60 x Number of People _____)				=	\$ _____
Natural Resources Pre-Tour (\$650 x Number of People _____)				=	\$ _____
Teaching & Educational Technology Super Seminar (\$25/person)				=	\$ _____
Leadership & Administrative Skills Super Seminar (\$10/person)				=	\$ _____

PART-TIME ATTENDANCE

Number Attending Each Day: Sun___; Mon___; Tues___; Wed___; Thurs___
Daily Fee (\$250 x Number of Days___x Number of People___) = \$ _____

Attending only Wednesday Night Banquet: (\$75 x Number of People___)
(Cost is already included in full registration - this is only for non-registrants or daily registrants) = \$ _____

Late Fee: Applies to all registrants listed above whose registration form and fees
are postmarked after May 15, 2022 - \$100 per individual) = \$ _____

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

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

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

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

IF PAID BY CREDIT CARD:

___MasterCard ___VISA ___Discover Card ___American Express - No other cards will be accepted.

Person's Name on Credit Card _____; Expiration Date _____

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

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

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____

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

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

There shall be a **75%** refund of registration fee when a request is made before July 2 (no later than 16 days before the AM/PIC begins). Between July 3 and July 16 (prior to the start of the AM/PIC) there shall be a **25%** refund. No refunds will be given if a request is made after the beginning of the AM/PIC. Appeals due to emergency will be handled on a case by case basis by the NACAA Board with a maximum of 90% reimbursed. **Requests must be made in writing** to NACAA, Attn: Scott Hawbaker, 6584 W. Duroc Road, Maroa, IL 61756 or email to: nacaemail@aol.com. Refund for part-time attendance is the same, except there will be no refund for the banquet. Members and guests eligible for fee waivers will be refunded upon verification by the National Board of Directors.

SUPER SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

SUSTAINABLE AG/ "Reading the Farm" SARE

1:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Do you wish to register for this Super Seminar? You will also need to register for Tour 22 on Tour Day as this Seminar relates directly to that Tour.

___ Yes ___ How many spots ___

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES/ "Adapting Agriculture to a Changing Climate"

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Do you wish to register for this Super Seminar?

___ Yes ___ How many spots ___

HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS/ "Lawn Care Myth-busting"

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Do you wish to register for this Super Seminar?

___ Yes ___ How many spots ___

FLORIDA IT TEAM/ "Delivering Effective Presentations with Power-Point in 2022"

1:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Do you wish to register for this Super Seminar?

___ Yes ___ How many spots ___

TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY/ "Equipment Needs for Professional Extension Videos"

1:15 pm - 4:00 pm - \$25 registration fee

Do you wish to register for this Super Seminar?

___ Yes ___ How many spots ___

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ "Cultivating Resiliency in Ourselves and Our Clientele"

1:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Do you wish to register for this Super Seminar?

___ Yes ___ How many spots ___

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS/ "Comprehending Your Leadership Style to Enhance Personal and Professional Growth at the Local Level"

1:15 pm - 4:30 pm - \$10 registration fee (limited to 30)

Do you wish to register for this Super Seminar?

___ Yes ___ How many spots ___

PRE-TOURS

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRE-TOUR (Cost \$25 - lodging not included)

(How many people plan to attend _____)

Name(s): _____

HORTICULTURE/TURFGRASS PRE-TOUR (Cost \$100 - lodging not included)

Name(s): _____

ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR (Cost \$60- lodging not included)

(How many people plan to attend _____)

Name(s): _____

NATURAL RESOURCES PRE-TOUR (Cost \$850- lodging included)

(How many people plan to attend _____)

Name(s): _____

Application for Pre-Tours:

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

Include:

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

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

First Timer Orientation

Sunday - July 17, 2022 - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Do you plan to attend: Yes No

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Award Luncheons/Educational Seminars

Several luncheon opportunities are listed for your consideration.

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

MEALS

Registration for the following meal functions - however tickets must be requested - or one will not be in your registration packet - or available on-site. All are included in the cost of your registration fee. Tickets are not available for non-registrants.

Sunday Evening - Welcome to Florida (Comfort Food Buffet) _____

Monday Evening - Beach Party (Local Food Vendors - tickets provided) _____

Thursday Breakfast (for tour attendees) _____

Thursday Farewell Evening Meal (Steak) _____

ANNUAL BANQUET

Wednesday Evening July 20. Full Registrations include a ticket (but you still need to register for it - one will not be given to you unless you register) Daily registrations DO NOT include a banquet ticket -

must be purchased separately - extra tickets for this event are available for purchase - see payment form). (Short-Ribs)

Do you plan to attend: Yes No

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Other Meal Functions

Sunday, July 17, 2022 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

___ National Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Luncheon/Workshop (for current and incoming National Chairs/Vice Chairs only)

___ Past National Board Luncheon (\$45/person - fee on main registration page)

Which office did you hold: President Treasurer Secretary Director

Monday, July 18, 2022 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)

___ Next to Launch Train Innovations Breakfast (6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.) sponsored by Bayer CropScience

___ SFE Crop Production Luncheon

___ SFE Farm and Ranch Financial Management

___ SFE Consumer or Commercial Horticulture Luncheon

___ SFE in 4-H & Youth Programming Awards Luncheon

___ Ag Awareness & Appreciation Award Luncheon

___ First Timer Luncheon (Spouses of First Timers are welcome)

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)

___ SFE Livestock Production Luncheon

___ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers Luncheon

___ SFE - Sustainable Ag- Luncheon

___ SFE - Forestry & Natural Resources Luncheon

___ Extension Agents Enhance Expertise in Specialty Crops and Emerging Enterprises Educational Luncheon (UF Extension, FAAAA)

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

___ National Committee Members Breakfast (Current and Incoming - 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.)

___ Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance Educational Luncheon (11:45 a.m - 1:15 p.m.)

___ Modernizing Productivity: Making the Tools Work for You Educational Luncheon (11:45 a.m - 1:15 p.m.)

___ Delivering America's Best Energy Value Educational Luncheon

___ Florida's Power & Light Company (FPL) (11:45 a.m - 1:15 p.m.)

___ Administrative Leaders Luncheon and Meeting (11:45 am - 3:00 pm for State Program Leader, Extension Director, Dean)

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

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Participant's Name _____

Last Name

First Name

NOTE: If the spouse and children are participating in the same tour as the agent, please list the total number under the agent.

AGENT Tour No.	# of people on Tour	SPOUSE/GUEST	Tour No.	# of people on Tour
		(If different from Agent)		
1 st Choice	_____	_____	1 st Choice	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	2 nd Choice	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____	3 rd Choice	_____

LODGING INFORMATION

THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Reservations will be made in the order received - but will be prioritized by number of room nights needed and availability.
- A Facilities fee for all Active and Life members is in force for this year's AM/PIC. **For those NOT making a hotel reservation through this lodging form - a \$250 fee will be added to your registration.**
- All reservations must be made with this housing form. You WILL NOT be allowed to make reservations directly with the contracted facility - all reservations must accompany a NACAA AM/PIC Registration Form and will be submitted to the hotels by NACAA.
- Room rates do not include tax which is currently 13% (subject to change).
- Rooms will be held using a credit card. To hold your room with another form of payment - please contact NACAA for options.
- The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2022 to guarantee accommodations.

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

- Hilton West Palm Beach (Headquarters Hotel) \$159 (single/double) \$169 Triple \$179 Quad + 13% tax (current subject to change)
Valet parking \$20 daily - \$31 (short term) (subject to change)
- Marriott West Palm Beach \$144 (single/double/quad/triple) + 13% tax (current subject to change)
On-site parking \$16/day (subject to change)

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

Room Reservation should be made in the following name:

Please give Billing Address below for the Credit Card you plan to use to Guarantee Room. This address must match where your credit card billing statement is mailed to (home, office, etc.)

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Credit Card to Guarantee Room and Used at Checkout

Master Card ___ VISA ___ Discover ___ Amex ___

Person's name as it appears on card:

Card Number: _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ - _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Expiration Date: _____ 3 Digit Sec. Code _____

Signature _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Departure Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Requested Room Type

___ 1 Bed ___ 2 Beds ___ Handicap ___

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

Other (please describe)

If you are sharing a room with another NACAA member - you must list name in order for their name to be on the room as well. It is strongly recommended to send in your reservation forms together in order for the lodging reservations to be made correctly.

Sharing Room With: _____

Do you need a roommate? Yes No (Male Female)

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

Special Notes to Registration Committee:

SON'S AND DAUGHTER'S PROGRAMS

See Program for Details

PARTICIPANT'S Name _____
Last Name First Name *Agent or Life Members name if not the same Last Name*

Son's and daughter's registration will be held at the main registration desk at the Convention Center. Activities will begin with the orientation meeting prior to the Opening Ceremonies Sunday, July 17. Adult chaperones must be registered for the meeting. This year's program is designed for youth ages 8 - 18. Youth 7 and under may participate only if accompanied by a parent or guardian that is registered for the events. All costs are included in the registration fee, including lunch. NACAA is unable to provide day care services for children.

PLEASE LIST THE NAME, AGE, AND T-SHIRT SIZE (DESIGNATE YOUTH OR ADULT SIZE) OF YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING THE PROGRAMS. A = Adult, Y = Youth; XL = extra large, L = large, M = medium, S = small, XS = extra small. Extra large is only available in adults and extra small only in youth. If your child needs a youth large T-shirt, write YL in the space provided.

		T-Shirt					T-Shirt	
(Name)	Age	Size	Height		(Name)	Age	Size	Height
Child # 1 _____	_____	_____	_____		Child # 3 _____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 2 _____	_____	_____	_____		Child # 4 _____	_____	_____	_____

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

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

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

	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
<u>SUNDAY, JULY 17</u>			
Orientation	_____	_____	_____

<u>MONDAY, JULY 18</u>			
Gator Park	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
<u>TUESDAY, JULY 19</u>			
SeaWorld Orlando	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
<u>WEDNESDAY, JULY 20</u>			
Duck Diva & Rapids Water Park	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Farewell Party (Includes Evening Meal)	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

SON'S & DAUGHTER'S MEDICAL RELEASE FORM: Medical release forms will be required for all youth participants. Please complete the document found online at: <https://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/ampic2022/sons-daughters/> WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM - OR EMAIL TO: NACAAEMAIL@AOL.COM

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

- \$2,000 - \$4,999 level: AM/PIC registration reimbursement (Approx. value \$450) for one individual with opportunity to use it at any one of the next three AM/PICs and write-up in **The County Agent** magazine.
- \$5,000 - \$9,999: AM/PIC registration (as above) plus \$1000 for the state association in the first year of sponsorship and write-up in **The County Agent** magazine.
- Sponsorships above \$10,000: AM/PIC registration (as above) plus \$2500 for the state association in the first year of sponsorship and write-up in **The County Agent** magazine.

INTERESTED IN VIEWING ALL AWARD WINNERS
 (STATE/REGIONAL/NATIONAL) ?

GO TO

<https://www.nacaa.com/award-winners>



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The County Agent - NACAA, 6584 W. Duroc Rd.,
Maroa, IL 61756 - Attn: Scott Hawbaker

ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE DATES



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

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

2024
Dallas, Texas.....July 14-18

2025
Montana....TBD

Upcoming Issues of The County Agent Magazine

June, 2022

Open Topic

Deadline for articles: May 15, 2022

Mail Date: June 10, 2022

October, 2022

AM/PIC Recap

Deadline for articles: September 10, 2022

Mail Date: October 10, 2022

December, 2022

Committee Director/Awards Edition

Deadline for articles: November 15, 2022

Mail Date: December 28, 2022

Safety Tip



Pipeline markers indicate a buried pipeline is in the vicinity and provide vital information including the operator of the pipeline, the product being transported, and an emergency telephone number. Pipeline markers do not indicate the exact location of a buried utility.



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PipelineAgSafetyAlliance.com

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