

Friday Edition

AMPIC Off to a Great Start!



Temple Grandin – Service to American Agriculture

Dr. Temple Grandin got things started with her comments and challenges for the audience on Wednesday evening. Following her presentation, she was honored as the recipient of the Service to American/World Agriculture award from NACAA President J.J. Jones, one of the highest honors from our association.

Thursday morning general session included welcomes from Rico Munn, Executive Vice-Chancellor and Dr. James Pritchett, Vice President for Engagement and Extension at Colorado State University. Dr. Jaye Hamby, Director, USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture offered a keynote address highlighting agency initiatives and direction, and the changing agriculture landscape we work with today.



CSU Spur Block Party details

We are so excited to showcase the Spur campus for you, plus introduce you to the green chili rivalry between New Mexico and Colorado. There are many activities to participate in at the three buildings at Spur, plus showcasing Colorado grown products.

Sheraton Hotel Staging for bus rides

Join us at the Tower Lobby beginning at 4:00 to load the buses headed to the Spur campus. Be sure to have your meal ticket with you which will be collected before loading. Busses will depart approximately every 15 minutes and run in a circuit between the Sheraton and Spur. We recommend getting loaded on the bus no later than 6:00 to allow time to eat and experience the activities. You will also receive a booklet with more details about your experience at Spur. Bring your water bottles that you received with you!!!

Arriving at Spur

Once you arrive at Spur, you will be greeted at the bus and likely split into 3 groups to help you explore Hydro, Vida, and Terra. There is no need to jump right into a food line, we have activities planned throughout the campus. Feel free to wander through each of the buildings, but don't forget to eat! We will also have voting tickets for you to purchase to vote for your favorite chili cook-off.

Returning from Spur

Busses will be continuously running until 8:00 PM (food service stops at about 7:00 PM) to return to the Sheraton. You are welcome to return earlier, just catch a bus returning.

Follow NACAA FaceBook page

Follow the NACAA FaceBook page for frequent updates and information throughout the conference. You may even find some videos featuring the New Mexico and Colorado Commissioners of Agriculture for the Chili cook-off.

Chili Cook-off

Get read for the Roast and Boast Green Chile Throwdown – Big Flavor. Bigger Egos! Colorado and New Mexico face off in a fiery flavor showdown. For just \$5, sample both state's offerings and cast your vote for the ultimate bragging rights.

Yapp App for real-time updates

In addition to a printed program booklet, NACAA will be using the mobile event app – YAPP while in Denver.

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Once you have the app installed – you can click on the 3 little dots in the bottom right hand corner – ...and you will see the various schedules (Active, Life/Spouse, Sons & Daughters).

As modifications to the printed program are made – updates will be uploaded into the Yapp app to notify you as soon as possible.

If you have the Yapp app already, search for NACAA2026



Pictures from Wednesday & Thursday

**Kate Greenberg – Colorado
Commissioner of
Agriculture**



**Rico Munn – CSU System Vice-
Chancellor**



**James Pritchett -- Vice President,
Engagement and Extension**



Tentative Program

111th Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

Monday, July 6	
8 a.m.	Horticulture/Turfgrass Pre-Tour
Tuesday, July 7	
8 a.m.	Pre-Conference Tours (Horticulture/ Turfgrass, Sustainable Ag/ Natural Resources)
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	NACAA Board Meeting
3–6 p.m.	Registration/Scholarship auction item drop off
Wednesday, July 8	
8 a.m.–noon	NACAA Board Meeting (if needed)
8 a.m.–7 p.m.	Registration
8 a.m.–7 p.m.	Scholarship auction item drop-off
8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Life Member/Spouses Hospitality
9 a.m.–1 p.m.	NACAA Educational Exhibits Set Up
9 a.m.–noon	Scholarship Selection Committee
10 a.m.–noon	Regional Directors/Vice Directors Meeting
Noon–2 p.m.	Past National Board Luncheon
1–5 p.m.	NACAA Poster Set-up
1–6:30 p.m.	Commercial Exhibit Trade Show
1:30–3 p.m.	Leadership Academy
2–3 p.m.	Life and Spouse Member Welcome and Orientation
2–4 p.m.	First Lady's Reception (by invitation)
2–5 p.m.	NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting
2:30–4 p.m.	First Timer Orientation and Reception
4:30–6:30 p.m.	Welcome to Colorado Dinner (Tickets Required)
5:30–6 p.m.	State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony
5:30–6 p.m.	Parents Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program (Meet & Greet)



Wednesday, July 8 cont.

7–9 p.m.	Opening Session
9–9:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
9:30–11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Rooms
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Thursday, July 9

6:45–8 a.m.	Voting Delegates Breakfast (invite only)
6:45–8 a.m.	Bayer CropScience Breakfast (Tickets Required)
7–7:30 a.m.	Sons and Daughters Meet the bus
8 a.m.–Noon	Scholarship auction item drop off
8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Life Member/Spouse Hospitality
8 a.m.–7 p.m.	Registration
8 a.m.–10 a.m.	NACAA Poster Judging
8:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	General Session
9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits Open
10–11:30 a.m.	Life Members Business Meeting
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Break
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Meet the Authors Poster Session
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	First Time Attendee Luncheon (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons: 4-H, Crop Production, Ag Awareness (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Life/Spouse Luncheon (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.	Administrative Leaders Luncheon and meeting (Tickets Required)
1:30–2:45 p.m.	Trade Talk Sponsor Sessions
1:30–4 p.m.	States Night Out
3–5 p.m.	Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations
5–7 p.m.	States Night Out
6:30–7:30 p.m.	Silent Auction and Live Auction Preview
7:30–9:30 p.m.	Live Auction
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting



Friday, July 10

7–8:30 a.m.	Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast (invite only)
8 a.m.	Life/Spouse Tours leave
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Registration
8:30–11:30 a.m.	Delegate Session
8:30–11:30 a.m.	Committee Oral Presentations: Commercial and NACAA
9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Educational Exhibits Open
9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	NACAA Poster Session Open
Open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Life/Spouse Activities (Workshops/Tours)
10–10:30 a.m.	Break
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Communication/Poster Awards Luncheon (invite only)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Search for Excellence Luncheons: Young, Beginning or Small Farms/ Rancher, Consumer or Commercial Horticulture, Farm and Ranch Business Management, Livestock Production (Tickets Required)
1:30–4 p.m.	Committee Oral Presentations
3:30–5 p.m.	Commercial Exhibits close
4–8 p.m.	CSU SPUR Showcase / CCAA Dinner / Block Party
4–5:30 p.m.	VIP/Donor Reception (invite only)
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Saturday, July 11

7–8:15 a.m.	National Committee Members: Breakfast Recognition of Retiring Chairs, Vice Chairs and Special Assignment
7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Life/Spouse Activities (Offsite)
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Registration
8:30–10:15 a.m.	General Session
10:15–10:30	Break
10:30–11:30 a.m.	NACAA Policy Meeting
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Committee Oral Presentations
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Search For Excellence Luncheons: Sustainable Agriculture Environmental Quality, Forestry and Natural Resources (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Ag Pipeline Alliance Luncheon –(Tickets Required)



Saturday, July 11 cont.

1:30–4:30 p.m.	<p>Super Seminars</p> <p>#1 Using Drones in Crop Production and Pest Management</p> <p>#2 From Farm Bill to Front Porch: Turning Policy into Practical Guidance for Every Clientele Group</p> <p>#3 Native Plant Master - How Colorado Works with Native Plants</p> <p>#4 Introduction to Beekeeping for the Cooperative Extension Agent</p> <p>#5 Sound Advice: How to Start and Grow an Extension Podcast</p>
4–5:30 p.m.	NACAA Board Reception
4:30–6 p.m.	Formal Picture Opportunity
5:30–6:30 p.m.	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
6:30–9 p.m.	Annual Banquet (Tickets Required)
9:15–11 p.m.	President’s Reception
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Sunday, July 12

Tour Day (on-site registration closed)

6:30–8:05 a.m.	Breakfast (Tickets Required)
6:30–9 a.m.	Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours
6:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Professional Improvement Tours (Tickets Required)
4:45 p.m.	Shuttle buses leave hotel for Colorado Farewell Dinner for non- tour participants.
5–7 p.m.	Farewell Dinner
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Monday, July 13

8 a.m.–5 p.m.	NACAA Board Meeting
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