

NACAA Newsletter-Billings, MT

Monday 6/30/2025

Schedule locations and times will be most updated in the Yapp app
or the NACAA online program at
<https://www.nacaa.com/uploads/userfiles/files/2025%20AMPIC%20Program%207.pdf>

Monday Features:

8:30 - 11:30am: Professional Improvement Council Seminars

- Leadership and Administrative Skills
- Agricultural Issues
- Early Career Development
- 4-H and Youth
- Ag Economic and Community Development
- Agronomy and Pest Management
- Animal Science
- Horticulture and Turfgrass
- Natural Resources and Aquaculture
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Teaching and Educational Technologies



11:45am - 1:15pm: Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons

- First Time Attendee Luncheon
- Crop Production
- Agricultural Awareness and Appreciation
- 4-H and Youth Programming
- Communications/ Poster Awards
- Young, Beginning, or Small Farms/Rancher Program
- Merck Animal Health Luncheon

1:30- 2:30pm: Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions

3- 5pm: Regional Meetings

6-8pm: State's Night Out

Wi-Fi at the Conference: Northern Hotel Guest

Registration - NACAA Mobile App

Use the YAPP Mobile App in Billings for 2025 AM/PIC

Printed programs can be requested.

To install the app - please use this link: <https://my.yapp.us/NACAA2025>

Once the app is installed - click on the 3 dots in the bottom right corner to see the various schedules (Active, Life/Spouse, Sons & Daughters).

Updates and modifications to the program will appear in the mobile app, as well as maps and daily newsletters.

NACAA Registration

Registration area will be open on Monday, June 30, located at the Northern Hotel in the 2nd floor foyer from 6:30am - 7pm. Open on Tuesday, July 1, from 8am - 2pm.

NACAA Scholarship auction items may be dropped off in the DoubleTree Conference Room 2 and the Northern Registration area on Monday, June 30 from 8am - 12pm.

Auction items must be dropped off by 12pm on Monday.



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Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

8 AM - 5 PM NACAA Board Meeting
7:30 AM Pre-tours depart

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8 AM - 7 PM Conference registration *N* and
scholarship auction drop off *DT*
9 AM - 1 PM Exhibit Trade show setup *DT*
9 AM - 1 PM Poster Display setup *DT*
9 AM - 5 PM Scholarship Selection Committee
meeting *DT*
12 - 2 PM Past Officer and Board Luncheon *DT*
1 - 6:30 PM Exhibit Trade Show open to visitors *DT*
1 - 4:30 PM Leadership Academy *DT*
2 - 4 PM First Lady's Meet and Greet *DT*
2 - 5 PM NACAA Educational Foundation Annual
Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting *DT*
2 - 3 PM Life Member & Spouse Orientation *N*
3 - 4 PM Parent Orientation for Sons & Daughters *N*
3 - 4:30 PM First Timers Social & Orientation
Hooligan's
4:30 - 6:30 PM Welcome dinner *Pub Station*
7 - 9 PM Opening General Session *Alberta Bair*
9 PM Ice Cream Social *Alberta Bair*
9 - 11 PM Hospitality Rooms Open *DT*
10 PM Montana Team Meeting *DT*

MONDAY, JUNE 30

6:30 AM - 7 PM Conference registration & information *N*
6:30 AM - 12 PM Scholarship Auction item drop off *DT*
6:30 - 7:45 AM Bayer Crop Science Breakfast *N*
6:30 - 7:45 AM Voting Delegate Breakfast *N*
8 AM - 4 PM Trade Show floors open to visitors *DT*
8 - 10 AM Poster Judging *DT*
8 AM - 5 PM Sons and Daughters Program tours
organize & depart *DT*
8:30 - 11:30 AM Professional Improvement Council
Seminars (*mostly DT*)
-Leadership and Administrative Skills
-Agricultural Issues
-Early Career Development
-4-H and Youth
-Ag Economic and Community Development
-Agronomy and Pest Management
-Animal Science
-Horticulture and Turfgrass
-Natural Resources and Aquaculture
-Sustainable Agriculture
-Teaching and Educational Technologies

MONDAY, JUNE 30

10 - 11:30 AM Life Member Business Meeting *N*
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM Life Member and Spouses
combined luncheon *N*
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM Professional Improvement and
Search For Excellence Luncheons (*N and DT*)
-First Time Attendee Luncheon
-Crop Production
-Agricultural Awareness and Appreciation
-4-H and Youth Programming
-Communications/Poster Awards
-Young, Beginning, or Small Farms/Rancher
Program
-Merck Animal Health Luncheon
1:30 - 5 PM Life Member Tours/Spouse Program tours
organize and depart *N*
1:30 - 2:30 PM Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions
- Forage/Turf, Safety, Financial *N*
- Animal Science/Crop Science *DT*
- Professional Development, Travel, and
Retirement Benefits *DT*
3 - 5 PM Regional Meetings
- Southern *N*
- North Central *DT*
- Northeast *DT*
- Western *DT*
6 - 8 PM State's Night Out dinner in Billings
6 - 8 PM Montana Team dinner and meeting *DT*
7 - 9:30 PM NACAA Scholarship Auction preview
(Live auction starts at 8 PM) *DT*

DT = Doubletree Hotel

N = Northern Hotel

See Yapp App program for detailed schedule

Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, JULY 1

8 AM - 2 PM Registration and Information Desk *N*

7 - 8:30 AM Achievement Award Recognition

Breakfast *DT*

8 AM - 2 PM Trade Show floors open to visitors *DT*

8:30 - 11:30 AM Delegate Session *N*

8:30 - 11:30 AM Extension Development Council

Seminars (*mostly DT*)

-Leadership and Administrative Skills

-Agricultural Issues

-Early Career Development

-4-H and Youth

-Ag Economic and Community Development

-Agronomy and Pest Management

-Animal Science

-Horticulture and Turfgrass

-Natural Resources and Aquaculture

-Sustainable Agriculture

-Teaching and Educational Technologies

9 AM - 5 PM Life Member and Spouse Tours Depart *N*

9 AM - 5 PM Sons and Daughters Tours organize and depart *DT*

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM Professional Improvement and Search
For Excellence Luncheons

- Sustainable Agriculture *DT*

- Environmental Quality, Forestry and Natural
Resources *DT*

- Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance *N*

- Administrative Leaders Luncheon *DT*

- Farm and Ranch Business Management *N*

- Consumer and Commercial Horticulture *N*

- Livestock Production Program *DT*

2 - 5 PM Super Seminars

- The Complex Tree System of Montana *N*

- Designing Educational Board Games for
Agricultural Learning *DT*

- Leveraging AI for ExtensionSuccess: Tools,
Techniques, and Insights *DT*

- Climate data, tools andresources for
Agriculture Extension *N*

2 - 5 PM Trade show vendor tables breakdown *DT*

4 - 5:30 PM NACAA Board Reception *DT*

TUESDAY, JULY 1

6 - 8:30 PM NACAA Banquet

Four locations in N and DT

6 - 8:30 PM Sons and Daughters Dinner & Farewell *DT*

9 - 10:30 PM President's Reception *DT*

10 PM Montana Team Meeting *DT*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

7 - 8 AM Pre-tour breakfast *DT*

8 AM - 5 PM Professional Tours day

Tours & buses depart from beside DT hotel.

Tours depart at scheduled times (see ticket)

5 - 7:30 PM Farewell dinner *Pub Station*

9 PM Montana Team Meeting *DT*

THURSDAY, JULY 3

7 AM - 6 PM NACAA Board Meeting *N*

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Shuttle Information

Shuttles will be leaving from multiple locations. See the schedule below

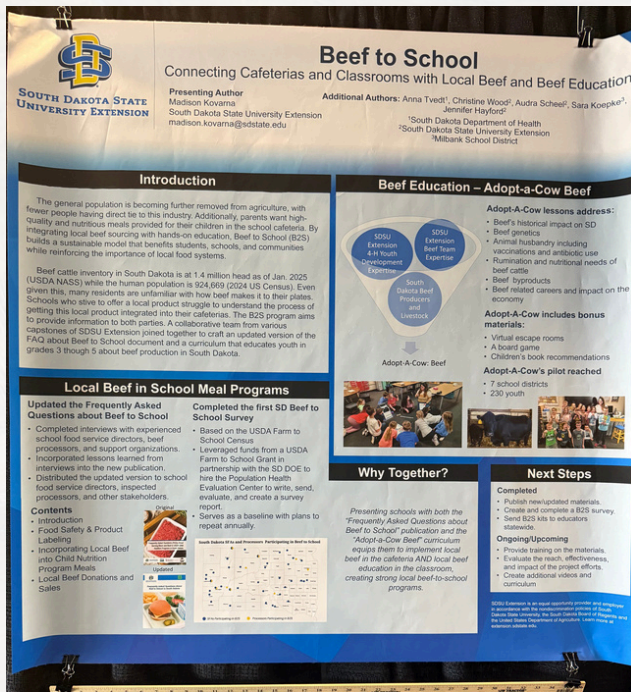
HOTEL SHUTTLES

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

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

Trade Show & Poster Session

Montana's trade show and exhibits will be held on the second and third floors of the Doubletree Hotel alongside most of our meeting rooms. The poster session display will be available in the DoubleTree Ponderosa Room on the 22nd floor. Vendors will have tabletop booths in and around the meeting and dining areas. This will facilitate engagement with our sponsors and vendors and allow unique opportunities to visit with the tradeshow participants and colleagues during breaks and while the conference is being held. Your contact person for the tradeshow is Sharla Sackman sharla.sackman@montana.edu.



More Pre-Tour Highlights



Welcome Dinner and Opening Session



Welcome dinner at Pub Station on Sunday night

MSU Extension
Director Cody Stone
giving the opening
welcome.



Keynote speaker Dwayne Fisher
addressing the 2025 NACAA crowd.

Opening Session Highlights



2025 NACAA Scholarship Auction - Tonight



The Scholarship Auction on Monday night will follow State's Night Out in the Ballroom of the Doubletree. Be sure to join us for the silent and live auction. This year, in addition to our regular, exceptional auctioneer Tom Benton, Montana is thrilled to have our very own Kyle Shobe participate as well. Kyle is a world-renowned auctioneer and entertainer. Kyle and his band, The Walk 'Em Boys will provide music and entertainment during and following the auction. Be sure to wear your cowboy boots and enjoy classic western dance music. You won't want to miss this!!

For those participating in the auction for the first time this year, we strongly encourage you to pre-register at the Silent Auction Pro website before arriving in Billings. This will ensure a seamless experience and allow you to focus on the exciting auction items. Visit the Silent Auction Pro website at <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/signinregisterolb.php?groupId=1494&olbreturn=/memberhome.php?groupId=1494&ks=1> to check if you are registered with Silent Auction Pro or if you need to set up your bidder account ahead of time. When you attend the NACAA Scholarship Auction, you'll not only have an enjoyable evening but also contribute to the growth and development of agricultural professionals.



Life Member & Spouse/Guest Program

NACAA and Montana wish a special welcome to life members, spouses, and other guests. Again this year, the Life Members and Spouses Programs will participate together in a shared hospitality room, workshops, and tours.

Monday, June 30

Sunday through Tuesday 8am - 4pm: Life Members and Spouses Hospitality Room in the Skyview Room

10 - 11:30 am: Life Member Business Meeting - Skyview Room

11:45am - 1:15pm: Life Member/Spouses Luncheon; Randy Reiman, "Charlie Russell's Letters and Notes." - Skyview Room

1:30 - 4pm: Tour opportunities

- Yellowstone County Museum
- Western Heritage Center
- Ben Swanke Saddlery, Inc.: Buckaroo Business, "Keeping the Traditions;" and Rands Custom Hat Makers
- "Marbled Meat Company", "Montana Premium Beef," and "Ranch House Meats"
- Pictograph State Park

Don't Miss the Monday Luncheon

Most Montanans know of Charlie Russell, the great cowboy artist who fell in love with the American Old West and chronicled its final days in his paintings. But few know that he was also a prolific correspondent who wrote beautifully illustrated and humorous letters to friends far and wide. More than 400 of those letters are known to historians, most notably compiled by Brian Dippie in *Charles M. Russell, Word Painter*.

Randy Rieman has been an avid student of the life and works of C.M. Russell for nearly 5 decades. For the past 10 years, he has been bringing Charlie's letters to life at cowboy gatherings around the West, revealing the heart and soul of the artist himself.



States Night Out - Monday, June 30

In homage to the revered NACAA tradition, we are delighted to announce the upcoming States Night Out scheduled for Monday evening. In the genuine spirit of camaraderie, we extend a heartfelt invitation to each state association to fully immerse themselves in the the western cusine of Billings. Take your time to relish the evening, devoted to fostering the strong bonds within our state associations.

May your States Night Out unfold as an adventurous exploration of Billings dining, creating an atmosphere of both joy and unity. We extend our wishes for an unforgettable evening, brimming with the distinctitive flavors and friendly hospitality of the west. Here's to a night etched in camaraderie, laughter, and the shared pleasure of savoring the Last Best Place.

Find the Bobcat

Get ready for a little fun at this year's conference with our Find the Bobcat contest! Montana has an age-old sports rivalry with some preferring Montana State University Bobcat teams, and some preferring the Montana Grizzlies. As a nod to our MSU Bobcats, a stuffed bobcat figurine will be hidden somewhere at the event each day—your mission is to spot it! Keep your eyes peeled and if you find it, bring it to the registration desk to claim a prize. It's a fun way to explore the conference and add a little excitement to the day!



Professional Improvement Tours

Reconsidered your tour or want to go on a different one? Go to the ticket trade table near registration, drop off your unwanted ticket with your name, then leave your name to pick up a different tour ticket. Please see registration for more information. Special dietary needs/lunch requests are not able to be transferred from the original tour. You must be registered for the full conference to take a tour ticket.

Read more about each tour on the Tours page located in the Yapp App

1. Lamb and Wool Production in Montana
2. Beef Production Tour
3. Heart of Montana Beef production
4. Ryegate Field Tour
5. Research into Practice With Plant Materials and Cropping Systems (**Canceled**)
6. Montana Ag Production & Processing Tour
7. Montana Livestock & Ag Innovation Tour
8. From Swanky roots to Native Roots Horticultural Tour
9. Woody Invasive Species in the Community
10. Explore the Beartooth Plateau
11. Horseback Riding
12. So You Want to Be a Cowboy
13. Barley and Brews
14. Indigenous and Cultural History of Southern Montana
15. Community and Agriculture
16. Yellowstone River Parks Association
17. International Science & Conservation Center, Montana Zoo and Action Toys

Tour Changes From Guide

****The following tours have had changes made from the original schedule if listed.**

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Montana Association of County Agricultural Agents



OACAA

Oregon Association of County Agricultural Agents

IACAA

Idaho Association of County Agricultural Agents

Learn more about Montana State University Extension

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbMYdedw6w4>

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