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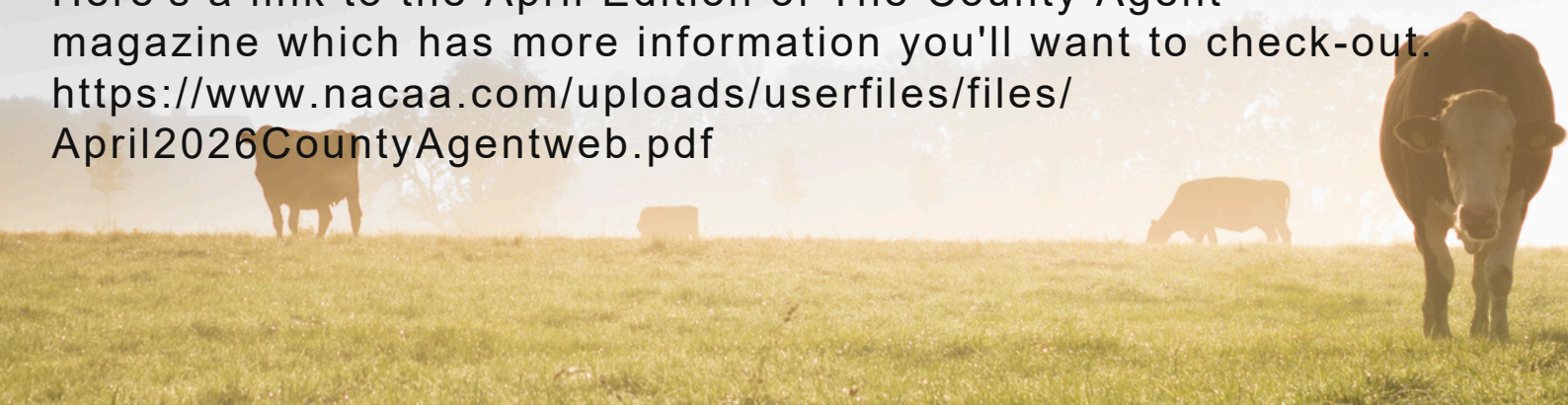
PREPARING FOR THE 2026 AM/PIC IN DENVER

On behalf of NACAA and the State Relations Committee, we're excited to help you prepare for the 2026 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) in Denver, Colorado.

This guide includes important details, reminders, and opportunities to help you plan ahead and make the most of your experience.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver!

Here's a link to the April Edition of The County Agent magazine which has more information you'll want to check-out.
<https://www.nacaa.com/uploads/userfiles/files/April2026CountyAgentweb.pdf>



ARE YOU A FIRST TIMER?

If this is your first time attending an AM/PIC, we encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities designed to help you get connected and feel comfortable.

FIRST TIMER ORIENTATION & SOCIAL

Wednesday, July 8 - 2:30-4:30 PM

Sheraton Downtown - Plaza Concourse

Meet other new Extension professionals from across the country and learn how NACAA can support your career.

FIRST TIMER LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 9

Hear from experienced NACAA members as they share how involvement has impacted their careers.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Watch the NACAA 365 webinar for first-time attendees:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npxe8kyuqqm>

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parking at the Sheraton Denver Downtown

The hotel parking garage has a 6'4" height clearance.

Vehicles that may not fit include:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton and 1-ton pickups
- Vehicles with lift kits
- Roof racks or mounted carriers

Additional parking options include:

- Adjacent garage (6'9" clearance)
- Nearby public lot for taller vehicles

Please check your vehicle height before traveling to avoid damage.



FOR PRESENTERS NO WI-FI IN MEETING ROOMS

Wi-Fi will not be available in breakout rooms during AM/PIC 2026.

To ensure a smooth presentation:

Be sure to:

Download all videos ahead of time

Embed media directly into your PowerPoint

Avoid streaming content

Test your presentation in offline mode

DURING THE CONFERENCE

Dress Code

Business professional attire is expected for most events.

Exceptions include:

- Tours
- State's Night Out
- Scholarship Auction

Banquet attire:

Business professional or cocktail/formal

Denver sits on the plains just east of the Rocky Mountains, offering stunning skyline and mountain views.



State Photos

Each state is responsible for taking its own photo during the AM/PIC. There will be no specific state photo time scheduled.

After capturing your photo, please email it to:

Scott Hawbaker, Executive Director
exec-dir@nacaa.com

Photos will be posted on the NACAA website and archived.

Conference Highlights

Professional Development Tours

All tour participants should plan to bring:
\$25 cash for lunches and incidentals

Scholarship Auction

July 9 | After State's Night Out
Sheraton Plaza Ballroom

- Bring an item to donate
- Bring cash or check to bid

This is a fun event that supports NACAA scholarships—don't miss it!

Denver is known as the “Mile High City” because it sits exactly 5,280 feet above sea level.

Denver gets over 300 days of sunshine each year.

OPENING CEREMONY & KEYNOTE
Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 PM
Sheraton Denver Downtown



Featuring keynote speaker: Dr. Temple Grandin
Dr. Grandin is a distinguished professor of animal science at Colorado State University and a global leader in livestock handling and animal welfare.

Her work has influenced livestock facilities and animal welfare programs used worldwide.

Don't miss this outstanding session.

Denver Fun Facts

- **Colorado's agriculture** includes cattle, wheat, corn, and specialty crops.
- **Red Rocks Amphitheatre** near Denver is one of the most famous outdoor concert venues in the U.S.
- **Denver Union Station** is a historic landmark that now features restaurants, shops, and gathering spaces.
- **The Denver airport** is one of the largest in the world by land area.
- **Denver** has more than 200 parks within the city limits.

Get Involved at NACAA Committee Workshops

NACAA committees play an important role in shaping the future of our organization. These virtual workshops are open to all members and provide an opportunity to:

- learn about committee initiatives
- share your ideas and feedback
- get involved at the state, regional, or national level.

No registration is required—simply join using the links below

Workshop Schedule

April 17, 2026

Leadership & Administrative Skills – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88620001414>

Communications – 3:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85973579022>

April 24, 2026

Agricultural Economics & Community Development – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82530535114>

May 1, 2026

Agricultural Issues – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87079173187>

Horticulture & Turfgrass – 3:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85223135880>

May 8, 2026

Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87207764817>

Early Career Development – 3:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86437960877>

May 15, 2026

Teaching & Educational Technologies – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89546714365>

Animal Science – 3:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89846451473>

June 5, 2026

Scholarship – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89468933056>

Research & Educational Posters – 3:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87127924966>

June 12, 2026

4-H & Youth Programming – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82447737933>

Agronomy & Pest Management – 3:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404791026>

June 26, 2026

Recognition & Awards – 1:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83479427911>

Search for Excellence – 3:00 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81857313997>