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# NACAA Newsletter - Dallas, Texas



## WELCOME TO TEXAS!

*Welcome to the Lone Star State! As the host state for the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) National Meeting 2024, Texas is thrilled to extend a warm Texan welcome to all attendees. With its rich agricultural heritage, vibrant culture, and renowned hospitality, Texas is the perfect setting for this prestigious gathering of agricultural professionals from across the nation.*

### DISCOVER THE HEART OF TEXAS AGRICULTURE

Texas boasts a diverse agricultural landscape, ranging from vast plains and rolling hills to fertile valleys and bustling urban centers. From the cotton fields of the Panhandle to the citrus groves of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas agriculture encompasses a wide array of crops and livestock, making it a true agricultural powerhouse.

### EXPERIENCE TEXAS HOSPITALITY AT THE HILTON ANATOLE

The iconic Hilton Anatole in Dallas serves as the backdrop for the NACAA National Meeting 2024. Situated in the heart of the city, this luxurious hotel offers unparalleled amenities, world-class dining, and state-of-the-art facilities, ensuring a comfortable and memorable stay for all attendees.

### ENGAGE WITH TEXAS COUNTY AGENTS AND AGRILIFE EXTENSION EXPERTS

Collaborating with the Texas County Agents Association (TCAAA) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the NACAA National Meeting 2024 provides a unique opportunity to engage with local agricultural experts and extension professionals. From innovative research projects to hands-on demonstrations, Texas county agents and AgriLife Extension specialists are eager to share their knowledge and expertise with fellow attendees.

### DISCOVER THE HEART OF TEXAS AGRICULTURE

Beyond the meeting sessions and workshops, take some time to explore the best of what Texas has to offer. Whether it's savoring authentic Tex-Mex cuisine, experiencing the vibrant arts scene in downtown Dallas, or embarking on a scenic drive through the Texas Hill Country, there's no shortage of adventures to be had in the Lone Star State. As you gather in Dallas for the NACAA National Meeting 2024, we invite you to immerse yourself in the rich culture, warm hospitality, and boundless opportunities that Texas has to offer. Whether you're here to learn, network, or simply enjoy the sights and sounds of the Lone Star State, we're thrilled to have you join us for this unforgettable experience.

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# PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

### Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours & Breakfast:

- **BREAKFAST: Grand Ballroom (6:00am - 8:00 am)**
- **Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours/ Tour Departures (6:00am - 9:00am)**
- **(4:45pm) NON-TOUR PARTICIPANTS: Shuttle buses to Dinner at State Fair of Texas will depart from (Grand Entrance)**

### Things to Bring:

- Sunscreen, good walking shoes. Flipflops are not recommended on any tours, though Tour 9 would probably be ok. Dress for the heat. If you are easily chilled bring a jacket for the bus. Bottle of water or reusable water container. Water will be provided but doesn't hurt to bring your own. Money for lunch if you are going on Tour 5 or Tour 9. Money for souvenirs on other tours.

Tour Number	Tour Name	Check In Starts	Time You Need to Be at the Bus
1	Texas History Through Wine and Whisky	6:50	7:05
2	Explore Wildlife and Fisheries of east Texas	7:40	8:00
4	Community Gardens & Pick Your Own	8:50	9:10
5	Urban Wildlife	8:30	8:50
6	Cavender Ranch	7:30	7:50
8	Fort Worth's Green Infrastructure	8:00	8:20
9	Historic Fort Worth Stockyards	9:20	9:35
10	Explore the Beauty of Tyler Texas	8:00	8:20
11	Herefords, History & Feed	8:50	9:00
14	Farming in the City	6:30	6:50
15	Small town, Big Business	6:15	6:35
17	Forage and Beef Cattle What more Could you want	6:30	6:50
19	Its the Ag Variety Tour!	7:20	7:40
20	Reading the 7Farm	7:00	7:20

### TOUR CHANGES FROM GUIDE

**\*\*The following tours have had changes made from the original guide printed in "The County Agent".**

**Tour 4- Green Valley Gardens (U-Pick Flower Farm) has been replaced with Big Tex Urban Farm (hydroponics).**

**Tour 5- Dallas Zoo has been replaced with Fort Worth Zoo**

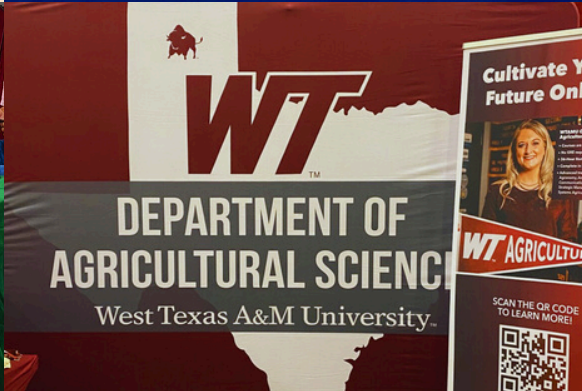
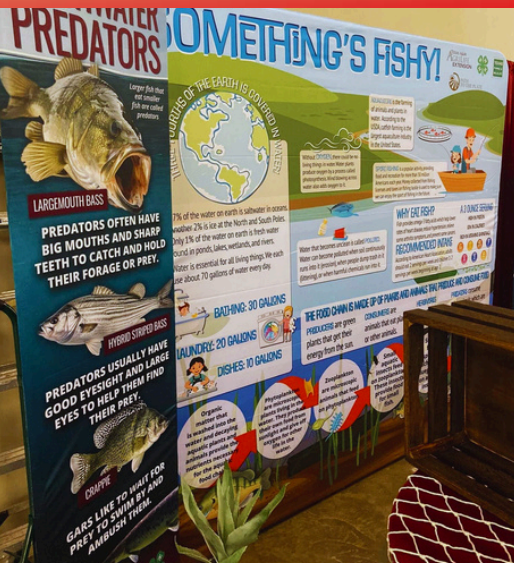
**Tour 17- Melissa Feeders stop canceled. Bus will go to Fair Park for Farewell dinner as planned.**

**Tour 19-Agrivoltics stop canceled. Bus will return to hotel after tour and lunch at Collin Street Bakery.**



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# Thank You Trade Show Exhibitors!





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# Wednesday - General Session





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## SONS & DAUGHTERS

Youth toured the Fort Worth Science & History Museum. Museum included Charlie May Noble Planetarium which allows you to see more than 7,000 stars. The Museum's permanent exhibitions include: Dino Labs & Dino Dig, Energy Blast, Fort Worth Children's Museum, Innovation Studios and the Cattle Raisers Museum, a "museum within a museum". Youth will enjoy a farewell dinner at the Hilton with a pizza party and games.





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# **LIFE MEMBERS, SPOUSES, & GUESTS**

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

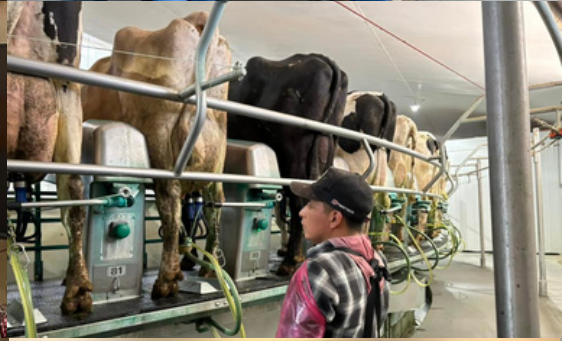
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- **5:00pm - 7:00pm:** Buses will run from State Fair of Texas to Hilton with last departure from Fair at 7:00pm.





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# NACAA Dallas, TX - HIGHLIGHTS





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# Distinguished Service Awards Banquet

*The Distinguished Service Awards Banquet was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, (Trinity Ballroom) to commemorate the enduring work of our Achievement Award and Distinguished Service Award winners. We wanted to show the gratitude and value that these agents have in their communities, counties, and their state as well as recognizing our national board for their dedication and reveal what is planned for 2025 in Montana. Dinner featured braised beef short rib to keep with the theme of Texas and our roots in the beef cattle industry.*





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