

**RESEARCH CENTER ADMINISTRATORS SOCIETY
WINTER MEETING with SAAS
FEBRUARY 1, 2 & 3, 2009**

These meetings are held in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists.

Sunday, February 1

Westin Peachtree, Roswell Room 1

- 1:30 p.m. RCAS Board Meeting with officers, state reps., and interested visitors
- 3:30 p.m. SAAS Opening Symposium – “Ag Renewable Energy”
- Evening Visiting and snacks in RCAS Hospitality Suite (football on TV too!)

Monday, February 2

Westin Peachtree, Roswell Rooms 1 and 2 - then depart by bus for tour at 8:55 a.m.

Moderator: George Granade, University of Georgia

- 8:00 a.m. RCAS Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome to Georgia, Dr. Scott Angle, Dean and Director, College of Agricultural Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia
- 8:55 a.m. Load bus and depart hotel for all day tour & banquet. Spouse is welcome at \$135. Registration is required.
- 9:05 a.m. Tour Centennial Olympic Park
- 9:50 a.m. Depart Centennial Olympic Park for Mayfield Dairy
- 10:55 a.m. Tour Mayfield Dairy
- 11:55 a.m. Depart for Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
- 12:25 p.m. Lunch at Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
- 1:00 p.m. Tour Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
- 3:15 p.m. Depart for Chateau Elan
- 4:00 p.m. Tour Chateau Elan
- 5:45 p.m. Depart for Georgia Mountain Center
- 6:15 p.m. Banquet at Georgia Mountain Center
- 8:45 p.m. Depart for Westin Peachtree (approximately 1 hour)

Tuesday, February 3

Westin Peachtree, Roswell Rooms 1 and 2

Moderator: Stan Jones, University of Georgia

- 8:00 a.m. Conducting Organic Farming Research, Merritt Taylor, Oklahoma State University
- 8:30 a.m. Alternate Crops for Fuels, Kelly Tiller, University of Tennessee
- 9:00 a.m. Agriculture in Georgia, Tommy Irving, Georgia Agricultural Commissioner
- 9:30 a.m. Handling Personnel Issues on Outlying Stations, Debbie Gausvik, University of Georgia
- 10:00 a.m. Break

Moderator: Vaughn Calvert, University of Georgia

- 10:30 a.m. Community Council Financial Support of Research and Education Center, Joe Garner, University of Georgia and Sandy Nicolette, Community Council
- 11:00 a.m. AgriBusiness in Georgia, Gary Black, Georgia AgriBusiness Council
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (on your own)

Moderator: Merritt Taylor, Oklahoma State University

- 1:00 p.m. How Budget Reductions Are Handled
 - Barbara Allen-Diaz, Assistant Vice President of Programs, Agricultural and Natural Resources, University of California
 - Dr. David Benfield, Associate Director, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, The Ohio State University
 - Dr. Robert Shulstead, Associate Director for Research, College of Agricultural Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia
 - Dr. Clarence Watson, Associate Director, Oklahoma Agricultural Experimental Stations, Oklahoma State University
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. RCAS Business Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

For hotel reservations call; Westin Peachtree Plaza, 1-800-937-8461 ask for SAAS group rate.