



Research Center Administrators Society
2017 Winter Meeting
Mobile Convention Center
Mobile, Alabama

Agenda
Sunday, February 5

- 1:30 – 2:00 Registration
202A
Gerald Reid, RCAS Secretary, The Ohio State University
- 2:00 – 4:00 RCAS Executive Business Meeting
202A
- 4:00 – 4:15 SAAS General Business Meeting
203B
- 4:15 Social
East/West Ballroom
- 5:30 Super Bowl Party
East/West Ballroom

Agenda
Monday, February 6

- 7:30 – 8:00 Registration
202A
Gerald Reid, RCAS Secretary, The Ohio State University
- Morning Program
202A

John Yost, Moderator, West Virginia University

- 8:00 – 8:15 Welcome and Announcements
Barry Sims, RCAS President, University of Tennessee
- 8:15 – 8:35 Overview of Auburn University College of Agriculture
Dean Paul Patterson
Auburn University
- 8:35 – 8:55 Overview of Auburn University Research Stations
Dr. Dale Monks, Director of Research Operations and Outlying Units
Auburn University
- 8:55 – 9:25 Ecology of Red Snapper and Gray Triggerfish in the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico
Dr. Stephen Szedlmayer, Professor
School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences
Auburn University
- 9:25 – 9:40 Break
- 9:40 – 10:10 Greenhouse Production of Grafted Vegetable Plants
Ben Hinson, Sales Coordinator
Tri-Histil
- 10:10 – 10:40 Oil and Gas Industries of the Mobile Area
Stephen Russell, Director
Business Retention and Expansion
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
- 10:40 – 11:00 Purdue's new Plant Sciences Pipeline Initiative
Jim Beaty, Superintendent
Agronomy Center for Research and Education
Purdue University
- 11:00 – 11:20 Innovative Funding of Blueberry Research with Limited Resources
John Garner, Superintendent
Williamsdale Biofuels Field Laboratory
Horticultural Crops Research Station
NC State University
- 11:20 – 11:40 Leveraging Resources between Public and Private Partners to Build Facilities
Lisa Fischer, Director
Research and Extension Center System
University of California – Davis

- 11:40 – 12:00 FSMA Regulations and Impact on University Facility Development
Stephen Hawkins, Assistant Director
Purdue Agricultural Centers
Purdue University
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch – On Your Own
- Afternoon Program
202A
Ray Covington, Moderator, University of Georgia
- 1:30 – 1:50 Performance Bull Test: Genetic Improvement for Producers of All Sizes
Kaleb Rathbone, Superintendent
Mountain Research Station
NC Department of Agriculture
- 1:50 – 2:10 Virtual Field Day
Tim Reinbott, Director of Field Operations
South Farm Research Center
University of Missouri
- 2:10 – 2:30 Dealing with Natural Disasters: Preparation, Experience and Aftermath
Andy Meier, Research Operations Manager
Cherry Research Farm
Center for Environmental Farming Systems
NC Department of Agriculture
- 2:30 – 2:50 Labor and Financial Resource Tracking
Reid Evans, Assistant Director
NC Agricultural Research Service
NC State University
- 2:50 – 3:05 Break
- 3:05 – 3:35 Panel Discussion:
External Reviews of Research Station Systems - Outcomes and Follow up
Barry Sims, University of Tennessee
Stephen Hawkins, Purdue University
Pete Schultz, Virginia Tech
- 3:35 – 3:50 2017 RCAS Summer Tour: California
Lisa Fischer, Director
Research and Extension Center System

University of California - Davis

3:50 – 4:15 Open Discussion
Infrastructure Improvement and Labor Solutions

4:15 – 5:00 RCAS General Business Meeting

Agenda
Tuesday, February 7

8:30 Load Bus outside Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

9:00 – 10:00 Airbus US Manufacturing Facility
320 Airbus Way
Mobile, AL

10:30 – 12:00 Tunnels under Mobile River

12:30 – 1:15 Box Lunch at Arlington Park
Mobile Brookley Aeroplex

1:45 – 2:30 Sessions Farm Market
8971 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd
Grand Bay, AL

3:30 – 5:00 Dauphin Island Sea Lab
101 Bienville Blvd
Dauphin Island, AL

Auburn University Shellfish Laboratory
150 Agassiz St, Dauphin Island, AL

6:30 Dinner and Awards
Jon Archer Agricultural Center
1070 Schillinger Rd., N.
Mobile, AL

8:30 Program concludes - Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel