

*Research Center Administrators Society
2019 Winter Meeting
Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama*



Sunday, February 3 (FB-2, Forum G)

1:30 - 2:00 PM	Registration
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Executive Business Meeting
4:00 – 4:30 PM	SAAS General Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner (on your own)

SAAS Super Bowl Party @ Southern Kitchen and Bar

Monday, February 4 (FB-2, Forum G)

Session Moderator: *Jeremy Martin, Research Operations Manager, NCD, Sandhills Res. Station*

8:00 – 8:10	Introduction <i>Gerald Reid, RCAS President & Manager OSU CFAES Wooster Farm Operations</i>
8:10 – 9:00	Alabama Agriculture update <i>Dr. Paul Patterson, Dean Auburn University College of Agriculture</i>
9:00 – 9:30	Hiring, Training, and Retaining Employees <i>Amanda Smitherman, Senior Manager, HR, AL Agriculture Exp. Stations</i> <i>Chris McClendon, Director, HR and Strategic Partner Initiatives, AL Cooperative Extension Service</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:15	Precision Ag Technologies on Research and Extension Centers <i>Christian Brodbeck, Research Engineer, Biosystems Engineering, Auburn</i> <i>Greg Pate, Director EV Smith Research Center, Auburn</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Cotton Leafroll Dwarf Virus Detection in the US <i>Kassie Conner, Extension Specialist, AL Cooperative Extension Service</i> <i>Jenny Koebernick, Assist Prof, Crop, Soil & Environ Sci., Auburn</i>

- 10:45 – 11:15 Worker Protection Standards Training in Alabama
Jack Rowe, Regional Extension Specialist, AL Cooperative Extension
Sonja Thomas, Ag Econ & Rural Sociology, Auburn
- 11:15 – 11:45 Agricultural Disaster Response and Training
William Birdsong, Extension Specialist, AL Cooperative Extension
Jessica Kelton
- 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 – 1:30 AREC's as Disaster Response Staging Point
John Garner, Research Operations Manager, NCDA, Hort Crops Res Station
- 1:30 – 2:00 Univ. of Florida Hurricane Cleanup
Carl Vining, Accountable Property Officer, Univ. of Florida
- 2:00 – 2:30 On-line Cost Accounting Tool
Jerry Fankhauser, Assist. Dir., Florida Agriculture Experiment Stations
- 2:30 – 3:00 On-Farm Connectivity
Purdue University Team
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:15 – 3:30 Industrial Hemp in the Farm Bill/Federal Work Stoppage Effects on Federal Grants
Dale Monks, Director of Field Stations, AL Agricultural Exp. Stations
J. Mike Phillips, Assoc. Dean and Assist. Director of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources, AL Cooperative Extension Service
- 3:30 – 4:00 Retirement Planning by *American Behavioral*
- 4:00 – 4:45 External Advisory Committee Panel Discussion
Lead by Jeff Chandler, NC State Univ.
- 4:45 – 5:00 2019 Summer Tour – New York
- 5:00 – 5:30 RCAS General Business Meeting

Spouse Options: (site seeing, shopping, dining)

- The Birmingham Museum of Art, <https://artsbma.org/>
- Grand River Outlet Mall, www.shopsofgrandriver.com
- Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum, <https://www.barbermuseum.org/>
- The Summit (Outlet Mall), <https://thesummitbirmingham.com/shop/>
- Vulcan Park and Museum, <http://visitvulcan.com/>
- Southern Museum of Flight, <http://www.southernmuseumofflight.org/>
- Christenberry Planetarium, <https://www.samford.edu/departments/planetarium/>
- Birmingham Botanical Gardens, <https://www.bbgardens.org/>
- Birmingham Zoo, <https://www.birminghamzoo.com/>
- Rotary Trail, <http://www.birminghamrotary.org/service/club-service/rotary-trail/>
- Avondale Brewing Company
- Good People Brewing Company

Tuesday, February 5

All day bus tour

Tour stops:

Petals From the Past in Jemison, AL

- <https://www.petalsfromthepast.com>
- Plant nursery, fruit U-pick, and educational farm
- Operated by Dr. Arlie Powell. Former US Extension State Program Leader & Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture

Purcell Industries in Sylacauga, AL

- <http://www.fertilizer.com>
- Controlled release fertilizer manufacturer

Talladega Speedway

- Behind the scenes tour of the Speedway and discussion of Fire Ant Control

Stockdale Farms in Munsford, AL

- Diversified agriculture operation, including: corn, soybeans, cattle feeding, and fertilizer

White Oak Vineyard in Anniston, AL

- <http://www.southernoakwines.com/>
- Most southern Vinifera grape grower in US