



## **RCAS Winter Meeting**

**January 26-29, 2020**

**Courtyard by Marriott/ Mills Conference Center**

**600 Russell Street**

**Starkville, MS**

### **Sunday, January 26**

1:30 pm	Registration
2:00 pm	Executive Business Meeting
6:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)

### **Monday, January 27**

8:00-8:30	Check-in & Refreshments
8:30-8:40	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> President RCAS Dr. John Yost of WV
8:40-9:00	<b>Mississippi Agriculture Update:</b> Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station Dean & Director Dr. George Hooper, Director of Extension Dr. Gary Jackson
9:00-9:20	<b>Managing During Transitions:</b> Interim VP of MSU Div. of Agriculture Dr. Reuben Moore
9:20-9:40	Break
9:40-10:30	<b>Equipment Safety &amp; Tips for selling on Federal Surplus:</b> Leslie Woolington

- 10:30-11:30      **Produce Handling Guidelines:** MSU Associate Extension Director Dr. J. Byron Williams:
- 11:30-1:15      Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15-2:00      **Harnessing UAV Technology on the farm:** MSU Dir. of Geosystems Research Institute Dr. Robert Moorhead
- 2:00-2:45      **Arkansas transition to Pay for Research:** Rohwer Station Director Larry Earnest & Asst. Director of Agricultural Experiment Stations Dr. Nathan Slaton
- 2:45-3:00      Break
- 3:00-3:45      **NC and Industrial Hemp:** Director of the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division Kaleb Rathbone
- 3:45-4:00      **Nebraska 2018 Flooding Response:** Director of the Eastern NE Research & Extension Center Dr. Douglas Zalesky
- 4:00-4:45      **External Advisory Committee Discussion on Alternative Labor for the farm:** Gerald Reid, Ken Scaife, Rob Ellis led by Ray Covington
- 4:45-5:00      **2020 Summer Tour- Idaho:** Superintendent of the Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension, and Education Center, John Hall
- 5:00-5:30      **RCAS General Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 28**

- 8:00 am      Load Buses
- 8:15 am      Arrive at MSU Research campus and tour ASSURE (Alliance for Systems Safety of UAS through Research Excellence)
- 9:30 am      Leave for **BirdSong Peanuts** tour in Aberdeen, MS. Started in 1914, Birdsong works with farmers in 11 states selling to peanut product manufacturers.
- 10:15 am      Arrive at Birdsong
- 11:15      Leave for MSU-Prairie Research Unit (lunch and presentation).

- 11:30 Arrive at MSU-Prairie Unit for Lunch
- 12:30 Leave for **Bogue Chitto Cotton Gin**, in Brooksville, MS. Built in 2012 in only 6 months, the Gin services 13 counties in MS and AL.
- 12:45 Arrive at Bogue Chitto Cotton Gin
- 2:00 Load Buses to leave for **Superior Catfish, Macon**. The facility was started in 1994 by local farmers and now distributes nationwide and includes retail distribution as well as foodservice.
- 2:30 Arrive at Superior Catfish
- 3:30 Load Buses for **Old Waverly, West Point** for tour and dinner in West Point MS. One of the most unique and architecturally significant antebellum homes in America.
- 4:30 Arrive at Old Waverly
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Return to hotel, RCAS MS Tour End

**Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>(Optional Tour)**

- 8:00 Load Buses, Tour the MSU- **MAFES South Farm**
- 9:00 Tour the MSU Dept. Animal & Dairy Sciences-**Meat Science Lab**
- 10:00 Tour the MSU **Veterinary School**
- 11:00 Stop at the MSU **Cheese Store**
- 11:30 Return to the hotel for departure