

Research Center Administrators Society (RCAS) Summer Tour: September 11-14th, 2022

Host: University of Delaware, Elbert N. & Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center (EACREC)

Georgetown Delaware 19947

FINAL AGENDA

Sunday, September 11

1:00 – 2:00 PM Registration: [Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center](#), Rehoboth Beach

2:00 – 5 PM RCAS Board and Business Meeting in the Swan Ball Room

Dinner on your own: several restaurants and bars in walking distance from the hotel

Monday, September 12

6:30 – 6:50 AM Load buses at Hotel (**Bus will depart at 6:50 AM SHARP**)

6:50 – 7:30 AM Travel to [UD Elbert N. & Ann V. Carvel Research & Education Center](#)

7:30 – 8:00 AM Arrive for Continental Breakfast

8:10 – 8:15 AM Welcome: Interim Dean Calvin Keeler, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

8:15 – 9:20 AM Overview of Carvel Research & Education Center: Director Mark Isaacs

9:20 – 9:50 AM Overview of the Poultry Industry on Delmarva: Extension Poultry Specialist Georgie Cartanza

9:50 – 10:00 AM Break and walk to [Lasher Poultry Diagnostic Laboratory](#)

10:05 – 11:05 AM Tour Lasher Laboratory: Lab Manager Kim Allen and Team

11:05 – 11:10 AM Load covered wagons

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Tour: Thurman Adams Jr. Agricultural Research Farm

12:15 – 12:30 PM Break

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch provided at Carvel with remarks from Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse (former U.S. Under Secretary)

1:35 – 1:40 PM Load buses for departure

1:40 – 2:00 PM Travel to [Vincent Farms](#): Delmar, Delaware

2:00 – 3:00 PM Visit Vincent Farms with overview from Ray Vincent (diversified vegetable and grain farm)

3:05 – 3:10 PM	Load buses for departure
3:15 – 3:35 PM	Travel back to Carvel
3:40 – 4:40 PM	Tour Master Gardener's area: Extension Horticulture Agent Tracy Wootten
4:45 – 5:45 pm	Dinner in the Grove: Mission BBQ with live Bluegrass Entertainment
5:50 – 6:30 pm	Load buses and return to the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center to enjoy the boardwalk and Rehoboth Beach

Tuesday, September 13

6:00 – 7:00 AM	Breakfast on your own at the hotel
7:10 – 7:20 AM	Load buses at Hotel (Bus will depart at <u>7:20 AM SHARP</u>)
7:20 – 9:20 AM	Travel to FMC Research Facility : Newark, Delaware
9:30 – 11:45 AM	Tour FMC facility including the discovery program within the lab/greenhouse complex and a farm tour
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch provided by FMC
1:10 - 1:15 PM	Load buses for departure
1:15 – 3:15 PM	Travel to UD Warrington Irrigation Research Farm: Harbeson, Delaware
3:15 – 4:40 PM	Overview of irrigation and precision Ag research: Associate Scientist James Adkins and Extension Agronomist Jarrod Miller
4:40 - 4:45 PM	Load buses for departure
4:45 – 5:15 PM	Travel back to Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center, Rehoboth Beach
6:15 – 8:15 PM	Dinner provided at Fins Restaurant (walking distance from hotel)

Wednesday, September 14

6:00 – 7:00 AM	Breakfast on your own at the hotel
7:10 – 7:20 AM	Load buses at Hotel (Bus will depart at <u>7:20 AM SHARP</u>)
7:20 – 8:20 AM	Travel to Willin Farms: Seaford, Delaware
8:20 – 9:30 AM	Tour Willin Farms: a cutting-edge grain and poultry farm doing extensive research
9:35 – 9:40 AM	Load buses for departure
9:40 – 10:10 AM	Travel to Proximity Malt facility: Delmar, Delaware

10:10 – 11:30 AM	Tour Proximity Malt LLC (malted barley operation contracting with local growers): Zach Gaines and Matt Musial
11:30 – 11:35 AM	Load buses for departure
11:35 – 12:00 PM	Travel back to the Carvel Center: Georgetown, Delaware
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch provided at Carvel
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Overview of Mountaire Farms : Community Relations Cathy Bassett
2:10 – 2:15 PM	Load buses for departure
2:15 – 2:45 PM	Travel to Horsey Farms: Laurel, Delaware
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Visit Horsey farms with overview from Wayne and Bobby Horsey (diversified sod, landscaping, and grain farm)
3:45 – 3:50 PM	Load buses for departure
3:50 – 4:30 PM	Travel back to Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center, Rehoboth Beach. Completion of the tour.

Optional Spouses Tour: Tuesday, September 13

Explore Agritourism, history and shopping in Lewes, Delaware

Via Carpool, our Delaware drivers will pick you up around **10:30 a.m.** and drive to nearby [Hopkins Heartland](#). Meet our host Ingrid Hopkins as she shares her amusing and often challenging efforts to renovate her family's ancestral farmhouse – a location that has evolved into one of southern Delaware's premiere wedding and agritourism destinations. Attendees will hear Ingrid's story, tour the farmhouse, the wedding barn, the milking barn and the historic covered bridge. We'll enjoy a boxed lunch just up the road at Hopkin's newest climate-controlled Honeybee venue. After the tour, we're only minutes away from [Historic Lewes](#) where you will have time on your own to enjoy waterside shopping or a walking tour of [Lewes](#). **Participants will be back to the hotel around 4 p.m. Your drivers are native Delawareans, so they know all the good spots!**