

**RCAS Winter Meeting Topics - Feb. 13-14, 2022- New Orleans**  
**Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, Room: Nottoway (Fourth Floor)**

**Sunday, February 13**

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

**Monday, February 14**

- 8:00-8:30 AM**                      **Check-in & Refreshments**
- 8:30-8:40 AM**                      **Welcome & Introduction** President RCAS, Joe Davlin, The Ohio State University
- 8:40-9:00 AM**                      **Louisiana Agriculture Update**  
Michael Salassi, Associate Vice President and Program Leader for Plant and Animal Sciences, LSU AgCenter
- 9:00-9:30 AM**                      **Biosecurity Protocols in Animal Units**  
Teresa Lambert, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Research Stations Division
- 9:30-9:50 AM**                      **Break**
- 9:50-10:35 AM**                      **Agricultural Experiment Station Record Keeping: What's Worked, What Hasn't, What Else to Try**  
Jeff Chandler, Director, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, NC State University  
Vaughn Skinner, Resident Director, SAREC, University of Arkansas  
John Yost, Assistant Director REOC Operations, West Virginia University
- 10:35-10:55 AM**                      **Piggybacking with Partners to Remove Feral Hogs on the Pine Tree Research Station in Arkansas**  
Shawn Clark, Resident Director, University of Arkansas, Pine Tree Research Station
- 10:55-11:30 AM**                      **Research Opportunities in Precision Livestock Farming**  
Robert T. Burns, Distinguished Professor, University of Tennessee
- 11:30 AM -1:15 PM**                      **Lunch (on your own)**

<b>1:15-1:35 PM</b>	<b>Reinventing an Existing Building into New Produce Handling Facility</b> Jeff Chandler, Director, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, NC State University
<b>1:35-1:55 PM</b>	<b>Ag Exemptions for Agricultural Facilities</b> Tommy Corbett, NCDA & CS Research Stations Division
<b>1:55-2:50 PM</b>	<b>Benefits of an External Review of Outlying Research Centers, Ranches, and other Agricultural Experiment Station Properties.</b> Jerry Fankhauser, Assistant Director, Florida Agricultural Experiment Station – UF/IFAS Shibu Jose, Associate Dean and Director AES, University of Missouri Tim Reinbott, Director of Field Operations, Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station – University of Missouri Hector Santiago, Assistant Dean/Assistant Director, University of Nebraska
<b>2:50-3:00 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00-3:45 PM</b>	<b>Determination of the Value of a REC, AREC, and other Research Properties and the Feasibility of their Closure, Relocation, or Repurposing – Case Studies and Roundtable Discussion</b> Peter Schultz, Emeritus Professor of Entomology, Hampton Roads AREC, Virginia Tech University Stephen Hawkins, Director, Purdue Ag Centers Barry Sims, Executive Director- AgResearch, University of Tennessee
<b>3:45-4:15 PM</b>	<b>Waterman: Fulfilling the Land-grant Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> Andrew “Dewey” Mann, Director, Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, Ohio State University
<b>4:15-4:55 PM</b>	<b>Life as the Spouse of a Center Director - The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly!</b> Jan Beaty, Purdue University Lisa Brown, University of Tennessee Terry Davlin, Ohio State University Lynn Schultz, Virginia Tech
<b>4:55-5:00 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>5:00-5:30 PM</b>	<b>RCAS General Business Meeting</b>

## **RCAS Winter Meeting Tour- Feb. 15, 2022- New Orleans**

### **Tuesday, February 15**

**8:00 - 8:15 AM**                      **Load Charter Bus at the Sheraton**

**8:30 AM**                              **Mardi Gras World**

Mardi Gras World gives you a behind the scenes look at the planning that goes into the New Orleans Mardi Gras. This is where artist design and build the floats and props for the Mardi Gras Parade each year.

**11:00 AM**                              **Insta-Gator Ranch and Hatchery, Covington, LA**

Insta-Gator Ranch works on maintaining and protecting the alligators of Louisiana. They collect eggs from the marsh and raise and release some of the alligators back into their natural habitat. They have nearly 2,000 alligators.

**12:45 PM**                              **Lunch and Tour of LSU AG Center Hammond**

The Hammond Ag Center is about 150 acres and was originally established as a truck farm serving the strawberry and vegetable growers. Now the LSU Center's research is focused on landscape horticulture; plant selection, fertility, weed control and plant growth regulators, evaluating more than 500 ornamental plants a year.

**3:45 PM**                              **Gravois Sugar Cane, Crawfish and Tobacco Farm**

The Gravois Family is one of the largest family farms in Louisiana. They play a major role in sugar cane industry and raise a high value fermented tobacco and have a crawfish farm.

**5:00 PM**                              **Dinner and Awards Banquet**

Crawfish, Jambalaya, and Kingcake!

**7:00 PM**                              **Depart for Sheraton**