

RCAS Winter 2023 Meeting Schedule

February 5-8, 2023

Tampa/Brandon, FL



Sunday, February 5, 2023

- 1:30-2:30 PM** **Registration** – Brandon/Palm River Room at [Embassy Suites-Brandon](#) (10220 Palm River Rd.)
- 2:30-5:00 PM** **Executive (Open) Business Meeting** – Brandon/Palm River Room at Embassy Suites
- 6:00 PM** **Dinner** (on your own)

Monday, February 6, 2023

- 8:00 AM** **Depart Embassy Suites for [Gulf Coast REC-Balm](#)** (14625 County Road 672)
Note: Shuttle service to/from Gulf Coast REC-Balm will be available.
- 8:45-9:00 AM** **Welcome & Introductions** – Jeremy Martin, RCAS Vice-President (NCSU-Sandhills Research), Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Associate Vice President for Agriculture & Natural Resources, Dr. Jack Rechcigl, Professor & Director of UF/IFAS Gulf Coast REC-Balm/Ft. Lauderdale REC-Davie
- 9:00-9:30 AM** **UF/IFAS Welcome & Research Overview** – Dr. Rob Gilbert, UF/IFAS Dean for Research & Director of [Florida Agricultural Experiment Station](#)
- 9:30-9:50 AM** **Florida Agriculture Overview** – Curt Williams, Assistant Director of Government & Community Affairs for the [Florida Farm Bureau Federation](#)
- 9:50-10:30 AM** **Animal Research Challenges including IACUC Approval** – Dr. Peter Hansen, UF/IFAS Department of Animal Sciences & John Yost, West Virginia University
- 10:30-10:45 AM** **Break**
- 10:45-11:30 AM** **UAVs, Sensors, & Other Applied Research Technology** – Dr. Nathan Boyd, UF/IFAS Gulf Coast REC-Balm & Dr. Yiannis Ampatzidis, UF/IFAS Southwest Florida REC-Immokalee
- 11:30-12:00 PM** **Tornado Impact & Recovery at a REC** – Dr. Carrie Knott, Univ. of Kentucky REC-Princeton
- 12:00-1:00 PM** **Lunch**
- 1:00-2:15 PM** **Tour of Gulf Coast REC-Balm** (labs, greenhouses, & field research) – Host: Dr. Jack Rechcigl
- 2:15-2:45 PM** **Employee Recruitment & Retention** – Ken Scaife, OSU-CFAES, Director of Ag. Operations
- 2:45-3:15 PM** **Security at Outlying Centers and Stations** – Dr. Bridget Lassiter, NCSU-LK Wheeler Field Lab
- 3:15-3:45 PM** **Cost Recovery for Field, Grove, and Animal Research** – Mark McLaughlin, UF/IFAS [UFarm](#)
- 3:45-4:00 PM** **Break**
- 4:00-4:30 PM** **Food Safety Measures for Selling and/or Food Pantry Dispersal of Produce, etc. –**
Dr. Michelle Danyluk, UF/IFAS Citrus REC-Lake Alfred
- 4:30-5:00 PM** **Maximizing Budgetary Allocations in Resource-challenged Times... a Panel Discussion –**
Panel: Tim Reinbott, MO-AES, Mark Issacs, University of Delaware-Carvel REC, & Christian Christensen, UF/IFAS Hastings AEC & Regional Specialized Agent (Multi-County)
- 5:00-5:30 PM** **RCAS General Business Meeting**
- 5:30-6:00 PM** **Return to Embassy Suites-Brandon**
- 6:00 PM** **Dinner** (on your own)

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Spouse/Companion Tour – *A Day around Tampa Bay*

- 7:00-9:00 AM** **Breakfast** (at Embassy Suites)
- 9:15 AM** **Depart Embassy Suites-Brandon** (Charter Bus outside of Brandon/Palm River Room)
Hosts: Denise Howell, PSREU-Citra & Lisa Fankhauser, UF/IFAS-FAES Office
- 9:45 AM** **Arrive at** [Florida Aquarium](#) (701 Channelside Drive, Tampa)
- 9:45-12:30 PM** **Experience a Wide Variety of Aquatic & Terrestrial Animals**
- 12:30 PM** **Depart for** [Historic Ybor City District](#) (Tampa)
- 12:45-2:30 PM** **Lunch** at 1:00 pm at the historic [Columbia Restaurant](#), & **Shopping**
- 2:30 PM** **Depart for** [Dooley Groves](#) (1651 Stephens Road, Ruskin)
- 3:15-4:00 PM** **Citrus Picking & Gift Shopping**
- 4:00 PM** **Depart for Embassy Suites-Brandon**
- 4:30 PM** **Arrive at Hotel** (Dinner on your own)

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Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – Bus Tour

- 7:00-7:45 AM** Breakfast (at Embassy Suites)
- 8:00 AM** Depart Embassy Suites-Brandon (Charter Buses outside of Brandon/Palm River Room)
- 8:30-9:15 AM** UF/IFAS [Tropical Aquaculture Lab-Apollo Beach](#) (529 Estuary Shore Lane)
- 9:15 AM** Depart for [Tampa Electric Manatee Viewing Center](#) (6990 Dickman Road, Apollo Beach)
- 9:30-10:15 AM** Manatee Viewing Experience
- 10:15 AM** Depart for [Florida Strawberry Growers Association-Dover](#) (13138 Lewis Gallagher Road)
- 11:00-12:00 PM** **Florida Winter Strawberry Production** – Host: Kenneth Parker, Executive Director of FSGA
UF/IFAS Welcome: Dr. Angle, UF Senior Vice President for Agriculture & Natural Resources
- 12:00-12:45 PM** Lunch w/Strawberry Shortcake Dessert
- 12:45 PM** Depart for [Florida's Natural Visitor Center-Lake Wales](#) (20160 US Highway 27)
- 2:00-3:15 PM** **Florida Citrus Industry** – Speakers: Dr. Michael Rogers, Professor & Director of UF/IFAS Citrus REC-Lake Alfred, Gene McAvoy, Retired UF/IFAS Extension Agent, & Gary England, Retired Director of Hasting AEC & Regional Specialized Agent (Multi-County)
- 3:15 PM** Depart for UF/IFAS [Range Cattle REC-Ona](#) (3401 Experiment Lane)
- 4:30-6:00 PM** Subtropical Cattle Production & Tour of Range Cattle REC-Ona
- 6:00-7:30 PM** **Cattlemen's Steak Dinner & Awards Program** – Host: Dr. Brent Sellers, Director of RCREC
- 7:30 PM** Depart for Embassy Suites-Brandon
- 9:00 PM** Arrive at Hotel

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – Bus Tour

- 7:00-7:45 AM** Breakfast (at Embassy Suites-Brandon)
- 8:00 AM** Depart Embassy Suites-Brandon (Charter Bus outside of Brandon/Palm River Room)
Guest Speaker: Gracelyn Byrd, Sugarcane Agronomist with U.S. Sugar Corporation
- 10:00-12:00 PM** UF/IFAS [Plant Science Research & Education Unit-Citra](#) (2556 County Highway 318)
- 12:00-1:00 PM** Lunch – Welcome to campus by UF/IFAS leadership for Academics & Extension
- 1:00 PM** Depart for UF/IFAS [Beef Teaching Unit-Gainesville](#) (3300 SW 23rd Terrace)
- 1:30-2:15 PM** UF/IFAS Animal Sciences Beef Research & Teaching
- 2:15 PM** Depart for UF/IFAS [Bee Lab-Gainesville/Campus](#) (1881 Natural Area Drive)
- 2:30-3:30 PM** Bee Research, Teaching, & Extension at UF/IFAS
- 3:30-4:15 PM** Driving Tour of [UF Campus](#) including Athletic Facilities
- 4:15 PM** Depart for Embassy Suites-Brandon
- 6:30 PM** Arrive at Hotel (Dinner on your own)