



Research Center Administrators Society
2016 Winter Meeting
Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas

Agenda
Sunday, February 7

- 1:30 – 2:00 Registration
Regency West 4, 5, 6
Jeff Chandler, RCAS Secretary, NC State University
- 2:00 – 4:00 RCAS Executive Business Meeting
Regency West 4, 5, 6
- 4:00 – 4:15 SAAS General Business Meeting
Rio Grande Ballroom - East
- 4:15 – 5:00 SAAS Social – Open to All (**No Super Bowl Party**)
Rio Grande Ballroom

Agenda
Monday, February 8

- 7:30 – 8:00 Registration
Navarro
Jeff Chandler, RCAS Secretary, NC State University
- Morning Program
Navarro
Joe Davlin, Moderator, Ohio State University
- 8:00 – 8:10 Welcome and Announcements
Donnie Davis, RCAS President, University of Kentucky
- 8:10 – 8:50 Overview of Texas Agriculture and Texas A&M AgriLife Research/Extension
Craig Nessler/Douglas Steele, Texas A&M AgriLife Research/Extension
- 8:50 – 9:30 Edwards Aquifer, History, Mission, and Future
Rick Illgner, Special Assistant to General Manager, Edwards Aquifer Authority

- 9:30 – 9:45 Break
- 9:45 – 10:05 REC Internships, Benefits and Challenges
Rob Ellis, Center Director, AgResearch & Education Center at Greeneville,
University of Tennessee
- 10:05 – 10:50 Safety Program Package
Kelly T. Snider, Safety and Technology Officer, North Carolina Department of
Agriculture & Consumer Service’s Research Stations and North Carolina State
University Research Stations
- 10:50 – 11:30 Fostering and Benefits of Statewide Partnerships
Sandy Stewart, Director of Research Stations, NC State and NCDA, Reid Evans,
Assistant Director, North Carolina Agriculture Research Service, NC State, Jeff
Chandler, Director, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center,
NC State, and Andy Meier, Superintendent, Cherry Research Farm, NCDA
- 11:30 – 11:50 Capitalizing on Local Partnerships to More Effectively Deliver Research and
Extension
Darren L. Haver, Water Resources Advisor, Director, University of California
Cooperative Extension Orange County & South Coast Research & Extension
Center
- 11:50 – 1:00 Lunch – On Your Own
- Afternoon Program
Navarro
Rob Ellis, Moderator, University of Tennessee
- 1:00 – 1:20 Impacts of Drought on San Joaquin Valley Agriculture – Management Issues for
Some Annual and Perennial Crops
Robert Hutmacher, UC-ANR West Side Research and Extension Center Director,
UC Cooperative Extension Specialist, UC Davis Plant Science Department
- 1:20 – 1:40 Management Strategies to Cope with Drought and Limited Water Supplies in the
Colorado River Basin
Khaled Bali, Irrigation/Water Management Advisor & County Director,
University of California Cooperative Extension-Imperial County, UC Desert
Research & Extension Center
- 1:40 – 2:00 Pesticide Storage Options- Pre Engineered Concrete, Blueprinted On Site
Construction, or Both?
Jeremy Martin, Research Operations Manager, Sandhills Research Station, NC
State University
- 2:00 – 2:20 FSMA Update on Produce Safety Rule

Juan Anciso, Professor and Extension Vegetable Specialist, Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension, Weslaco

- 2:20 – 2:40 Training Needs and Update on the Implementation of Food Safety Preventive Controls for Food Safety and Processing in the U.S
Matthew Taylor, Associate Professor, Food Safety Microbiology, Department of Animal Science Texas A&M Agriculture and Life Sciences
- 2:40 – 2:55 Break
- 2:55 – 4:10 Panel Discussion
Traditional and Non-Traditional Field Days, and the Audience
- 2:55 – 3:10 An Overview of Ohio State’s Farm Science Review
Gerald Reid, Manager, Farm Operations, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Ohio State University
- 3:10 – 3:25 Summer Celebration, and Pumpkin Field Day
Robert M. Hayes, Center Director, West Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center, University of Tennessee
- 3:25 – 3:40 Fall Folklore Jamboree
Blake Brown, Center Director, AgResearch & Education Center at Milan, University of Tennessee
- 3:40 – 3:55 Fall Gardeners’ Festival
Walt Hitch, Center Director, Plateau AgResearch & Education Center, University of Tennessee
- 3:55 – 4:10 Panel Questions and Discussion
- 4:10 – 5:10 RCAS General Business Meeting
Navarro

Agenda
Tuesday, February 9

Morning Program

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Jeremy Martin, Moderator, NC State University

- 8:00 – 8:20 Utilizing RTK/GPS Systems in Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Research
Jay Young, Superintendent, Throckmorton Purdue Ag Center, Purdue University
- 8:20 - 8:40 The 2016 RCAS Summer Tour: A Colorado Experience
Calvin Pearson, Professor/Research Agronomist, Colorado State University

RCAS Tour/Afternoon and Evening Program

- 8:40 Depart Hyatt Regency Riverwalk
(Walk around the block to Alamo)
- 9:00 Alamo
- 10:15 Depart Alamo
- 12:00 Box Lunch
- Del Monte Canning Company (Crystal City)
- Vegetable production fields: Spinach, cabbage, onion, Brandon Laffere (Batesville)
- Southern Commodities – ‘Southern Select Wild Bird Food’, Justin Speer (Uvalde)
- Winter Garden Produce – Packing operation (cabbage, broccoli), Jay Carnes (Uvalde)
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Uvalde tour and presentations
- Spatial Ecology of Wildlife in Texas Rangelands
Susan Cooper, Associate Professor Wildlife Ecology, Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Uvalde
- Water Conservation Approaches for Agricultural Production in the Wintergarden of Texas
Daniel Leskovar, Professor, Vegetable Physiology & Center Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Uvalde
- 6:00 Dinner and Awards
- 7:30 Depart Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Uvalde
- 9:00 Program Conclusion – Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk