

**RESEARCH CENTER ADMINISTRATORS SOCIETY  
2011 WINTER MEETING AGENDA**

**Saturday, February 5, 2011**

SAAS tour to King Ranch – Register at SAAS web site (<http://www.saasinc.org/2011-CorpusChristi/WelcomePg.asp>)

**Sunday, February 6, 2011**

**Omni Marina Tower, Marina View**

3:00 RCAS Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, February 7, 2011**

**Omni Marina Tower, Marina View**

Presiding: Ray Cartee, Director of Research Farms, Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, Utah State University

8:00 Welcome and Announcements

Jim Beaty, President RCAS,  
Purdue University

8:15 Welcome to Texas Agriculture

8:45 “Tennessee BioFuels Production – An Integrated Approach”

Walt Hitch, Director, Plateau  
Research & Education Center,  
University of Tennessee

9:15 “Working with Private Industry to Turn Food Waste  
into Methane”

Gerald Reid, Manager Farm  
Operations, Ohio Agricultural  
Research & Development Center-  
Wooster, The Ohio State University

9:45 “Utah’s On-Farm Mobile Oil Seed Press and  
Biodiesel Processor”

David Drake  
Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
Texas A&M University System

10:15 Break

Presiding: Lyle Lomas, Head, Southeast Agricultural Research Center, Kansas State University

10:30 “Managing Research Facility Budgets with Donations and  
Other Revenue Sources”

Chuck Reid, Director, Land  
Management Office, Michigan  
State University

- 11:00 “Can Creative Marketing Work for AgResearch and Education Centers?”  
Barry Sims, Director, Highland Rim Research & Education Center, University of Tennessee
- 11:30 “Maintaining Quality Research with Reduced Funding”  
Merritt Taylor, Director, Wes Watkins Agricultural Research & Education Center-Lane, Oklahoma State University
- 12:00 Lunch  
Presiding: Randall Rawls, Superintendent, Upper Coastal Plain Substation, Auburn University
- 1:00 “Planning, Coordination and Implementation of the UT Milan No-Till Field Day”  
Blake Brown Director, Milan Research & Education Center University of Tennessee
- 1:30 “Utilization of GPS Based Technology in Row Crop Research and Bulk Production at the Davis Purdue Ag Center”  
Jeff Boyer, Superintendent, Davis-Purdue Agricultural Center, Purdue University
- 2:00 “Role of Research Center Administrators in Global Engagement”  
Bob Dunker, Superintendent, Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2:30 “Research Program Development and Relationship with Project Leaders”  
Denny Thompson, Research Operations Manager, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station, North Carolina Department Of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- 3:00 Break  
Presiding: Stan Jones, Superintendent, Southwest Research & Education Center, University of Georgia
- 3:15 “When Disaster Strikes, Who’s In Control?”  
Ken Scaife, Assistant to the Director, Field Operations, Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center – Wooster, The Ohio State University

3:45 “The Agricultural Research Service Bioproducts Research Program”

Paul Sebesta, Center Director,  
National Center for Agricultural  
Utilization Research, USDA-ARS

4:15 RCAS General Business Meeting

## **Tuesday, February 8**

Presiding: Rob Ellis, Director, Director, Greenville Research & Education Center, University of Tennessee

8:00 “Keeping the Trailer Hooked to the Truck”

Steve Hawkins, Assistant Director,  
Purdue Agricultural Center, Purdue  
University

8:30 “Tracking Employee Safety Training with a Centralized Program”

Chuck Reid, Director, Land  
Management Office, Michigan  
State University

9:00 “Can My ‘Safety Blog’ Help You? Yes. Twice.”

Jim Beaty, Superintendent,  
Agromomy Center for Research  
& Education, Purdue University

9:15 “Opportunities in International Development – an Afghanistan Experience”

Rex Kirksey, Superintendent  
Agricultural Science Centers at  
Tucumcari & Clovis, New Mexico  
State University

9:30 “Controlling Vertebrate Pests in Research Plots at Research Centers”

Pete Schultz, Director, Hampton  
Roads Agricultural Research &  
Extension Center, Virginia Tech

10:30 Travel to Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Corpus Christi

11:00 Tour Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Corpus Christi

12:00 Lunch from Jason’s Deli

1:00 Travel to Flour Bluff

1:45 Tour Flour Bluff Mariculture Laboratory

3:15 Travel to Gulf Coast Cotton Compress

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5:15 Travel to Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center

5:30 Banquet at Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center – Banquet catered by Miller’s BBQ

7:00 Travel to Omni Marina Tower Hotel

7:30 Arrive at Omni Marina Tower Hotel