



**RCAS Fall Meeting- Columbus,
OH September 13 - 16, 2026**

Fall Meeting Registration

Register by 8/13 to receive the \$350 rate; after that, the fee is \$400.

Register here: [Online RegFox Registration Link](#)

Travel Information

Fly into: John Glenn Columbus International Airport ([CMH](#))

4600 International Gateway, Columbus, OH 43219

~12miles from airport to hotel

[Rideshare](#) (Uber, Lyft) and taxis

Hotel Information

Hampton Inn & Suites

3160 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43202

Hotel Deadline to reserve at group rate: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026.

Book your group rate under the name of OSU- College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at the link below:

[Hotel Reservation Link](#)

Hotel Rates: \$135/+ tax, double/single rooms. No resort fee.

Check-In/Check -Out: Check-in 3:00 pm /Check out: 12:00 pm

Hotel Parking: Complimentary self-parking in front of the hotel.

Hotel Amenities:

- **Group Rate** will be honored for 1 day before and 1 day after conference dates of September 13-September 15, 2026, for visiting/sightseeing, if rooms are available.
- **Internet:** Complimentary internet in guestrooms.
- **Fitness Center & Pool:** Complimentary access to hotel fitness center and indoor pool.
- **Breakfast:** Complimentary Continental breakfast.
- [Hampton Inn & Suites Link](#)

RCAS Fall Meeting Agenda – September 13 – 16

Sunday, September 13th

- 1:30 PM Registration Opens
- 2:00-5:00 PM Executive Business Meeting
- 5:00 PM Dinner on your own: [Area restaurant link](#)

Monday, September 14th

- *7:40-8:00 AM Load bus and travel to Waterman Agricultural & Natural Resources Laboratory (See spouse tour option below)

****Spouse Tour Option 7:40 AM-1:00 PM***

Columbus area: Ohio State landmarks, Franklin Park Conservatory, lunch. Option to meet the group at Waterman at 1:00 PM and join them for the remainder of the day.

- 8:00 AM **Welcome & Overview** of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES)
- 8:30AM -12:00 PM **Tours**
- [Waterman](#) Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory
 - [Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Center \(CEARC\)](#)
 - [Multispecies Animal Learning Complex \(MALC\)](#)
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM [Molly Caren Agricultural Center](#) Overview and Tour
- 4:00 PM Tour [ST Genetics](#)
- 5:30 PM Tour [Western Agricultural Research Station](#)
- 6:30 PM Dinner at Western ARS
- 8:00 PM Travel back to Hampton Hotel, estimated travel time 50 minutes

Tuesday, September 15th

- 7:30 AM Depart Hampton Inn for [Corcoran Farms](#)
- 8:45 AM Tour of Corcoran Farms
- 10:00 AM Tour of [Speyside Cooperage](#)
- 11:15 AM Tour of [Jackson Agricultural Research Station](#)
- 12:00 PM Lunch: catered at Jackson ARS, OSU Extension Facility
- 1:45 PM Depart Jackson (70 minute drive)
- 3:00 PM Tour of [Bluegrass Farms](#)
- 4:30 PM Travel to Hampton Inn, estimated travel time 50 minutes
- 5:30 PM Dinner on own: [Area restaurant link](#)

Wednesday, September 16th

- 7:30 AM Depart Hampton Inn for [OSU CFAES Wooster](#), estimated travel time 90 minutes
- 9:00 AM Campus walking tour
- *10:00 AM Morning Tours (See spouse tour option below)

A. Crops Focus: Drive through campus with speaker highlights, including Secrest Arboretum Trimble Lab - ATI, Snyder Farm Crops Research, GDAL Land Lab, Water Quality Corridor

B. Animal Focus: Drive through campus with speaker highlights including Secrest Arboretum, Small Ruminant Research & Education Facility, GDAL Beef Cattle Facilities, drive through Krauss Dairy

****Spouse Tour Option 10:00 AM-4:00 PM***

Kidron Area: Lehman Hardware, MCC Thrift Store, Flower Farm, Weaver Wagons. Lunch at Local Roots. Rejoin the main group at 3D Meats.

- 12:00 PM **Lunch:** Grilling at the Farm Shop
Presentation by Certified Angus Beef (tbd)

- 1:00 PM** **Self Select Activities (walking):**
Around Farm Shop: Equipment displays, Composting, Feed Mill Tour
- 2:00 PM** **Tour of [Woodlyn Farms](#)**
- 3:00 PM** **Tour of [Venture Heritage Farm](#):** Tilmor Tractor demonstrations
- 4:00 PM** **Group meets back up at [3D Meats](#):** receive snacks for travel back
to Hampton Inn (Estimated travel time - 90 minutes)
- 6:00 PM** **Dinner on your own**