NAICC Leadership Program 2018

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Where I'm From

• Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
• Pop. of Saskatchewan 1.16 Million
• Pop. of Saskatoon 248,000
• Saskatchewan has 44,329 Farms
• Average acres per farm is 1,449.
• Saskatchewan is the leading producer of Wheat, Canola, Oats, Rye, Flax, Dry peas, Chickpeas, Lentils, and Durum in Canada
• Leading Exporter of Pulses in the World (Peas, Lentils, Chickpeas)
• 64 million Acres in Crop Land.
Module I- NAICCC Annual Meeting
Tucson, Arizona

• Meet your mentor for the program
  – Jim Steffel – LABServices

• Pick a committee to serve on for the year
  – Governmental Affairs Committee
    • Researchers Subcommittee

• Attend New Members and Sustaining Members Events
Module II - Washington, DC
Module II - Hill Visits

- Meeting with Government Agencies
  - National Wheat Growers Association
  - National Corn Growers Association
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - CropLife America
National Wheat Growers Assn.
National Corn Growers Assn.
Module II- Hill Visits

• Meeting With Congressmen
  • Congressman Ralph Abraham representing the 5th District of Louisiana
  • Congressman Frank Lucas from the 3rd District of Oklahoma.

Myself, Nathan Casper and Ray Young outside Congressman Ralph Abraham's Office.
21\textsuperscript{st} Annual Craw Fish Bowl on the Hill

The Honorable Rodney Alexander, Greg Whittington, Nathan Casper and Ray Young, Myself and Nathan Casper at the CrawFish Boil on the Hill
Module III - Networking Field Visit

Location: Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

• **BASF at Research Triangle Park**
  – Toured analytical Laboratory, Sample receiving, processing and storing facilities. GLP sample preparation labs and the Mass Spectrometry lab.

• **Syngenta’s Innovation Centre at Research Triangle Park**
  – Guided tour of the crop development labs and state of the art greenhouse for crop development and testing.
Module III - Networking Field Visit

Location: Cove City, North Carolina

- Mclawhorn Crop Services
  - Billy Mclawhorn – Crop Consultant
  - Billy’s clients are located in some of the hardest hit areas for rainfall and flooding during Hurricane Florence in September 2018.
  - Upwards of 30 in of rainfall and wide spread flooding just prior to Cotton and Soybean harvest lead to devastating yield and quality reductions and in some cases complete loss.
Module III- Networking Field Visit

Cotton Harvest
Module III- Networking Field Visit

Peanut Harvest

Peanut Harvest
Module III- Networking Visit

Sweet Potato Harvest
Module III- Networking Field Visit

Location: Pentago, North Carolina

• Impact Agronomics
  – Bill Peele – Crop Consultant and Researcher

• Toured squash, cotton, and soybean fields.

• Toured facility and research trial work.
Module III- Networking Field Visit
Module IV - NAICC Annual Meeting Georgia, Savannah

• Present about your experience
  – Happening now!

• Continuing committee participation

• Attend New Member Events
Thank-you!

• Thank you to my Mentor!
  – Jim Steffel – LABServices

• Thank you to all Hosts!
  – Sandy Mackie – BASF
  – Marc Jones – Syngenta
  – Billy and Martha Mclawhorn – Mclawhorn Crop Services
  – Bill and Dale Peele – Impact Agronomics

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