



# 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- NAICC 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 5<sup>th</sup> District of Louisiana
  - Congressman Frank Lucas from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Oklahoma.



**Myself, Nathan Casper and Ray Young outside Congressman Ralph Abrahams Office.**

# 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

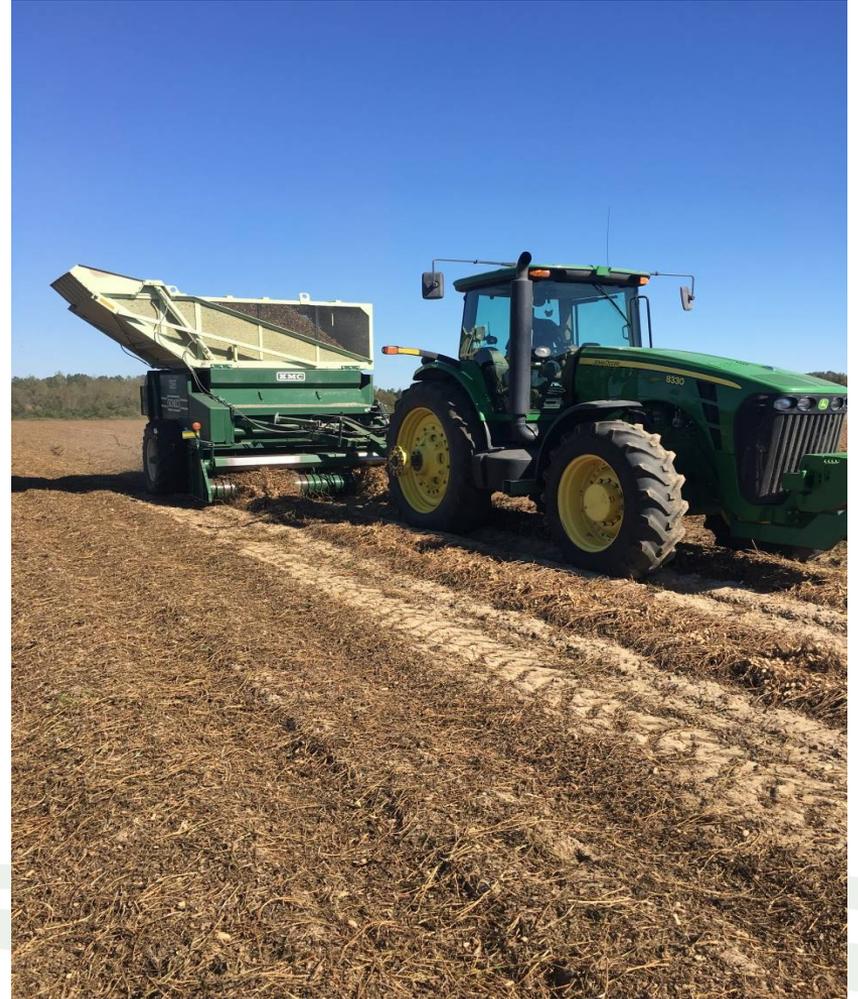




# Module III- Networking Field Visit



**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
- Thank you to NAICC and ICMS for the Opportunity to participate in the program.
- Thank you to my wife Sarah!