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- Module I – NAICC Annual Meeting
- Module II – Ray Young Governmental Affairs
- Module III – Networking Field Visits
- Module IV – Dale Carnegie Course
- Module V – NAICC Annual Meeting



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NAICC New Member Spotlight Tim Laatsch

By Richard Shaw

“I’m inspired each day to work hard, act with integrity, lead through service, pursue knowledge and share insights to empower people in agriculture to innovate, produce abundantly and practice profitable stewardship”. These are the stated goals of new NAICC member Tim Laatsch.

Tim received his BS in Crop and Soil Science from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and his MS in Crop and Soil Science from Michigan State University. Tim says, “God has enriched my life and career over the last 30 years with a broad array of experiences as a technical agronomist, research scientist, business leader and farmer. I now have the opportunity to apply what I’ve learned as the owner of a contract research organization called Field Hawk Ag Research LLC.”

Tim believes the most challenging aspects of his business are the risks and uncertainties. These include weather, markets and ever shifting industry trends. He and his wife, Jane, have two grown children and four grandchildren. They enjoy traveling , good food and drink, hiking, antiquing and art. Tim can be reached at timothy@fieldhawkag.com



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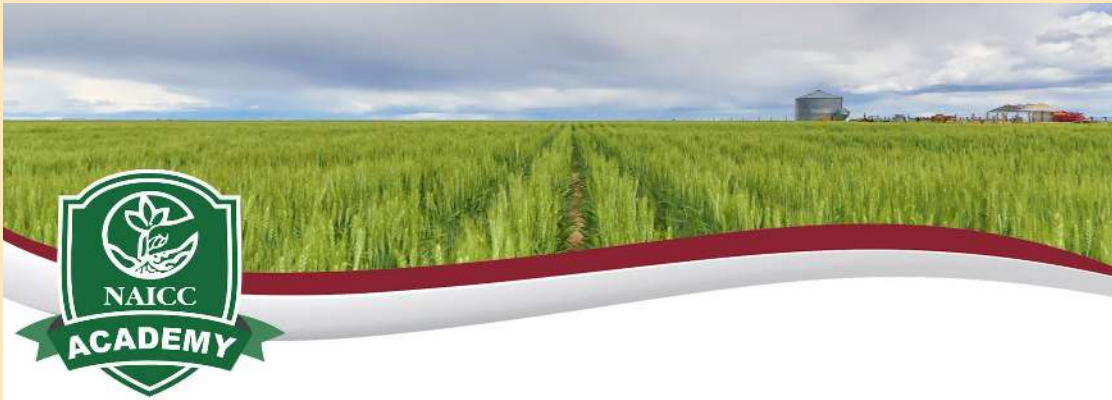
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