

Pre-Convention Farm Tour Sponsored by Research Designed for Agriculture

The Yuma area in Southwest Arizona is home to the cool season vegetable industry which provides virtually all the lettuce, spinach, broccoli, cauliflower, etc., to the US and Canada from Thanksgiving through Easter. This tour will focus on the Field Production and Harvest/Cooling aspects of this multi-billion-dollar industry.

Field tours include the various crops in all stages including a few specialty items such as fennel, cilantro and artichokes for seed, etc.; tours of harvest and cooling operations along with some examination of the impact of the ever-increasing Food Safety issues and the Leafy Greens Initiative. All of this along with a look at the irrigation distribution system will make for a day sure to appeal to anyone interested in Production Agriculture. At the end of the tour, Research Designed for Agriculture will host an open house and Barbeque at their facility celebrating their 35th anniversary. See <https://naicc.org/meetings/2014-annual-meeting/meeting-registration/> for details on transportation and lodging.

Buses will depart from the Marriott Starr Pass Resort headed to Yuma on Friday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m. for arrival in Yuma at around 5:00 pm. Bottled water and light snacks will be provided.

Lodging in Yuma is your responsibility. Hotels that the bus can transfer you to and from the field/tour are below:

Hampton Inn & Suites Yuma

1600 East 16th Street
Yuma, AZ 85365
(928) 329-5600

TownePlace Suites by Marriott

1725 S Sunridge Drive
Yuma, AZ 85365
(928) 783-6900



Hilton Garden Inn Yuma Pivot Point

310 N Madison Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85365
(928) 783-1500

Holiday Inn Yuma

1901 E. 18th Street
Yuma, AZ 85365
(928) 782-9300

The bus will begin picking up attendees at 8:00 a.m. at the various hotels. A detailed schedule will be given to you on Friday. The evening will conclude at RDA4Ag's facility where after an evening of food, fun and celebration of their 35th Anniversary, you will then board the bus back to the various hotels.

Travel back to Tucson begins at 1:00 p.m. for a 5:00 arrival at the Marriott Starr Pass. Bottled water and light snacks will be provided.