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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Focus on Agriculture

By Daniel Fowler



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HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

Updates from DC

by Keith Jones



Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

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Brooke L. Rollins, 33rd U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 13, 2025 — Brooke Rollins was sworn in as the 33rd U.S. Secretary of Agriculture by Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Clarence Thomas in a private ceremony today at the Supreme Court building. The U.S. Senate confirmed Rollins by a vote of 72-to-28. Continue reading [here](#).

FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE



FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE MARCH 4-5, 2025

Hampton Inn Crabtree
Raleigh, NC

Join NCACA, FEAE, and NAICC on a farm tour of NC Ag, featuring a tour of Syngenta, cover crops, greenhouses, potato bagging equipment, and a distillery.

Hurry! Registration closes 2/26/2025 at 5:00 EST.

NAICC INTERN CONNECTION

FEAE/NAICC Intern Connection: Positions and Internships

Do you have a hard time finding eager, knowledgeable summer interns?
INTRODUCING the NAICC Inter Connection!!

The Foundation for Environmental Agriculture Education (FEAE) has launched a website, <https://thefae.org/jobs>, to create a database for students and employers to find internships!

The Intern Connection is designed to put interns in touch with crop consultants and contract researchers who are seeking summer help. Whether you are looking for someone to work during the day or you are offering housing, the Intern Connection has you covered.

The FEAE will reach out to its extensive network of university agronomy departments and make them aware of this program. You, too, can help get the work out by contacting your local colleges and letting them know about this program. The site will begin populating soon, so check it regularly at:

<https://thefae.org/jobs>



BLIZZARD ON THE BAYOU

Blizzard On the Bayou
by Trey Carriere, R&D Research Farm, Inc

A once-in 130-year Blizzard event rattled the southern region, which brought historical snowfall totals and frigid temperatures...

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NEW SUSTAINING MEMBER

NAICC New Member Spotlight Nikki Bowman

By Jo Gillilan

NAICC would like to welcome one of its newest members, Nikki Bowman! While Nikki is relatively new to the organization, she is not new to our industry. Having spent several years working at the University of GA in research entomology, and the past seven years with SE Ag Research in Chula, GA, Nikki is a well-seasoned field researcher. Nikki tells us that her boss inspired her to be where she is in her career today due to the dedication he has poured into his company, clients and employees. Nikki, welcome to the NAICC family! We sincerely hope you enjoyed the meeting this year and hope to see you next year in Orlando.





HOW TO SPOT A PHISH:

Phishing emails represent an increasing threat to our company's Information Security. In Phishing attacks that bombard our email servers daily, scammers send fake emails, enticing recipients to click on links or download attachments that then infect the recipient's computer with malware or viruses.

Emotional Manipulation:

Be suspicious if the email tries to generate emotions like greed, curiosity, fear or urgency

Attachments:

Be cautious when an attachment comes from an unfamiliar sender or if you weren't expecting it, make sure it is legitimate before opening it.

General Greeting:

Organizations don't use general greetings like "Dear Customer." Trusted organizations know your name and they should use it when contacting you.

Grammar & Spelling Mistakes:

Be wary of emails containing multiple spelling and grammar mistakes.

Links:

Hover your mouse over the link to check and see what pops up matches the email destination.

Subject: Urgent: Verify Your Account Now!

From: support@bankingalerts.com

To: youremail@example.com

Instructions

Dear Valued Customer,

We have detected suspicious activity on your account. To ensure your account's security, please verify your information immediately. Failure to do so will result in your account being temporarily suspended.

Click the link below to verify your account. **Verify Now**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Banking Support Team

Suspicious Sender Address:

Check the real email address displayed behind the sender's name. Be suspicious if an email appears to come from a respectable organization but the sender's address looks like a personal one - this is probably an attack.

Make sure to report any suspicious emails to your local IT team!

DON'T MISS OUR EMAILS!

Please whitelist or add to your safe list the following email addresses in your email program: naicc@wildapricot.com, allisonjones@naicc.org, and admin@naicc.org.



NAICC Academy Webinars

Click on the links below or go to <https://naicc.org/naicc-academy> to sign up!

2022 On-Demand Webinars

[Basic GLP Training](#) – \$250

[Carbon Markets 101](#) – \$75

[Inside Out – What Goes on Inside the Mind of an Auditor?](#) – \$75

[New Technologies in Agriculture](#) – \$75

Free Videos

Worker Protection Standards:

[How to Comply](#)

[WPS Training Videos](#)

2021 On-Demand Webinars

[2021 Hot Topics in Midsouth Ag](#) – \$25

[2021 Hot Topics in Midwest Ag](#) - \$25

[Efficacy Research Workshop](#) – \$100

[GAIAC Presents: Fall Armyworm/Precision Ag/Business Management](#) – \$75

[Nutrient and Carbon Trading](#) – \$25

[Virtual Auditing – Sponsor and CRO Perspective](#) – \$50

[What's the Deal with GLP Equipment?](#) – \$50

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NAICC is looking for 2022 Academy Sponsors. Gain exposure for your business by having the opportunity to showcase your Company's name and products/services in front of over 700 independent crop, researcher, and quality assurance consultants. This is a

great way to make the most of your advertising dollars while giving back to our organization and allowing members alike to further educate themselves on our great industry other professional development topics.



Trivia

Answer the following question for a chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card:

What is the primary focus of the NAICC's Intern Connection program?

- A)) Providing scholarships for studen
- B)) Connecting interns with crop consultants and contract researchers
- C)) Organizing annual meetings and exp
- D)) Offering certification programs for crop consultants

Submit your answer [HERE](#)

Last Month's
Answer:

Emerging and Evolving
Technology Session



Congratulations to last
month's winner:

Rick Reinsch

You are the winner of a
\$50 VISA Gift Card

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