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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Debra Stroschein

Can We Feed the World?

I was listening to a California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) speaker the other day, and she told us that we will need to produce 70% more food by 2050. That is hard to believe. From some talks that I have given to high school students over the years I am including a few of the facts about food and land.

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## HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

**By Keith Jones**

### **Farm Bill**

Now that 2024 appropriations are in the rear-view mirror, chatter among Aggies has turned in earnest to the question of the passage of the next Farm Bill. In listening to Committee staff and others this week, the status of the Farm Bill continues to remind me of the children's puzzle book, *Where's Waldo*. If you are familiar with the book, trying to sort Waldo from similar artwork designed to mask his whereabouts can consume a great deal of time.

This week, House Ag chair Thompson said that his goal is to have the legislation through Committee by Memorial Day. Yet, differences over how to fund the bill remain significant as ever. On the very day of this timing announcement, House Ag minority members were continuing to discount the majority's ideas for additional funding.

At the same time, Senate Republican John Hoeven and others announced separate legislation aimed at enhancing crop insurance. The logic here is that growers will purchase, incentivized by additional premium subsidies, levels of coverage that would lessen the need for future ad-hoc disaster assistance. The Congressional Budget Office will validate the idea, but it was enough for Chairwoman Stabenow to acknowledge the proposal, saying "she is ready to move ahead" with more farm bill discussions.

So, where's Waldo in all of this? Long-time Hill watchers are now opining the House Committee will pass its bill via a party line vote, find difficulty in floor passage, and watch the Senate move its bill on a more bi-partisan basis. The House could then take up the Senate bill with conferees working out differences in a lame duck session. Under this scenario, 2024 passage could be possible but far from probable. Stay tuned.

### **Regulatory Related Activities**

I will be attending this week's annual Spring Regulatory Conference hosted by CropLife America and sister organization RISE. As expected, FIFRA/ESA has an outsized influence on the event. Panels on map refinement (Stanley Culpepper, Ashley Frank, Et al), mitigation (AEM, NRCS, EPA, Et al) offsets,

and digital labels are on the agenda. In Tuesday's general session, EPA keynoter Jake Li is expected to announce an update on the herbicide strategy.

On Wednesday EPA staff Tim Kiely, Jan Matuszko, Ed Messina, Anne Overstreet, Billy Smith, and Dana Vogel will take center stage in a wide-ranging panel discussion with ESA sure to be a topic.

Looking ahead, the Weed Science Society has invited me to join a May 8 ESA focused discussion between it and Tri-Societies at the end of WSSA's annual spring Hill meetings.

And finally, on May 9, EPA will host specialty crop interests to discuss mitigation measures suitable to the unique needs of these growers. One likely topic of discussion will be the sufficiency of existing State programs such as the Florida Citrus BMP program to demonstrate adherence to mitigation practices.

## SPRING EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION CANCELLED

The spring auction scheduled for May 3rd has been cancelled.

Please watch for details on the Fall Auction TBD.

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### **New Member Spotlight: Pat Baumgartner**

By Chrystal Johnson

I am excited to introduce our newest member, Pat Baumgartner of 3MG North, LLC, based in Olivia, Minnesota. Pat joins us as a fresh face in the NAICC community, bringing a rich background in agricultural engineering and a passion for crop research and development.

**Agricultural Roots and Engineering Expertise** Pat's journey into agriculture is deeply rooted in family tradition, with corn development being a significant part of life since childhood. After pursuing an engineering degree and gaining

diverse experience across various agricultural sectors, Pat seized the opportunity in 2018 to return to Olivia and contribute to the family business.

**Embracing the Challenges** Transitioning into the intricate world of crop research has been Pat's most formidable challenge. Despite being familiar with the agricultural environment, delving into the specifics of crop development required a keen attention to detail and a dedication to learning.

**Advice for Aspiring Agriculturists** Pat's advice to anyone interested in following a similar path is straightforward: "If something looks interesting, try it." believing in the value of exploring new opportunities to discover one's true passions and aspirations.

**Looking Forward to Mutual Growth** As a newcomer, Pat is eager to engage with other NAICC members and share experiences while also learning from the collective knowledge within the organization. The recent participation and positive feedback from the NAICC meeting signal a strong commitment to the alliance and hint at a more active involvement in the future, including potential exhibition plans.

## NEW LINKEDIN GROUP

New Group for GLP CROs and Consultants to Connect

This group that serves to connect professionals at Contract Research Organizations and related consulting services who are involved in EPA/OECD GLP studies. Although the focus is on compliance, all disciplines and roles are welcomed (QAs, SDs, PFIs, etc.). This is a place to ask questions, network, and discuss relevant information.

Click here to join: [GLP CROs and Consultants](#)

## MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

We hope you get the most out of the 2025 NAICC Annual Meeting and AG PRO EXPO!

Here are some fun facts about Monterey CA.

- Monterey was first colonized by Spanish merchant Sebastian Vizcaino in 1602.
- When California was ratified as a state in 1849, Monterey was its first capital!
- Monterey is home to many of California's firsts, including California's first theater, brick house, publicly funded school, public building, public library, and printing press, which printed The Californian, California's first newspaper.
- The first-ever military base in California was established in Monterey in 1770.
- The city is home to the oldest continuously operating hotel in California, the Hotel Del Monte.
- The Monterey Jazz Festival occurs each September and is the longest continuously running jazz festival in the world.

Monterey's history is a vibrant tapestry woven with threads of exploration, culture, and resilience. As you explore this coastal gem, remember the pioneers who shaped its legacy and the echoes of jazz that still resonate today.

Whether you're strolling along Cannery Row or gazing at the Pacific Ocean, Monterey's past whispers to us, inviting us to discover its hidden treasures.

# FMC IS HIRING

## FMC Agricultural Solutions - Data Specialist



### Business/Function Overview

Data Specialist will be a part of the North America Data Management team, who steward the overall data quality and processes for information generated by field research in the North America business region. This person works closely with the Product Development Managers, Field Development Reps, Technical Service Managers, and Research Farm Biologists to ensure that high quality research and development data is generated and captured in a timely manner to enable Product Development/Technical Services to meet the technical objectives for regional and global portfolio initiatives. The Data Specialist is a remote-work from home, hourly-contract position reporting to the North America Development Data Manager.

### Job Overview and Primary Responsibilities

- Enter and quality check data from field trials
- Provide support to a team of Field Development and Technical Service Managers on data management systems and tools
- Assist with training for R&D personnel on how to best use development information systems with assistance from the North America Data Manager, Global IT, and other Data Management personnel as needed.
- Provide input to Global Data Management team for the continued development of R&D systems and tools
- Assist with special projects designated by the NA Product Development Data Manager

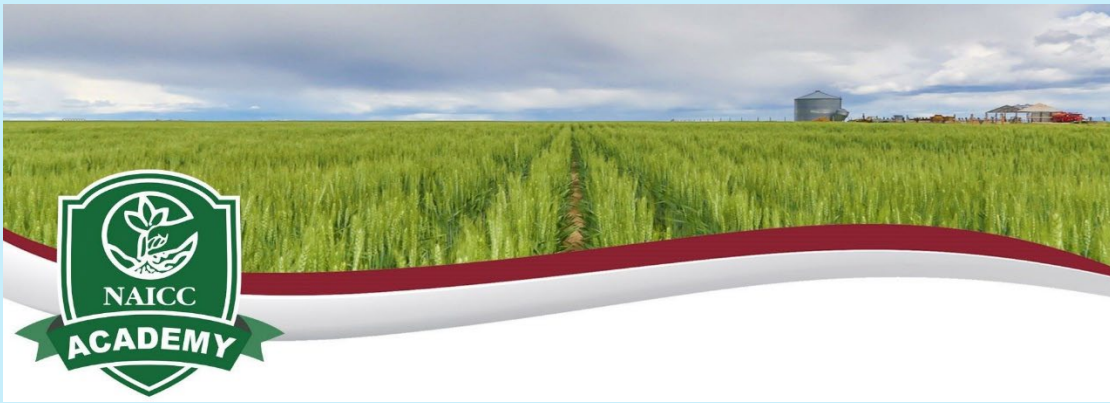
### Minimum Requirements

- BS in an agricultural field (Entomology, Plant Physiology, Weed Science, Agronomy)
- OR experience in agricultural research and development

### Qualifications

- Working knowledge of FTMS Desktop and/or ARM OR ability to learn new software(s)
- General knowledge of agricultural cropping systems, pests, practices, and products
- Understands design of protocols
- Ability to provide support to a team of Field Development Representatives, Product Development Managers and Tech Service Managers
- Very strong computer skills
- Excellent speaking and writing skills and comfortable leading face-to-face and online trainings
- Ability to manage time and priorities in an independent work environment
- Strong interpersonal skills with a focus on teamwork and collaborative cooperation
- Robust organizational and attention to detail skills

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## 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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### Sponsorship Information



## TRIVIA QUESTION

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

What month is Monterey, CA's Jazz festival held?

Submit your answer [HERE](#)





**Last Month's Answer:**

**David Moore**



**Congratulations to last month's winner:**

**Laura Seastrum**

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

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