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2025 IN REVIEW

It has been a busy 2025 for NAICC Members and Staff. Take a peek at all that we have accomplished:

[2025 Annual Meeting and AG PRO EXPO](#)

[2025 Focus on Agriculture](#)

[2025 Crawfish Boil on the Hill](#)

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>



CONSULTANT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NAICC Members: Your Input Is Requested

The Consultant Education Committee has developed two sessions for the 2026 Annual Meeting and would like your input from the 2025 season.

As you go through the season, please make notes on the following:

(The notes section on your phone is a quick and easy way to capture the moments throughout the summer)

1. Mechanisms of Active Ingredients
 - What is working and what is not?
 - How are weeds getting around the chemistry?

2. Uses with Drones in Ag- Applications and Data Collection
 - What is on the horizon in insecticides, herbicides, and diseases?
 - How does the use of drones impact drift and the protection of endangered species.

NAICC will send a survey out this fall to capture your notes and develop questions for our speakers and panelists. Speakers and panelists will come from academia and crop consultants.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NAICC New Member Spotlight Austin Sherman-2025

By Jo Gillilan

When your new hire says that he is inspired by his company's ability to give unbiased crop research data so that the ag sector can continue to innovate and help farmers succeed, I think you've got a winner on the team! These are the words of one of NAICC's newest members, Austin Sherman. Austin is working for CropSmith out of Catlin, IL. Like many of us in the industry, Austin recognizes that weather is one of the most challenging aspects of his job. We can all relate to that! He also says that spreading the word about the company to new prospective clients also comes with its challenges. Welcome to the NAICC family, Austin!



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.

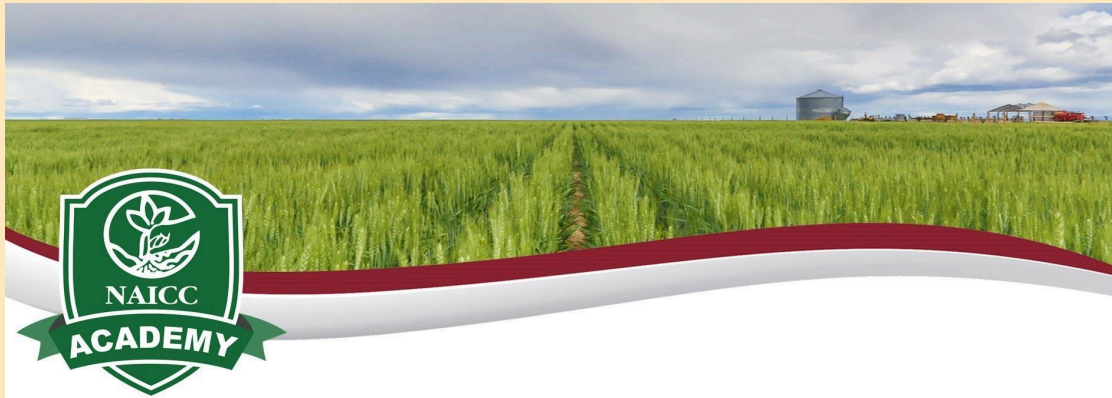
Suspicious Sender Address:
Check the real email address displayed behind the sender's name. Be suspicious if an email appears to come from a respectable organization but the sender's address looks like a personal one – this is probably an **attack**.

Sample Phishing Email:
 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

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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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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 name of the annual event NAICC hosts in Washington, DC?

Submit your answer [HERE](#)



**Last Month's
Answer:**

**Connecting interns
with crop consultants
and contract
researchers.**



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

Trey Mettler

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

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