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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Debra Stroschein

I was talking with some young students, and they asked me where their food comes from. Since food is grown all over the world, I wanted to discuss how far food travels before it gets to you to eat. We happened to have a candy bar so I looked at the ingredients and happened to have this on one of my many talks and pulled it out and started to share, because a picture is worth a thousand words.

I broke down all the ingredients first. I listed all the ingredients of the candy bar: Cocoa, sugar, wheat, milk, yeast, salt, palm oil, soya, and calcium sulphate.

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HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

By Keith Jones - Government Affairs Liaison

Farm Bill

On Tuesday June 11, Senate Ag Committee Ranking Member John Boozman unveiled a [Senate Republican Farm Bill framework](#) mirroring the House Committee's effort but leaving some important policy and funding details unanswered.

The Committee staff has said it has produced text but will not release it until the Committee has a final score from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). While staff emphasized that savings would occur within the \$1.5 trillion bill to pay for changes, it is likely that Senate staff, like their House counterparts, are having trouble moving CBO staff into their preferred positions on savings.

With the Senate framework following the House path, it is unlikely that Mr. Boozman's announcement will generate any real movement in the short term other than supportive press from interested parties. In the press conference announcing the GOP draft, Mr. Boozman seemed resigned that it may be after the Nov. 6 presidential election before any bill can move forward.

Most observers at this point expect another extension will be required given distance between the Senate Democrat and Republican frameworks and floor time for Chair Thompson's bill not arriving until September.

These data points make it unsurprising that a May survey of almost 70 U.S. agricultural economists by the University of Missouri showed that sixty-eight percent of the economists surveyed expect passage of a new farm bill sometime in 2025.

Regulatory Related Activities

On Friday, June 7, NAICC, joined members of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Climate Consortium in asking NRCS to consider including IPM practices in its Climate-Smart Agricultural and Forestry mitigations eligible for Inflation Reduction Act funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives and Conservation Stewardship Programs.

The IPM and Climate Consortium was conceived in 2022 with goals including identifying, quantifying and promoting climate-smart ag IPM practices. The relevance of IPM to climate smart agriculture has been demonstrated through multiple avenues including its ability to better manage herbicide resistance that threatens the effectiveness of cover crop and no-till systems; the development of new IPM technologies with demonstrably beneficial life cycle analyses; its role in effectively increasing emergence of new and changing pest management challenges; and growing awareness that meeting these emerging challenges is critical to creating climate resilience.

Because USDA has not fully integrated NRCS IPM Practice Standard 595 into climate smart ag strategies or considered IPM as integral to climate smart ag incentives, the view of the Consortium is the Department is unexplainably overlooking IPM's climate benefits.

EPA plans to announce this week updates to its draft insecticide strategy with a full posting for public comment still expected next month.

And finally, on June 18, EPA held a public webinar that provided an overview of its [mitigation menu](#) that describes mitigation options for reducing pesticide exposure to nontarget species from agricultural crop uses. (View webinar slides [here](#))

The purpose of the webinar was to familiarize users with the website with the following objectives:

- Provide a brief background on the goal and development of the mitigation menu,
- Demonstrate how users would follow new label directions using the website,
- Provide an explanation of how to navigate the website,
- Provide directions on how to access other resources associated with the website, and
- And provide an opportunity for questions and feedback on the proposed function of the menu, the website, and the use of the website for ESA strategies and additional types of mitigation (e.g., spray drift).

While the information provided is still being digested, the conclusion from some participants is the information presented is consistent with what EPA leadership has been hinting at for some weeks now; producers west of I-35 will likely see little new label mitigations requirements, with certain counties in coastal States or those near water bodies, needing to add runoff prevention mitigations.

NAICC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: GETTING INVOLVED

By Leadership Participant Randall Landry

As a new member in 2015 attending the New Member's Bootcamp, NAICC leadership echoed

“You get out of this organization what you put into it.”

These words I have carried with me for nine years and continue to ring true. NAICC is an organization centered around people who are passionate about the advancement of agriculture. As a sustaining NAICC member, the Leadership Program did not interest me at first, but as I learned more about NAICC, I knew it was the right choice. The NAICC Leadership Program consists of five modules designed to immerse the candidate in different aspects of the organization spread out over the course of a year.

Click [here](#) for the full article.



From left to Right: Hank Jones, Randall Landry, Jay "Jules" Hurst (Legislative Director/ Defense Advisor to Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson), Kim Bourgeois, Renee Daniel, and James Steffel



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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NAICC Welcomes New Member Leticia Sonon

By Chrystal Johnson

Leticia Sonon, from Miller Chemical/Huber AgroSolutions in Fresno, CA, recently joined NAICC during the Annual Meeting in San Antonio in January

2024. Her enthusiasm was palpable as she immersed herself in the event, attending multiple tracks throughout the week.

Leticia's journey into agriculture began at a young age. Having experienced food scarcity firsthand, she often questioned why there wasn't enough. As she progressed through high school, she realized that if she could cultivate plants and increase fruit production, there could be enough.

Driven by this vision and a strong commitment to responsible agriculture, Leticia turned to field research and wants to see improvements in food production technologies in the future.

Leticia Sonon's passion and dedication make her a valuable addition to NAICC. We look forward to witnessing her contributions and impact on our community.

Welcome Leticia!

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Monterey Fun Facts

Local settings from around the Monterey Peninsula have provided the backdrops for more than 190 films and television shows, including Basic Instinct, East of Eden, Play Misty for Me, Lassie Come Home, Rebecca, Star Trek: The Voyage Home, Treasure Island, HBO's award-winning miniseries Big Little Lies and most recently Netflix's Ratched.



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TRIVIA QUESTION

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

What 18th century Englishman revolutionized agriculture by inventing horse-drawn versions of the seed drill and hoe? He's certainly more famous today for being the namesake of the rock band behind albums like Aqualung.

Submit your answer [HERE](#)



Last Month's Answer:

Richard Nixon



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

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

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