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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Debra Stroschein

Sustainable Agricultural Practices are intended to protect the environment, expand the earth's natural resource base and maintain and improve soil fertility. A goal is to increase profitable farm income. People say the American farmer is not doing this, but I say the American farmer has promoted sound environmental practices to their crops or animals since they have begun farming.

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

HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

March 1, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that it is establishing a new office to expand engagement opportunities with agricultural and rural communities.

Read more on the new Office of Agriculture and Rural Affairs [here](#).



EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Mark Your Calendars!
Our Auction Returns
May 3rd, 2024



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HAROLD LAMBERT, LACA HALL OF FAME

NAICC member Harold Lambert was recently inducted into the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Fame. Harold has been an active member of NAICC for 41

years, serving as President and Director on the Executive Board, being part of and chairing numerous committees and authoring our NAICC Bylaws.

The LACA Hall of Fame was started in 1989 and is the highest honor awarded by the organization. The award is given to acknowledge outstanding contributions not only to crop consulting, but to all of Louisiana agriculture. The names of these distinguished individuals are displayed on a plaque at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry building in Baton Rouge.

Congratulations Harold, this honor is well deserved!

To watch his induction ceremony click [here](#).

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Stith Wiggs NAICC New Member Spotlight

By Karla Jensen



"I love farming and I love being an equipment operator," declares new NAICC member Stith Wiggs, from Iowa State University. Wiggs is one of the newest members to attend NAICC in 2024. "I was inspired by my mentor at Iowa State, Greg Gebhart, and with his help, I gained my knowledge base and confidence. "He had a passion for research," added Stith, along with including

kudos about the prestige of working in the ag community at Iowa State. “I hope to help farmers, especially in Iowa.” Wiggs grew up in Minnesota.

Stith received his BS in Zoology and his Masters in Plant Pathology from Iowa State. Now, as an Agricultural Specialist, he assists with 9-12 research sites across the state of Iowa for Soybean testing. “So much work happens between April 15th and October 15th, shared Wiggs, “that it can be intimidating while also trying to instantly move data from the field to trial reports.” He also thoroughly enjoyed his first NAICC experience. “I really appreciated the keynote speaker in San Antonio; both the message and how he told it.” Stith can be reached at stithw@iastate.edu.

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Are you ready for Monterey? We hope you get the most out of the 2025 NAICC Annual Meeting and AG PRO EXPO, and also enjoy the beautiful city of Monterey so we are showcasing some exciting things to see!

The Monterey Bay Aquarium, located by the oceanfront, offering a window into the rich marine life of the area with over 200 exhibits and 80,000 plants and animals on display. Here, you can see leopard sharks weave through kelp forests at one of the tallest aquarium exhibits in the world, sardines swimming past a 90-foot aquarium window, and cute sea otters frolicking. Tickets are only available online so be sure to book before you go. There’s also a behind-the-scenes tour for an exclusive peek behind their world-class exhibits.

Driving to Monterey? Take in the stunning coastal scenery of Monterey along the **17-Mile Drive**. This scenic road, which winds through Pebble Beach’s gated community, offers panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and other natural landscapes. Amid the beautiful mansions and golf courses, you can see pelicans diving from sea stacks, have a refreshing dip at Fanshell Beach, and watch the seals and sea lions from the Pescadero Point lookout. And don’t forget the iconic Lone Cypress tree. There is a toll for non-residents to access 17-Mile Drive, but you can get it reimbursed with a minimum spend at Pebble

Beach. Consider a driving tour from San Francisco or a bike tour of Monterey's beautiful coastline.

Or visit the **Old Fisherman's Wharf** for some fun and unique shopping experiences.



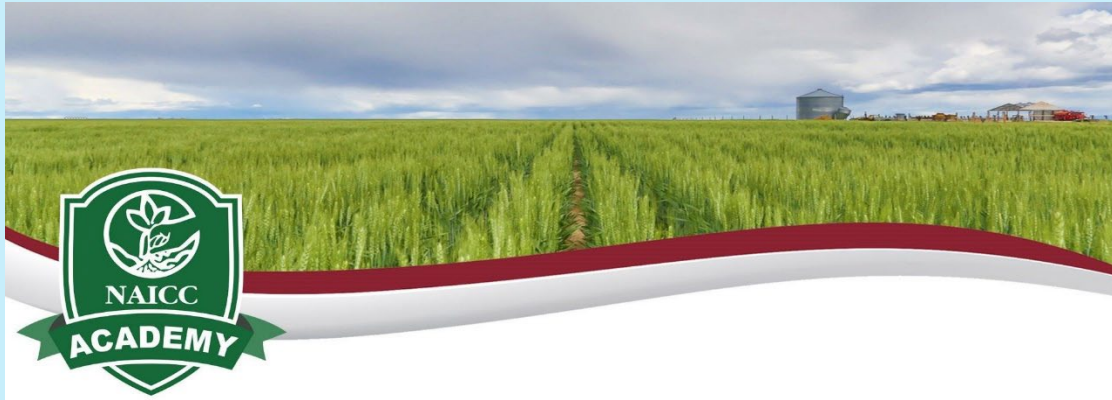
NEW LINKEDIN GROUP

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](#)

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The graphic displays a collection of logos for NAICC Academy and its sponsors. On the left, there are four NAICC Academy logos: a standard one, one with 'Elite' in a sunburst, one with 'Member' in a starburst, and one with 'Partner' in a starburst. To the right, a grid of sponsor logos includes: Bayer CropScience, eKonomics™ (The Business of Crop Nutrition), LANGE Research + Consulting, SGS, Tidewater Agronomics, Inc., Great Lakes Agricultural Research Service, Inc., Servi Tech, Agrauxine by Lesaffre, Ag Services, BELCHIM Crop Protection, and E-State Agricultural Research.

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

Who is the current NAICC Executive Board Secretary?

Submit your answer [HERE](#)



Last Month's Answer:

David Moore



Congratulations to last month's winner:

Sandra Mackie

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

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