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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Debra Stroschein

People often ask me why and how I got into research. I can often say it was because I watched my parents work and learned from them that the US produced the most affordable and safest food. My father always took me around with him as a kid, and that is where my spark was ignited.

My friends quickly looked at me oddly growing up or at reunions and said or feared me working with pesticides. They thought they all were Agent Orange. I think some of them even thought I may grow a third arm.

I thought I would educate them on what it takes to get a chemical registered.

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

HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

By Keith Jones - Government Affairs Liaison

Farm Bill

Last week, House Ag Committee Chair Thompson achieved his goal of passing a new Farm Bill through Committee by Memorial Day. The committee approved the bill, 33-21, after a feisty debate that started at 11 a.m. Thursday and didn't end until after midnight Friday. As predicted, the vote fell along partisan lines with only four Democrats voting for the measure; Don Davis of North Carolina, Yadira Caraveo of Colorado, Eric Sorensen of Illinois, and Sanford Bishop of Georgia.

The bill's path forward in the House is tenuous with Chairman Thompson admitting that a House floor vote may not come until September with precious floor time being allocated to the critical passage of the twelve FY '25 appropriation bills.

Should the bill make it across the House floor, its provisions on nutrition funding, limitation on the Secretary's use of Commodity Credit Corporation funds, and the removal of climate-smart constraints on conservation related Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) dollars make it dead on arrival in the Senate.

Saul Elbein, the agriculture and food reporter for the *Hill* does a good job in outlining concerns on the House Bill from both the right and the left as eyes now turn to the Senate.

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/4677681-left-right-unite-house-republican-farm-bill-proposal-opposition/>

Most observers expect the Senate will work to reverse many of the contentious House provisions leaving the looming question on where to find the dollars needed for increasing commodity reference prices and other funding needs.

One bright spot in the House bill is a refining of the NRCS TSP program which NAICC is on record as supporting. I expect the Senate to retain this provision in some form.

Regulatory Related Activities

Since the April newsletter, EPA has published a couple of important requests for comments.

NAICC will be submitting comments on the April 30 proposal to cancel all uses except one for acephate due to human health concerns. On Thursday May 16th the pesticide policy council met the registrant to provide its perspective on the proposal. You can read more about the proposal

here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-proposes-cancel-all-one-use-pesticide-acephate-protect-human-health>

NAICC will also submit comments on EPA's May 3rd notice on Bayer CropScience's application for a new product containing the currently registered active ingredient dicamba.

You can read more here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-opens-required-public-comment-period-proposed-dicamba-herbicide-bayer-cropscience>

Wrapping up, I met with WSSA on May 8 to explore opportunities for greater collaboration between WSSA and NAICC. One identified immediate opportunity was an agreement that WSSA should work with NAICC on the Steve Hoffman led upcoming WI farm tour for EPA leadership and others.

Finally, the consensus by meeting participants on the May 9 EPA dialogue on ESA mitigation practices was that EPA has listened and will continue to listen to interest parties on providing greater grower flexibility in the adoption and implementation of mitigation practices.

NAICC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

By Leadership Participant Kaitlin Hadaway

I had the privilege of accompanying the NAICC Executive Board and the Government Affairs Committee members to Washington, D.C., in mid-March for NAICC's annual hill visits and the 26th Annual Crawfish Boil on the Hill event. Thanks to a warm spring, the region's cherry blossoms were in full

bloom upon my arrival with blue skies and sunshine. This was my first visit to Washington, D.C., and I was stunned by how beautiful the city is.

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NAICC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

NAICC Leadership Program's purpose is to help ensure agricultural sustainability by facilitating the growth of new leaders within the NAICC.

Modules

The NAICC Leadership Program consists of five modules over a one-year period starting and ending with the NAICC Annual Meeting:

- Module I – NAICC Annual Meeting (January)
- Module II – Ray Young Governmental Affairs (March)
- Module III – Networking Field Visits (Summer or Fall)
- Module IV – Dale Carnegie Course (Available Year-Round)
- Module V – NAICC Annual Meeting (January)

Deadline

- Applications due: November 1

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Peyton Jones NAICC New Member Spotlight

By Jo Gillilan

NAICC would like to welcome Peyton Jones as a new member. Peyton is employed at Lange Research and Consulting, and he is located in Moberly, MO. He joined NAICC as an Associate member at the 2024 Annual Meeting

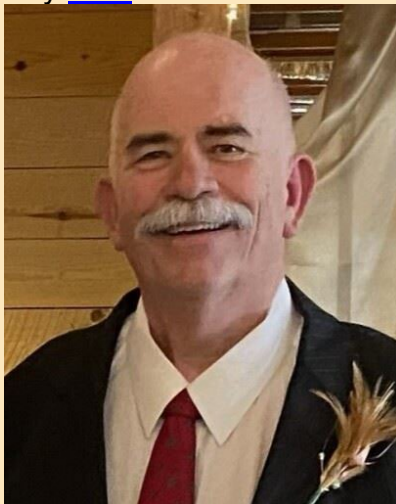
held in San Antonio, TX this past January. Peyton grew up on a farm and has always been interested in helping progress the ag sector. To him, science and technology have always been the most interesting and the clearest path towards advancement. When asked about the most challenging aspects of his job, he responded with working long hours and the drive to work. Stay safe and alert on the road this season, Peyton. We look forward to seeing Peyton at future NAICC meetings and watching him develop his network through being a NAICC member. Congratulations on this important career step!

NAICC Mourns the Loss of Long Time Member

Edward "Ed" Dean Plunkett passed away April 4, 2024. Ed resided in Bonne Terre, Missouri and worked as a research analyst for Monsanto/Bayer.

NAICC is grateful for his influence on the industry and extends our deepest sympathy to his family. Ed your smile will be truly missed.

You can read his full obituary [here](#).





2024 Proceedings Now Available!

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Monterey, California, is a coastal gem that offers a delightful blend of natural beauty, history, and cultural experiences, we can't wait to share this city with you in January 2025 at the NAICC Annual Meeting and AG PRO EXPO.

1. **Whale Watching:** Monterey Bay is renowned for its whale watching opportunities. You can spot gray whales year-round and witness their majestic migrations.
2. **Historic Charm:** The area has a rich history and reading John Steinbeck's novella "Cannery Row" can provide insights into its past.
3. **Scenic Beauty:** The Pacific Coast Highway drive from San Francisco to Monterey is breathtaking. Enjoy stunning coastal views along the way.
4. **Fresh Seafood:** Indulge in delicious seafood, especially clam chowder, at local restaurants.
5. **Arts Scene:** Monterey boasts a vibrant arts community. Explore galleries, theaters, and cultural events.

6. Wine Tasting: The region is home to some of the country's best wineries. Take a wine tour and savor exquisite vintages.

Whether you're interested in marine life, history, or simply soaking in the coastal vibes, Monterey promises an unforgettable experience!

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What President created the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)?
Submit your answer [HERE](#)



Last Month's Answer:

September



Congratulations to last month's winner:

Jeff Mueller

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

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