



## **ANNUAL MEETING SURVEY Your Input is Needed!**

On **Thursday, August 20**, you will **receive** an email containing a **survey** from NAICC. This survey will take less than **3 minutes to complete**.

We highly value your perspective on attending the Annual Meeting in Monterey in January. In preparation for the September call with Monterey hotel and convention center representatives, we would like to get your feedback regarding travel and face-to-face meetings. This information will be useful when preparing for the meeting and if necessary, negotiating with representatives from Monterey regarding our meeting in January. We recognize your perspective may change over the next few months, but we wanted to gauge your current attitude about our upcoming meeting. Watch your email for the survey on August 20. The deadline is August 27, 2020.

## **USDA and EPA CONTACT NAICC REQUESTING INPUT**

At times the USDA and EPA will contact NAICC requesting input on cropping practices, products, or other activities that farmers, consultants, researchers, or workers perform in the field. Most of the time these requests are in regard to specific crops or products going through the registration or re-registration process. A number of times the request is to ascertain whether a regulation that is on the table is feasible to implement in the field.

Please continue to keep your crops and services updated in your NAICC.org profile so we can contact you for input when these great opportunities arise to work with USDA and EPA. Providing feedback to our policy-makers is an excellent way to help ensure sound science and practical practices are implemented. Click [HERE](#) to update your member profile.

## **HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL**

### **EPA's Wheeler Confirms Dicamba Re-registration is Being Considered**

The administrator of the EPA Andrew Wheeler says the re-registration review of three dicamba products that were part of a California court case earlier this summer is ongoing. "The companies that manufacture dicamba have already applied for a new license.

We're reviewing that now. We hope to have a decision later this fall in time for people to make plans for the growing season." Click [HERE](#) to continue reading.

## **USDA Sees Record High U.S. Corn and Soybean Yields**

The U.S. 2020 corn and soybean crops will be bigger than previously thought, USDA reports. In its report, the USDA pegged the U.S. average corn yield at 181.3 bushels per acre vs. the average trade estimate of 180.5 bu./acre and the USDA's previous estimate of 178.5 bu./acre. The U.S. corn production estimate came in at 15.27 billion bushels vs. the trade's expectation of 15.17 billion bushels and the USDA's July estimate of 15.0 billion bushels.

For soybeans, the U.S. 2020 average yield estimate is pegged at 53.3 vs. the trade's expectation of 51.2 bu./acre and the USDA's July estimate of 49.8 bu./acre. The U.S. soybean output is pegged at 4.42 billion bushels vs. the trade's expectation of 4.2 billion and the USDA's previous estimate of 4.13 billion.

If realized, these yields would set all-time high records for corn and second largest for soybeans. Click [HERE](#) for article.

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## **NAICC MOURNS**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of NAICC Charter Member Dewey Chandler. Dewey hailed from Yakima, Washington and owned an enterprising crop consulting firm specializing in Tree Fruit Pest Management. He served on the NAICC Executive Board and influenced many consultants during his years of crop consulting.

Don Jameson remembers Dewey well. *"Dewey was a great mentor to me in my early years of crop consulting in Yakima. He shared good counsel on how to do the business side and on technical questions. He played an encouraging role in helping me to become affiliated professionally with NAICC, for which I gained immensely. I enjoyed our friendship and he was a man of many interests and knowledge"*, recalls Don.

### **Obituary**

Dad was born in Okanogan, WA on September 19, 1926 to James Monroe Chandler and Tena Ester (LeRay) Chandler. He grew up at the end of the road below Scout Hill in Manson, WA on the homeplace orchard with beautiful views of Lake Chelan. He was the oldest of 5 children... Click [HERE](#) to continue reading.

## NAICC's Updated Mailing Address

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## **FIVE (5) FEAE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2020**

NAICC's Foundation for Environmental Agriculture Education (FEAE) is providing five scholarships (sponsored in part by Belchim Crop Protection and Wilbur Ellis) to undergraduate and graduate students that are pursuing a degree in a major or discipline closely aligned to crop production and meet the additional qualifications. Please pass along the link below to anyone (or their parent/guardian) who you think would qualify.

Application deadline is November 1, 2020. Please review the scholarship criteria and application form at <http://thefae.org/jensen-scholarship/>.



### **Buy and Sell Equipment on the NAICC Website**

Have something to sell? Looking for a specific piece of equipment? Check out the [NAICC Member Marketplace](#). Log in to [Members Only](#) portal on the NAICC website and scroll down to the NAICC Member Marketplace. Choose **Items for Sale** or **Items Wanted**. It is just that easy.

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