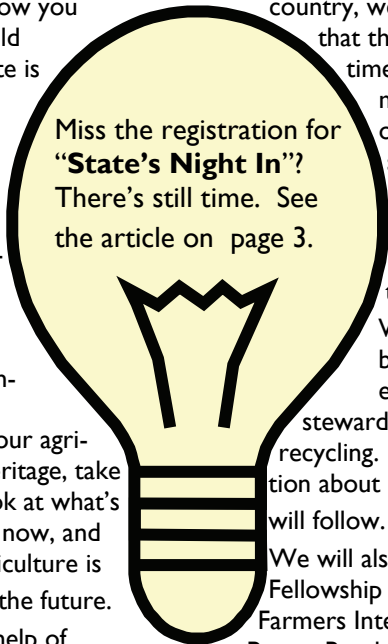


# The Nutshell



## Welcome to North Carolina!

We are excited that you have chosen to come to North Carolina for the 93rd NACAA AM/PIC. Our fellow North Carolinians will show you that the Old North State is indeed a “place to grow.” You’ll find plenty of opportunities to grow professionally and personally as we celebrate our agricultural heritage, take a close look at what’s happening now, and where agriculture is headed in the future. With the help of NACAA committees, you have an outstanding slate of educational programs from which to choose. And, since budgets are always



Miss the registration for “State’s Night In”? There’s still time. See the article on page 3.

tight, we’ve worked hard to keep the costs very reasonable. Even though you’ll have a chance to learn from experts from across the country, we’ve made sure that there is plenty of time to relax, meet new and old friends and share experiences with your peers from across the country. We will again be promoting environmental stewardship through recycling. More information about participating will follow. We will also hold the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International Prayer Breakfast. See the note on the back page of this newsletter. New this year is our **State’s Night In** sponsored

by the Southern Region. Tuesday has traditionally been an evening of fellowship with agents from your home state. You’ll still have that opportunity, but you won’t have to worry about finding a suitable restaurant that can seat everyone or arrange transportation. There’ll be “beach” music and lots of Southern hospitality. We hope you take the time to see some of our state while you’re here. There are several great arboreta, botanical gardens and wineries within a short drive of Greensboro. Kids of all ages will enjoy the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. If sun and sand appeals, we have some of the best beaches on the Atlantic coast. And, the cool breezes of the mountains are only a few hours away.

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You’ll have hot days (90’s) and warm nights, so don’t forget sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen for four days. We hope you have a great visit to North Carolina. If you need information or assistance, just grab one of the folks in the red vests. So, let’s start growing!

**Fred Miller, NACAA President**  
**Karen Neill and Mark Tucker**  
 2008 AM/PIC Co-Chairs



## Registration Should Be a Breeze

Registering 1500 people efficiently can be a challenge, but we’ve been working hard with Scott Hawbaker to make registration simple and easy for you. The registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the Koury Center near the hotel check-in desks. We’ve expanded the hours so you can pick up your packets when you arrive. The registration desk hours are:

Saturday, July 12 12:00 noon—8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, July 13 8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.  
 Monday, July 14 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, July 16 closed  
 Thursday, July 17 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



## Arriving at Piedmont Triad International (PTI) Airport

The airport is divided into two areas separated by the rental car agencies.

### North—Continental, Northwest, Delta

### South—American, United, Allegiant, US Air

We have everyone's flight schedule, so you shouldn't have to wait very long for a shuttle to the hotel. Once you pick up your luggage, if you're in the North area, make your way past the rental car agencies to the South area of the airport. Look for Door #3. If you arrive in the South area, you should see the banner and welcome table as you descend on the escalator. The shuttle is just outside.

If you do miss the shuttle, contact the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons at 336-292-9161.

At the end of your stay in North Carolina, you won't need the full two hours to get through security like so many large airports. An hour or slightly more should be sufficient.

## Want to know what's going on at AM/PIC 2008?

Check out the entire schedule at

<http://www.nccaa.org/2008ampic/NACAAschedule.html>



## How do I get to the Koury Convention Center?

### From the west via I-40

I-40 Exit 212—East Business Loop (Greensboro to Bryan Blvd.) Stay on I-40 East Business Loop approximately 4.5 miles to exit 217 (High Point Rd./Coliseum Area). Follow center lane straight through lights to Pineroft Rd. At next light turn left on Koury Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

### From the south via I-85

I-85 Exit 120-A toward Greensboro (I-40 Business/I-85 Business) Go 2.3 miles to Exit 35 B (To West I-40/Winston-Salem, Coliseum Area) merging on to US 220 North. After one mile take Exit 81 (Winston-Salem, I-40). Bear left on I-40 West (Winston-Salem). Stay in right lanes and take Exit 217 (Koury Blvd.) Follow ramp to the left over I-40 to Koury Convention Center.

### From the east/north via I-85 or I-40

I-40/I-85 Business Exit 131. Travel 7.6 miles to Exit 36-A (I-40 West Business) Bear right and follow for 1.7 miles to Exit 217 (High Point Rd./Koury Blvd.) Take ramp to the left over I-40 to Koury Convention Center/Convention Center Mall.

### From the north via US 29

Follow US 29 South until it merges on to I-85 South/I-40 West. Take Exit 36-A (I-40 West Business). Travel 1.7 miles and take Exit 217 (High Point Rd./Koury Blvd.) Take ramp to the left over I-40 to Koury Convention Center/Convention Center Mall.

### From Piedmont Triad International Airport

Follow North Triad Rd. from the rental car area following airport exit signs. Turn right on East Bryan Blvd. and follow signs to Greensboro. (Do not take I-40 at this point) Follow Bryan Blvd. 1.6 miles to exit (no exit number) marked "To I-40/Winston-Salem/Raleigh". Travel 3 miles to Exit 1 (I-40 East Business Loop/Winston-Salem). Bear left staying on I-40 East Business for 4.5 miles to Exit 217 (High Point Rd./Coliseum Area). Follow center lane through traffic lights to Pineroft Rd. At next light turn left on to Koury Blvd. Hotel is on left.



# Spotlight Sponsors



**NC** State University  
A&T State University  
**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**  
Empowering People - Providing Solution.

**Sunday, July 12**

**syngenta**

**Monday, July 13**

**Ag Carolina FINANCIAL**  
Land, Home, and Farm Lending since 1916

**AGFIRST**  
FARM CREDIT BANK

**Carolina Farm Credit**  
Country Mortgages

**Tuesday, July 14**

**NCPA**  
NORTH CAROLINA PORK COUNCIL

**Wednesday, July 15**

**PhilipMorrisUSA**  
an Altria Company

**Thursday, July 16**

## Exhibits & Free Gas

Sixty commercial exhibitors have products and information related to crop protection, bee keeping, animal health, nursery crops, organic production, upcoming NACAA meetings and just about anything else from the agricultural and horticultural worlds. Be sure to bring the raffle card from your registration package so you can enter to win one of four Exxon gas cards. Enter by visiting at least 10 exhibitors and dropping your card in the 2009 Oregon booth.

The Commercial Exhibits will open at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 13 in the Pre-Function Area III. The exhibit area will be remain open most of the day on July 14 and 15. Refer to your program for the exact schedule.

## State's Night In

Did you miss the registration for "State's Night In"? You can still enjoy this unique event with agents from your home state. Simply email Gerda Rhodes ([gerda\\_rhodes@ncsu.edu](mailto:gerda_rhodes@ncsu.edu)) and let her know your home state and how many plan to attend.

Be our guest for "State's Night In" at the 2008 NACAA AM/PIC in Greensboro, N.C on Tuesday, July 15th. Held on the traditional "State's Night Out", this unique event is free for you and your family and is being sponsored by the Southern Region.

The reasons for "State's Night In" rather than "State's Night Out" are



threefold. Because of the convention headquarters location, walking to a restaurant other than those in an adjacent shopping mall is not a good option. And, we want to make AM/PIC as affordable as possible by offering the sponsored meal. Perhaps most importantly, we want to show you some good, old-fashioned southern hospitality.

Each group will be seated together by state and NACAA region, so you'll have the opportunity to socialize with lots of great folks. And, you won't have to venture out into our typically hot and humid July evening.



## Talent Review

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## Dinner

Sponsored by **N.C. Commodity Associations**

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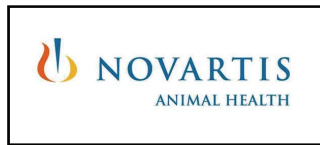
## Wednesday Tour Breakfast

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## Opening Session

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## Taste of the Carolinas Dinner

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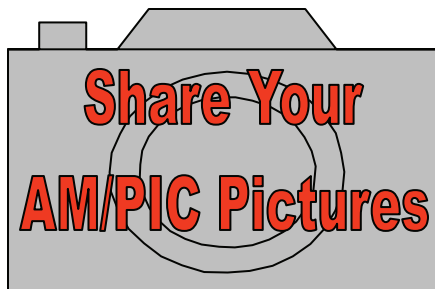
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### FCFI Prayer Breakfast

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers International (FCFI) wishes to express its sincere thanks to agricultural agents across America for helping with relief efforts following tornadoes, fires, floods and other disasters with a partially-sponsored prayer breakfast on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at 7:00 a.m. Purchase tickets in the registration area on Sunday and Monday for \$10 per person. The program includes a full breakfast, special music and a speaker from FCFI.

### Sons & Daughters Program

The Sons and Daughters Committee is looking forward to seeing you in Greensboro. We need completed medical, insurance and photo release forms for each youth registered. The forms are included with the email that brought you this newsletter. Please complete the forms and bring them with you to AM/PIC 2008. They will be collected when you complete your registration.



Don't forget your camera so you can share pictures of all of the events at AM/PIC.

Computers will be set up in the Computer Lab so you can upload all of your pictures via your digital camera or a memory card. Pictures will be posted on Flickr at <http://flickr.com/nacaa>.

If you have pictures you'd like to post after the conference, contact John Dorner, Electronic Communications Coordinator at [john\\_dorner@ncsu.edu](mailto:john_dorner@ncsu.edu).

