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## 2020 Arkansas Crop Protection Association Research Conference

### Offers CEU's and Free Registration

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The annual Arkansas Crop Protection Association Research Conference will be held virtually Tuesday, December 1, and Wednesday, December 2. The meeting will run from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday afternoon and from 8:00 am to 11:30 am Wednesday morning. This meeting showcases our current graduate and undergraduate students working in agriculture in Arkansas.

These presentations cover multiple aspects of crop, nutrient, and water management. Most of these projects are funded by check off dollars administered by the various promotion boards in Arkansas (Soybean, Rice, Corn, and Cotton). Growers, consultants, and industry representatives are encouraged to attend to get the latest on ways to maintain profitability

growing row crops. We will be offering 4.5 CEU's in pest management, and 0.5 CEU's in Soil and Water, Crop Management, and Nutrient Management. Registration for the meeting is free this year, and you can register at the link below:

[https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OD4rs88fTIWrQw-P4HRclg](https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OD4rs88fTIWrQw-P4HRclg)

## Arkansas Crop Protection Association Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officer Nominations for 2021

The Nominating committee, chaired by Past President John Schultz, has met, discussed, and approved the following individuals for the 2021 election to be held in January.

- President – Craig Shelton, Gavilon
- President Elect – Derek Clarkson, Corteva, and Jared Fannon, Stratton Seed (Currently, both are board

directors)

- Vice President – Nick Bateman, University of Arkansas
- Director Agribusiness – Currently held by Mallory Everett, Valent - Mallory has indicated she would like to serve another term on the board.
- Director Academia – Currently held by Tommy Butts, University of Arkansas -

Tommy has indicated he would like to serve another term on the board.

- Director Industry – Position may be vacant, depending on election.

If either Derek Clarkson or Jared Fannon becomes President Elect, then a Director position will be open and nominations will be needed for this position.

The elections may be a virtual election or email, to be determined, since we normally have elections at Arkansas Crop Management Conference. Any ACPA member may nominate someone for the officer election. If you have a nomination suggestion for an officer, please contact nomination chairman John Schultz (Mobile: 731-445-4780, Email: [john.schultz@basf.com](mailto:john.schultz@basf.com)).

## Virtual Arkansas Crop Management Conference 2021

Registration for the 2021 Arkansas Crop Management Conference will be online at the ACPA website, <https://acpanews.com>, sometime after December 1.

The Conference will kick off Tuesday, January 19, at 1:00, with ZOOM sessions featuring multiple speakers.

The ACMC program will be offered virtually through two platforms: a ZOOM meeting and an ACMC webpage. Attendees will register and pay via the ACMC webpage that will be on the Arkansas Crop Protection Association website, <https://acpanews.com>.

Once attendees register online

through the ACMC webpage and pay their fees, they will be provided the link for the ZOOM session.

We will be working with the Arkansas State Plant Board and Certified Crop Advisors to ensure all continuing education credits are posted for each participating attendee.

Thanks to everyone that has developed a session; we know the virtual conference is a different experience this year.

#### Topics for the conference include the following:

- Soybean Weed Control

- Soybean Variety and Technology
- Soybean Fertility, Soybean Insects
- Taproot Decline in Soybean
- Rice Weed Issues in 2020
- Rice Fertility - Midseason and Boot N
- Rice Varieties and Technologies
- Insects in Furrow Irrigated Rice & Flooded Rice
- Nitrogen Management in Furrow Irrigated Rice
- Corn Nitrogen Fertility + P/K/Zn
- High Yielding Corn Practices
- Bollworm Resistance in Bollgard II
- Future of Cotton Agroeconomics
- Cotton Fertility
- "Profit"
- Sprayer Setup and Application
- Nematodes in Crops
- Precision Agriculture
- Industry update sessions

# Arkansas Senator John Boozman Views Legislation Win for Conservation

Arkansas is blessed with a wonderful landscape and incredible wildlife that people from all across the country come to our state to enjoy. Preserving and protecting our environment is vital to enabling future generations of Americans to participate in popular outdoor activities. This Congress, we've taken significant action to improve federal conservation programs, most recently with the enactment of America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act.

This bipartisan conservation law advances and expands programs to safeguard wildlife and ecosystems. It will enable us to better implement collaborative strategies to protect and restore wetland habitat by reauthorizing critical programs that have a track record of success like

the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). This program has resulted in the restoration of thousands of acres of wildlife habitat in Arkansas and more than 30 million acres nationwide.

Our state has also benefited from the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP), a program Arkansas Game and Fish Commission assistant chief of fisheries, Jason Olive, says has recently helped projects on Lake Poinsett and Lake Ouachita. This law codifies the NFHP and increases federal support for its efforts to improve fish habitat and the jobs and businesses that depend on a healthy and robust fish population.

This law also helps maintain a healthy wildlife population. Arkansas hunters are facing new challenges and emerging threats to the safety of the deer population as a result of chronic wast-

ing disease (CWD). Since it was first detected in the state four years ago, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has taken strategic actions to prevent the spread of this degenerative disease in deer, elk and moose by implementing innovative ways to address this problem. The ACE Act establishes a CWD task force within the U.S. Department of the Interior so we can expand federal assistance to better collaborate with state and local officials to fight this disease.

As an avid outdoorsman, I'm proud to advocate and support federal programs that strengthen our nation's wetlands and bolster waterfowl habitat. That's why I cosponsored this legislation in the Senate and worked with wildlife conservation groups to help move this through the legislative process. When President Trump signed this bipartisan bill into law last month, there was widespread

support among conservationists, hunters and anglers because all of these stakeholders want what's best for our public lands, and we all want to be able to utilize these national treasures for years to come.

Earlier this year, Congress passed, and the president signed into law, the Great American Outdoors Act which invests in the upkeep of public lands. With both bills signed into law, this Congress has been a "banner year for the conservation community" one wildlife conservation leader said. This underscores how broad the consensus is around the necessity to protect our natural resources.

We've made remarkable progress this year, and I'm committed to advocating for and promoting policies that preserve and protect our wildlife and wetlands.

## Senator Boozman Expected to Take Ag Committee Chairmanship

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry will have a new chairperson when the 117th Congress convenes in January whether the Senate is controlled by the Republicans or the Democrats (there will be two run-off elections in Georgia in January that may decide which party will control the

Senate). Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas, the current chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, earlier announced he would retire at the end of this year and did not stand for reelection. His Senate seat was won by Representative Roger Marshall.

Senator John Boozman is expected to become Chairman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture and

Forestry Committee if Republicans hold onto its majority in the Senate. As it stands now, Georgia's two Republican Senators are on course to run-offs in their respective campaigns. The run-off election day will be held January 5th in Georgia. On the House side, Democrats retained their majority, but Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee

(Colin Peterson D-MN) was defeated in his re-election race. Representative David Scott (D-GA) is a leading front runner for the post, but there are others interested as well. Congressman Crawford has also made it known that he'd be interested in vying for the top Republican spot on the House Agriculture Committee.

## Arkansas Crop Protection Association Extends Thanks For Corporate Sustaining Member Support

Arkansas Crop Protection Association thanks our corporate sustaining members for their support of our organization annually. The activities of our organization would not be possible without their involvement in ACPA. We have several different types of sustaining members including corporate, state business and individual. We would like to extend an invitation to become a sustaining member, call or email Don Johnson

(Mobile: 501-454-9963, Email: [drjohnson@centurytel.net](mailto:drjohnson@centurytel.net)).

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