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2023 Arkansas Crop Management Conference

The Arkansas Crop Management Conference (ACMC) was held January 17-19, 2023, at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock, AR.

We had 317 registered for the in person conference at the Wyndham and 69 registered for the virtual, on line conference.

The Arkansas Crop Management Conference is presented by:

Arkansas Crop Protection Association (ACPA)
 Arkansas Plant Food Association (APFA)
 Arkansas Agricultural Consultants Association (AACCA)
 Arkansas Certified Crop Advisors (Arkansas CCA)
 University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture (UADA)

The 2023 conference had 38 presentations over the 2 1/2 day conference. In a

change in format, most presentations were followed by an industry update from a sustaining member of one of the presenting organizations. Licensed consultants and Certified Crop Advisors were able to get 25 or more hours of continuing education.

Virtual Access is still available for \$300. Register at <https://acpanews.com/>

Register for ACMC:
<https://acpanews.com/>

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2023 Arkansas Crop Management Conference (ACMC) Is Available Online

The ACMC Virtual Program is available online to anyone who registered for the in person conference or the on line conference. If you registered for either the in person or the virtual conference, the link to the on line conference is <https://acpanews.com/conference-dashboard/>

We will be compiling Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for the on line conference after April 30 to send to the Certified Crop Advisors and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

Please contact Otis Howe with questions; otis.howe3@gmail.com (501) 690-4297 cell

Senate Bill 191 Regarding the Plant Board Passes the Senate and House

SENATE BILL 191 ([SB 191](#)), AN ACT TO AMEND THE METHOD OF HOW BOARD MEMBERS ARE SELECTED TO THE STATE PLANT BOARD; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This act was introduced by Senator David Wallace and Representative Les Eaves. It amends how board members are selected to the Arkansas State Plant Board. This bill

was aimed at providing a remedy to recent state court decisions that ruled against industry organizations being able to directly select individuals for appointment to the board. All of the 19 board members of the State Plant Board will be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The bill includes a member representing the agricultural pesticide industry in Arkansas.

SB 191 has passed both the House and Senate and was sent to the Governor for signature on February 20.

The Emergency Clause means that the act shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. This allows the Governor to quickly fill the 9 seats that were ordered vacated by the court. During consideration of the bill, Senator Wallace expressed a need to consider similar legislation

for other boards that contain similar appointment processes to that of those ordered vacated.

Individuals can apply for Plant Board positions through the Governors website on Boards and Commissions.

Arkansas Ag Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Set for March 3rd

The 35th annual Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame induction luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m., March 3, 2023 at the Statehouse Con-

vention Center in Little Rock.

This class of inductees include;

Ellis Bell of Forrest City

Bert Greenwalt of Jonesboro and Hazen

Chris Isbell of Humnoke

Steve Stevens of Tillar

The late Jesse "J.D." Vaught of Horatio

New EPA Rule on WOTUS Draws Ire of Agriculture

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture **New Waters of the U.S. rule creates regulatory uncertainty for farmers**

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's and U.S. Department of the Army's announcement of a final rule on Waters of the United States:

"The EPA's latest rule on defining "waters of the United States" is a statement of federal overreach that ignores states' authority to regulate

intrastate water quality and the Clean Water Act's statutory mandate for cooperative federalism. In turn, although we recognize EPA's attempt at clarifying through a roster of exemptions, its rule ignores the voices of nearly all in American agriculture who have long been seeking clarity on this issue, especially regarding the debate over what is and is not a navigable water," NASDA CEO Ted McKinney said.

"Farmers are committed to being responsible stewards of the land and water that they use to grow food, and the

effectiveness of WOTUS should be taken with the same seriousness," McKinney said. As NASDA previously stated in multiple sets of comments and input throughout this regulatory process, the Clean Water Act establishes limits on federal jurisdiction and the role of the federal government to regulate interstate commerce, thus recognizing the role of states in regulating non-navigable waters.

Further, the release of this ruling ahead of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Sackett v. EPA wastes tre-

mendous federal, state and private sector resources as the decision of SCOTUS will invariably shift water regulations across the United States yet again significantly. This is in stark contrast to the comments previously made by Administrator Regan to the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and the Environment that the EPA's rule would "be in a position to respond and adjust to the Supreme Court ruling."

ACPA Board of Directors

The Arkansas Crop Protection Association held its annual membership meeting on January 17 and elected the 2023 Board of Directors;

President: Nick Bateman

President Elect: Mallory Scott

Vice President: Ben Thrash

Secretary: Jeremy Ross

Treasurer: Jason Kelley

Past President: Derek Clarkson

Agri-Business (1): Stephen Bariola

Industry (1): Mason Young

Agri-Business (2): Randall Pasley

Academia (1): Tommy Butts

Industry (2): Anthony Crocker

Academia (2): Terry Spurlock

Consultant (1): Eddie Cates

Consultant (2): Keith Shelton

Executive Director: Otis Howe

2023 Scholarship Auction at ACMC

By: Leslie Rogers, Agrigold

The 2023 Arkansas Crop Management Conference Scholarship Auction held during the ACMC Social Hour on January 18 raised \$1450. All of this money goes straight to scholarships for under-

graduate students.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the silent auction.

We would also like to thank everyone who bid on these items to raise money

for students.

Our goal is to make this silent auction an even bigger event at the 2024 ACMC.

Arkansas Crop Protection Association Sustaining Members

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Arkansas Agricultural Consultants CEU Registration Website/App

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture has a great new website for licensed Arkansas Agricultural Consultants to record their CEU's without having to use signup sheets. The website worked well at the ACMC in January and can eliminate a lot of paperwork as well as allow you to keep up with your CEU's.

<https://mip.agri.arkansas.gov/Certification/>

The link above will allow you to register on the website to record and track

your CEU courses. There are some pieces of information you need to provide. You should then be able to scan your classes in for Agricultural Consultant Credit using the same QR Code as the CCAs. You will need to be logged into the app to scan. Currently, there is no downloadable app, but IT gave me these directions to put the website on your I phone for easy reference.

Navigate to the website per the link above.

Hit the upload icon at the bottom of the page.

Scroll down to the option "Add to Home Screen". Here you can rename if you wish.

Hit Add.

The link will appear as an app on your phone.

If you need assistance, please email Mike Stage at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

mike.stage@agriculture.arkansas.gov

Keith Shelton Wins Rice Consultant of the Year Award

Keith Shelton of Lonoke was awarded the 2022 Rice Consultant of the Year Award. This award is sponsored by Rice Farming Magazine and Corteva Agriscience. Keith is an ACPA Board Member and represents consultants. Congratulations Keith!



Misti and Keith Shelton