

29th NC Commodities Conference



North Carolina

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January 10-12, 2018

- Great Networking Opportunities
- Meet Industry Sponsors & Exhibitors
- Great Food
- Ladies Program

Live Entertainment



Sheraton Imperial Hotel
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Durham, NC 27703
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Program & Registration

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

Pre-Opening Reception - Imperial Ballroom - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

MORNING - GENERAL SESSION

- 7:30 am **Registration**
- 7:30 am **Breakfast & Visit with Exhibitors (Coffee, Biscuits & Danish)**
- 9:00 am **Welcome & Introduction of Speaker: *Dennis Waller, President, Corn Growers Association of North Carolina***
- State of NC Agriculture & Q&A with Commissioner Troxler - *Steve Troxler, Commissioner, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, NC***
- 9:15 am **Grower Best Practices Panel:**
J. Milton Vaughan, Facilitator, (Crop Production Services); Jay Sullivan (Sampson County) Drew Medlin (Union County) Lucas Richard, (Catawba County)
- 10:00 am **Corn Production Annual Meeting & Seminar: *Dr. Ron Heiniger, Professor of Crop Science and Cropping Systems Specialist, NCSU, Raleigh, NC***
- Corn Production & Efficiency Awards Program: *Dr. Tom Melton, Emcee, Deputy Director, NCCES & Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader***
- Introduction of Speakers: *Dennis Waller, President, Corn Growers Association of North Carolina***
- 11:00 am **Update on National Corn Growers Association: *Chris Novak, CEO, National Corn Growers Association***
- Marketing News from the US Grains Council, *Thomas Sleight, President & CEO, US Grains Council***

LUNCH - VISIT WITH EXHIBITORS - 12 NOON - 1:00 PM **AFTERNOON - GENERAL SESSION**

- 1:00 pm **Big Corn: *David Hula, Corn World Record Holder and Former Corn Yield Contest Winner, Renwood Farms, Charles City, VA***
- 2:30 pm **Small Grain Growers Production Annual Meeting & Seminar**
Dr. Angela Post, Assistant Professor, Small Grains Specialist, Crop & Soil Science, NCSU, Raleigh, NC
- Small Grain Growers & Efficiency Awards Program: *Dr. Tom Melton, Emcee, Deputy Director, NCCES & Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader***

VISIT WITH EXHIBITORS

- 5:00 pm **Reception in Exhibit Hall**
- 6:00 pm **Awards Banquet**
- 8:00 pm **Entertainment - The Embers**

Door Prize Drawings

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

MORNING SESSION

- 7:00 am **Registration**
- 7:30 am **Breakfast & Visit with Exhibitors (Coffee, Biscuits & Danish)**
- 8:30 am **Bayer & Monsanto, Advancing Together for Agriculture, *Alan Ayers, Director, Stakeholder Relations/Stewardship, Crop Science, Bayer Corp.***
- 9:00 am **Soybean Production Annual Meeting & Seminar, *Dr. Jim Dunphy, Professor of Crop Science and Soybean Extension Specialist, NCSU, Raleigh, NC***
- Soybean Production & Efficiency Awards Program: *Dr. Tom Melton, Emcee, Deputy Director, NCCES & Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader***
- 10:00 am **Cotton Production Seminar, *Dr. Keith Edmisten, Professor of Crop Science and Cotton Extension Specialist NCSU, Raleigh, NC; Dr. Guy Collins, Assistant Professor and Extension Cotton Agronomist, NCSU, Raleigh, NC***

**Door Prize Drawing
Adjourn**

Spouse's Program

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Traveling Spa & Jewelry Showcase

You are invited to stop by our Spouse's Lounge anytime during the day for refreshments and to get a neck, back and hand massage from our "Traveling Spa". Shop for your favorite jewelry from the Jewelry Showcase!

Hope you will come and visit us in the "Ladies Lounge"!

Massages

Susan Lethco, Physical Therapist

Jewelry Showcase

Darlene Turner

Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!

The number of rooms blocked for the Commodities Conference is limited, so make your reservations today!



Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Reservation Office (919) 941-5050 or (800) 325-3535. Reservations must be received no later than **December 17, 2017**. Please mention that you are with the NC Commodities Conference so you will receive the preferred group rate **\$129.00**. Reservations are based on availability.

Program Information and Registration is also available at
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