

MAEP News

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2005 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) Tidbits

Missouri Agricultural Extension Professionals (MAEP) was well represented in Buffalo, New York:

21 members
3 life members
25 guests

This was the first AM/PIC for 5 of our members.

- Tim Schnakenberg was presented the Distinguished Service Award.
- Todd Lorenz was presented the Achievement Award.
- Melvin Brees accepted the Search for Excellence Award in Farm & Ranch Financial Mgmt. for the FAPRI team of Brees, Scott Brown, and Brent Carpenter. Melvin made two presentations:
 - “Farm & Ranch Financial Management”
 - “What if I’m Wrong” marketing strategies
- Mary Sobba received 1st place for her Annie’s Project poster in the education category.
- Todd Lorenz was a regional finalist in “computer generated graphics”.
- Jennifer Barnes-Schutter was a regional finalist in “newsletter, individual”.
- Jim Crawford was a regional finalist in “publication”.

Don’t be like me and start attending this fantastic professional improvement opportunity late in your extension career. As someone said, you have to experience an NACAA AM/PIC to fully understand how beneficial the activities, presentations, networking, and tours are in providing opportunities for professional growth in your extension career and building relationships with other members and their families throughout Missouri and across the country.

This year's keynote speakers were great – if you ever have a chance to hear a presentation by Dr. Zach Clements – you won't be disappointed – unless you do not believe in personal responsibility.

There were 28 tours to choose from on Wednesday and regardless of your specialty there was more than one tour that would have been of interest to you. The following is just a sampling of the tours (many couples go on these tours together):

- Exploring Private Forest Production
- Lake Erie Grapes, From Cuttings to Glass
- Direct Marketing in New York
- Greenhouse and Fresh Market Vegetables
- Manure Alternative that Add Value and/or Reduce Odor
- Food Processing – Farm to Supermarket
- Processing Vegetables and the Machines that Harvest Them
- Tree Fruits, Fruit Processing and Fruit of the Vine
- Dairy Farming and Milk Processing
- Horse Industry in Western NY
- Ag Environmental Management
- Grass Based Livestock – Holsteins and Beef
- Retail Horticulture
- Beef Production
- Large and Unique Dairy Producers in New York
- Horticulture Production and Public Gardens
- Southern Tier Diversified Small Farms
- Ag Best Management Practices and Water Quality

In addition to professional development seminars and tours – there was a wide variety of tours and programming for family members and life members. The children always have a fun and have fantastic learning experiences at these meetings.

Next year's NACAA AM/PIC will be held July 23 to July 27 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The 2006 AM/PIC is being jointly hosted by Ohio and Kentucky. I hope you will mark these dates on your calendar and join the Missouri delegation for a great educational and fun week.

Why you should join MAEP and NACAA:

The following is a quote from Daryl Buchholz taken from the Feb. 2005 "e" County Agent

“What about all the professional societies, fraternities, and organizations? I first have to ask, "do you consider yourself a professional?" A professional organization brings together individuals with similar professional interests and varied experiences to share with each other. Paying your dues is not about what the society or organization brings to you, but what you contribute to the profession. As a new employee in the profession, the professional organization offers the opportunity to learn from others. It moves you out of isolation into a support network of

professionals, if you let it. As a more seasoned employee, your organization offers contemporary review and renewal along with the leadership roles you can and must take. It keeps you from becoming stagnant and stale in your professional work. You will get new ideas of ways to do your work. It offers a means to be involved with other professionals seeking to improve their knowledge and skills within your profession.”

For more information on the 2005 & 2006 meetings, NACAA, and “e” County Agent:
<http://www.nacaa.com/>

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