

Research Center Administrators Society  
*RCAS*



**Join the premier organization for research management and administration.**



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*Established in 1964 for the promotion of branch station administration in agriculture*

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# Five compelling reasons you should join the RCAS:

## 1 Raise awareness of the profession

The Research Center Administrators Society is a national non-profit organization whose membership is comprised of agricultural research station managers, directors, university, college and USDA administrators. Raising the visibility of research center administration is a top RCAS priority. The Society focuses on sharing solutions to problems related to activities of managing a research center. This includes logistics, regulations, safety, finance, personnel, contracts, communications, purchasing, and technology.

## 2 Share your work and be informed on other issues in the profession

The society meets twice a year to highlight the work that professionals are doing as research administrators. The winter meeting is held in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists. This meeting is comprised of technical presentations made by RCAS and invited guests. Programs and audio visual presentations made at these meetings are accessible on the RCAS website: <http://thercas.org> Special presentations from invited experts on issues of interest to RCAS members are presented. The fall RCAS meeting is usually hosted by one of the RCAS member groups where we will visit research facilities and agri-business companies in that region.

## 3 Network with professionals from many disciplines

The RCAS interacts with every aspect of agribusiness and production through our tours at both the winter and fall meetings. It allows our members to network with others that have different responsibilities, but common interests.

## 4 Demonstrate your commitment to the highest standards of the profession.

The RCAS Statement of Principles recognizes our responsibility to 1). Protect our professional and academic rights, and to keep members apprised of regulations, policies and procedures which affect the conduct of their research and educational programs and management of their research facilities. 2). represent our members fairly and accurately in all communications, with careful attention to issues of academic freedom, rights in intellectual property, and policies and 3). Clearly enunciate our societies' policies and practices, and to accept only those terms and conditions with which we can assure compliance.

## 5 Membership is easy

To be a member of RCAS you must be a superintendent, resident director, center director, or have administrative responsibilities involving a field station, branch station, research station, research and educational center, or other branch research facility of a state agricultural experiment station or any other governmental, public or private agricultural research organization.

### Types of Membership

Regular membership - Any unit head of a branch research facility in any participating state shall be considered a regular member and shall be eligible for active membership.

Active membership - Any individual who qualifies for regular membership, attends a meeting, and pays the designated registration fees shall be considered an active member for three years with all rights and privileges afforded by the Society.

### **Past Meetings:**

|          |                        |
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| Feb 2003 | Mobile, AL             |
| Feb 2004 | Phoenix, AZ            |
| Sep 2005 | Little Rock, AR        |
| Feb 2006 | Orlando, FL            |
| Sep 2006 | Parsons, KS            |
| Feb 2007 | South Padre Island, TX |
| Sep 2007 | Griffin and Tipton, GA |
| Feb 2008 | Dallas, TX             |
| Jul 2008 | Logan, UT              |
| Feb 2009 | Atlanta, GA            |
| Sep 2009 | Wooster, OH            |
| Feb 2010 | San Diego, CA          |
| Sep 2010 | Virginia Beach, VA     |
| Feb 2011 | Corpus Christi, TX     |
| Aug 2011 | Lincoln, NE            |
| Feb 2012 | Birmingham, AL         |
| Sep 2012 | Peoria & Champaign, IL |
| Feb 2013 | Orlando, FL            |
| Sep 2013 | Oklahoma City, OK      |
| Feb 2014 | Dallas, TX             |

### **Upcoming Meetings**

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| Sep 2014 | Little Rock, AR         |
| Feb 2015 | Atlanta, GA             |
| Sep 2015 | Raleigh, North Carolina |
| Feb 2016 | San Antonio, TX         |
| Sep 2016 | Denver, CO              |



Group Photo at Missouri River Double Ditch Indian Village, North Dakota

Join the RCAS to become part of this important effort. We need every state to be represented. For more information about membership and its benefits, visit [www.thercas.org](http://www.thercas.org) or contact RCAS at [r-dunker@illinois.edu](mailto:r-dunker@illinois.edu).



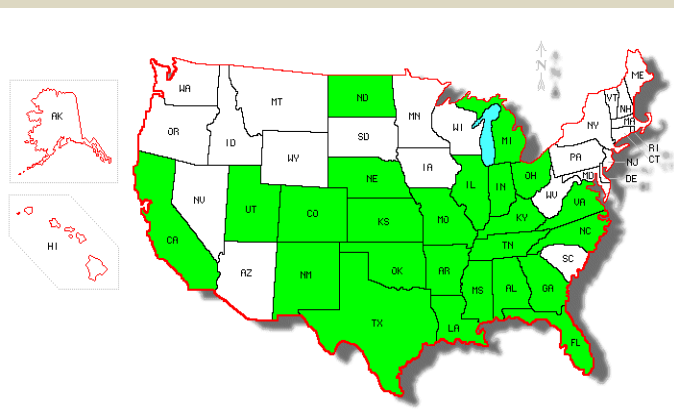
Have the opportunity to visit Regional and National points of interest at RCAS meetings such as the National Weather Center at Norman OK.

### **The Morrow Plots – A National Historic Landmark**

The Morrow Plots is the oldest experimental field in America and has the longest continuous corn plot in the world



### **RCAS Member States**



The Research Center Administrators Society is a national non-profit organization whose membership is comprised of agricultural research station managers, directors, university, college and USDA administrators. The RCAS originated in 1964 as a division within the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists. We are committed to establishing representation in all US states as well as additional members from currently represented states.



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