



Research Center Administrators Society  
2016 Winter Meeting  
Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk  
San Antonio, Texas

## Presentations

Monday, February 8

- 7:30 – 8:00    Registration  
Navarro  
Jeff Chandler, RCAS Secretary, NC State University
- Morning Program  
Navarro  
Joe Davlin, Moderator, Ohio State University
- 8:00 – 8:10    Welcome and Announcements  
Donnie Davis, RCAS President, University of Kentucky
- 8:10 – 8:50    Overview of Texas Agriculture and Texas A&M AgriLife Research/Extension.  
Craig Nessler, [PDF](#) /Douglas Steele, [PDF](#). Texas A&M AgriLife  
Research/Extension
- 8:50 – 9:30    Edwards Aquifer, History, Mission, and Future, [PDF](#).  
Rick Illgner, Special Assistant to General Manager, Edwards Aquifer Authority
- 9:30 – 9:45    Break
- 9:45 – 10:05    REC Internships, Benefits and Challenges, [PDF](#).  
Rob Ellis, Center Director, AgResearch & Education Center at Greeneville,  
University of Tennessee

- 10:05 – 10:50 Safety Program Package, [PDF](#).  
Kelly T. Snider, Safety and Technology Officer, North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Service's Research Stations and North Carolina State University Research Stations
- 10:50 – 11:30 Fostering and Benefits of Statewide Partnerships, [PDF](#).  
Sandy Stewart, Director of Research Stations, NC State and NCDA, Reid Evans, Assistant Director, North Carolina Agriculture Research Service, NC State, Jeff Chandler, Director, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, NC State, and Andy Meier, Superintendent, Cherry Research Farm, NCDA
- 11:30 – 11:50 Capitalizing on Local Partnerships to More Effectively Deliver Research and Extension, [PDF](#).  
Darren L. Haver, Water Resources Advisor, Director, University of California Cooperative Extension Orange County & South Coast Research & Extension Center
- 11:50 – 1:00 Lunch – On Your Own
- Afternoon Program  
Navarro  
Rob Ellis, Moderator, University of Tennessee
- 1:00 – 1:20 Impacts of Drought on San Joaquin Valley Agriculture – Management Issues for Some Annual and Perennial Crops, [PDF](#).  
Robert Hutmacher, UC-ANR West Side Research and Extension Center Director, UC Cooperative Extension Specialist, UC Davis Plant Science Department
- 1:20 – 1:40 Management Strategies to Cope with Drought and Limited Water Supplies in the Colorado River Basin.  
Khaled Bali, Irrigation/Water Management Advisor & County Director, University of California Cooperative Extension-Imperial County, UC Desert Research & Extension Center
- 1:40 – 2:00 Pesticide Storage Options- Pre Engineered Concrete, Blueprinted On Site Construction, or Both? [PDF](#).  
Jeremy Martin, Research Operations Manager, Sandhills Research Station, NC State University
- 2:00 – 2:20 FSMA Update on Produce Safety Rule, [PDF](#).  
Juan Anciso, Professor and Extension Vegetable Specialist, Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension, Weslaco

- 2:20 – 2:40 Training Needs and Update on the Implementation of Food Safety Preventive Controls for Food Safety and Processing in the U.S, [PDF](#).  
Matthew Taylor, Associate Professor, Food Safety Microbiology, Department of Animal Science Texas A&M Agriculture and Life Sciences
- 2:40 – 2:55 Break
- 2:55 – 4:10 Panel Discussion  
Traditional and Non-Traditional Field Days, and the Audience
- 2:55 – 3:10 An Overview of Ohio State’s Farm Science Review, [PDF](#).  
Gerald Reid, Manager, Farm Operations, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Ohio State University
- 3:10 – 3:25 Summer Celebration, and Pumpkin Field Day, [PDF](#).  
Robert M. Hayes, Center Director, West Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center, University of Tennessee
- 3:25 – 3:40 Fall Folklore Jamboree, [PDF](#).  
Blake Brown, Center Director, AgResearch & Education Center at Milan, University of Tennessee
- 3:40 – 3:55 Fall Gardeners’ Festival, [PDF](#).  
Walt Hitch, Center Director, Plateau AgResearch & Education Center, University of Tennessee
- 3:55 – 4:10 Panel Questions and Discussion
- Utilizing RTK/GPS Technology in Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Research at the Throckmorton Purdue Ag Center (TPAC), [PDF](#).  
Jay Young-Superintendent, Nathan Linder-Horticulture Operations Manager.
- The 2016 RCAS Summer Tour: A Colorado Experience. [PDF](#).  
Calvin H. Pearson, Professor/Research Agronomist, Colorado State University.
- 4:10 – 5:10 RCAS General Business Meeting