RCAS Winter Meeting Wilmington, NC
Embassy Suites by Hilton Wilmington Riverfront
9 Estell Lee Place, Wilmington, NC 28401
January 31-February 2, 2027

Travel Information

NC Wilmington International Airport (ILM) 3 miles from airport to hotel, Airport shuttle is not available. Use Uber, Lyft and Taxies.

Registration

In the registration, driver's license information is required for the port tour and Sunday night dinner. If those two items are not filled out, then **you cannot complete registratio**n.

Registration link: https://rcas.regfox.com/rcas-winter-2027-meeting-wilmington-nc

Hotel

Hotel deadline to reserve at group rate: **12/31/2026.**

RCAS Group Rate: $149/+tax 2 Queen Beds Suite, $169/+tax 1 king Bed 2 Room Suite.

Single/double occupancy rooms. Once all the available group inventory in block are sold, the link will default to the next best available rate at the hotel (if there are rooms available outside of the block). Check in 4:00 pm, Check out 11:00 AM. To arrive on Saturday, edit the dates then click Update to procced, up to 10 rooms available at the group rate for adding Saturday.

You can Call 1-910-765-1131, press 1 for reservations and use the group code: **92R.**
Contact Group Reservations Manager Leigh Anne Mikulski if needed.
leigh.mikulski@embassywilmington.com

Self-parking $29/night.

Hotel Link:

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=ILMCCES&groupCode=CES92R&arrivaldate=2027-01-31&departuredate=2027-02-03&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

Tentative Agenda

Welcome – Rusty Collins

Overview of NCDA and NCSU research enterprises – Hunter Barrier

Overview of North Carolina Agriculture – Joe French

North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – Dean or Assistant Dean

Safety programs on research stations – Tyler Roseman

Using H2A Labor on research stations in Tennessee – Rob Ellis

Crop insurance for research stations – Ruth Fulford

University of Tennessee Milan Research and Education Center – Jason Williams

Regenerative Agriculture and its application in research – Chandler Gruener (zoom)

Cost recovery use and application at University of Florida IFAS – Jerry Fankhauser

AI and drone applications in research settings – Frank Bai (zoom)

University of Missouri summer meeting 2027 preview – Tim Reinbott

Look for more information soon!