

2024 agInnovation Annual Meeting

Raleigh, NC

September 22-25, 2024

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Sunday, September 22, 2024

5:00 pm Registration

6:00 – 8:00 pm Welcome Reception

Monday, September 23, 2024

6:30 – 8:00 am Breakfast

8:00 – 12:00 pm Regional Association Meetings

12:00 – 1:00 pm Networking Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 pm General Session Opening – Hosts Welcome
Chancellor Randy Woodson, NC State
Provost Tonya Smith-Jackson, NC A&T

1:30 – 2:00 pm **Keynote Presentation – "Looking to the Future of Ag: How partnerships can change the world"**
Phil Taylor, Open Innovation Lead Crop Science R&D, Bayer

2:00 – 3:00 pm **Session I: Stimulating Innovation with Industry Partners**

Moderators

Deborah Thompson, Director of Research Partnerships, NC State
Dan Maycock, Vice President, CropTrak
Paula Barngrover, CEO, Alura, Iluma Alliance
Jonathan Mueller, Lead, John Deere Intelligent Solutions Group

3:00 – 3:30 pm Networking Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm **Session II: New Models for Industry**

Engagement Moderator

Nandini Mendu, Senior Director, NC Biotechnology Center

Panelists

Heather Smith, Head of Regional Strategy, Novonosis
John Gottula, Director of Crop Science, Agriculture, SAS
Institute Angela Records, Chief Scientific Officer, FFAR
Neal Okarter, Investment Manager, BASF Venture Capital

5:00 – 5:30 pm **NIFA Climate Change Accomplishments and Action Agenda Report**
Megan O'Rourke, National Science Liaison for Climate Change,
USDA – NIFA

6:00 pm Dinner on your own

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

- 6:30 – 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:00 – 10:00 am **Session III: Ag Research Infrastructure Vision & Engagement Workshops**
- 8:00 – 9:00 am **Workshop A: Different by Design and Build: NC State Plant Sciences Building**
Discussion Moderator
Steve Lommel, Associate Dean & Director, NC State
Discussion Panelists
Chuck Mummert, Principal, Flad Architects
Doug Morton, Associate Vice Chancellor, NC State Facilities
- 9:00 – 10:00 am **Workshop B: Are you prepared for RFA funding?**
Discussion Moderator
George Smith, Senior Associate Dean & Director, Michigan State University
Discussion Panelists
Ernie Minton, Dean, Kansas State University
Chandra Reddy, Dean, Tennessee State University
Larry Chandler, Plains Area Director, USDA-ARS
Glynda Becker-Fenter, Vice President, Washington State University
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Networking Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 pm Load Buses for RTP tours
- 11:00 – 6:00 pm **Research Triangle Educational Tours (lunch included on tours)**
First Flight Venture Center
Syngenta Innovation Center – Advanced Crop Lab
Zoetis Animal Health – Biodevices Unit
- 6:00 – 8:00 pm NC State Plant Sciences Building, NC State Centennial Campus Reception/Dinner/Tours
- 8:00 pm Buses depart Centennial Campus for the Sheraton Hotel

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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| 6:30 – 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 8:00 – 9:30 am | agInnovation Awards Ceremony |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am | agInnovation Business Meeting |
| 10:15 – 10:30 am | Networking Break |
| 10:30 – 12:00 pm | agInnovation Business |
| 12:00 pm | Meeting Adjourn |
| 12:15 – 2:00 pm | agInnovation Standing Committee Meetings (<i>lunch provided</i>)
Budget and Legislative Committee
Science and Technology Committee
Finance Committee |