



Welcome to **Connections**, your monthly newsletter for the latest NAADA news, member stories and important industry information.



2026 NAADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 15-18 | University of Tennessee-Knoxville | Crowne Plaza Downtown University | Knoxville

A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

There's still time to join us for the **2026 NAADA Annual Conference** hosted by the University of Tennessee! We're looking forward to gathering with colleagues and friends from across the country for a few days filled with great conversations, new ideas, and networking.

This year's conference lineup includes outstanding educational sessions covering timely topics, innovative programs, and practical strategies you can take back to your own institution. Whether you're looking for fresh ideas, professional inspiration, or simply the opportunity to reconnect with peers who understand the work we do, this conference has something for everyone.

As we continue working to strengthen and grow NAADA, we also encourage members to participate in the upcoming virtual town hall meeting to learn more about the proposed bylaw changes, ask questions, and stay engaged in the future of our organization.

If you've been thinking about registering, consider this your sign to join us in Tennessee — we can't wait to see you there!

[Register Now for the 2026 NAADA Annual Conference](#)



Paula Beecher, Clemson University | President, NAADA



NAADA Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, May 13 | 2:00 pm CT

At the upcoming Annual Business Meeting, the NAADA Board of Directors will present two proposed amendments to the Association's bylaws for consideration and vote by the membership.

To ensure transparency and provide opportunities for member input:

A virtual **Town Hall Meeting** will be held on **May 13, 2026** to review the proposed amendments and answer questions.

An **in-person discussion** opportunity will also be provided at the beginning of the 2026 NAADA Annual Conference during the Opening Session on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**.

The proposed amendments will be formally presented for discussion and vote at the **NAADA Annual Business Meeting** being held on **Thursday, June 18, 2026**.

We encourage all members to [review the proposed changes](#) carefully and participate in the discussion and vote.

[Register Now](#)

National Conference First-Time Attendees Introduction & Seminar

Wednesday, May 27 | 2:00 pm CT

A NAADA Virtual Learning Series Must Do!
NAADA First-Timers to the NAADA National Annual Conference Mini-Conference Orientation

What to expect

- NAADA Conference fun-filled overview
- Conference newcomers Buddy System
- What to do before the conference
- NAADA website is filled with information
- Travel logistics
- NAADA 2026 National Conference Educational Sessions
- What to pack & what to wear, which days

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WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our Newest NAADA Members

If you are a new member and not listed, please email info@naada.org.

Megan Beaty, Texas A&M University

Lauren May, Oklahoma State University

Michael McCue, University of Minnesota

Liz Townsend Bird, University of Missouri (MU) CAFNR Advancement Office

Joshua Allred, Louisiana State University

Jalena Camps, University of Florida IFAS and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Maggie Key, Texas Tech University, Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

Savannah Milner, University of Florida IFAS and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Lauren Pike, University of Georgia

Jonathan Thomas, Louisiana State University

Mollie Pratt, University of Arkansas

Kenda Resler Friend, Purdue University College of Agriculture

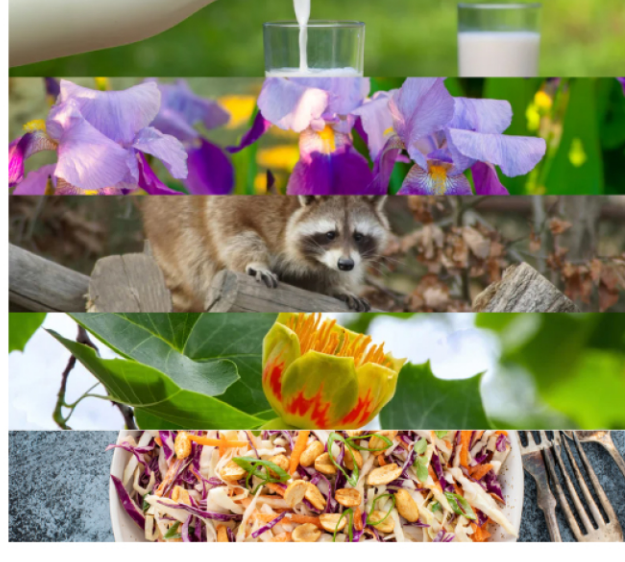
Allie Rieth, Purdue University College of Agriculture

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University of Tennessee-Knoxville Fun Facts



Did You Know ?

MAY you know all the important things about Tennessee with this month's NAADA newsletter. The state beverage is milk. The state flower is the iris. The state animal is a raccoon. The state tree is a tulip poplar. The state food is hot slaw. We are so excited to share these, and many more neat facts with you in Tennessee soon!

We are so excited to host NAADA 2026! Get ready for a fun, educational, unforgettable time at University of Tennessee-Knoxville!

EXPLORE  2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



Sponsorship opportunities are now available for the 51st Annual NAADA Conference, held June 15-18, 2026, at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Sponsoring this event provides high visibility among a national network of professionals dedicated to agricultural advancement through land-grant universities. To learn more about our sponsorship packages, please contact **Tom Looney**, Sponsorship Committee Chair, at tom.looney@tennessee.edu.

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