

Mississippi Agricultural Consultants Association
52nd Annual Conference
Bost Extension Center, Mississippi State University
Tentative Agenda

Monday, February 2, 2026

1:00 P.M.	Open for Exhibits Set-up	Bost Extension Center
3:00 P.M.	Allied Industry Committee Meeting All Sustaining Members Welcome	Bost Extension Center
4:00 P.M.	Steering Committee Meeting	Bost Extension Center
6:30 P.M.	Board of Directors Meeting (including current and in-coming Directors)	Harvey's Restaurant

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Session I: Steele Robbins, MACA President, Moderating

8:00 A.M.	Welcome and Invocation	Steele Robbins, President
8:10 A.M.	Weed Management in Miss. Row Crops	Dr. Jason Bond
8:35 A.M.	Regulatory Update	Craig Hankins, MFBF
8:55 A.M.	FMC Update	Lawson Priess
9:05 A.M.	BASF Seeds Update	Andy White
9:15 A.M.	Gowan Update	Dr. Sunny Bottoms
9:25 A.M.	MSU Spray Drone Update	Madison Dixon
9:55 A.M.	BREAK	
10:05 A.M.	AMVAC Update	Darrin Malone
10:15 A.M.	MSU Extension Update	Dr. Angus Catchot
10:45 A.M.	BASF Update	David Chaney
10:55 A.M.	What We Learned: Experiences With Cotton Jassid	Dr. Scott Graham
11:25 A.M.	Syngenta Update	Dr. Tripp Walker
11:35 A.M.	Peanut Production in Mississippi	Dr. Brendan Zurweller
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH, MACA Scholarship Presentations	

Session II: Charles Downs, MACA Director, Moderating

1:00 P.M.	Rice Delphacid Update	Dr. Nick Bateman
1:30 P.M.	Bayer Crop Protection Update	Donald Fowler
1:40 P.M.	Irrigation Management	Dr. Drew Gholson
2:10 P.M.	Helm Agro Update	Tim Ford
2:20 P.M.	Simplot Update	Justin McCoy
2:30 P.M.	Corteva Agriscience Seed Update	Gus Eifling
2:40 P.M.	Corteva Agriscience Crop Protection Update	Lee Miers
2:50 P.M.	Bayer Crop Science Seeds Update	Greg Ferguson
3:00 P.M.	BREAK	

Session III: Ty Edwards, MACA Director, Moderating

3:20 P.M.	Triangle Chemical Co./Revere Seed Update	Paul Holland/ Bryan Olivi
3:30 P.M.	Chemical Dynamics Update	Nick Thompson
3:40 P.M.	Miss. Soybean Promotion Board	Dr. Jason Krutz
3:50 P.M.	Valent Update	Ben Meriweather
4:00 P.M.	Nichino Update	Byrne Carpenter
4:10 P.M.	N Management & Optimizing Corn Profitability	Dr. Erick Larson
4:30 P.M.	VIVE Crop Protection Update	Jeremy Watts

4:40 P.M.	Waters Ag Update	James McCollum
4:50 P.M.	Helena Curry	Trey Curry
5:00 P.M.	MACA Annual Business Meeting	ALL VOTING MEMBERS

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Session IV: Jackson Cowart, MACA Director, Moderating

8:00 A.M.	Plant Disease Update	Dr. Tessie Wilkerson
8:25 A.M.	Farm Smarter Platform	Aaron Beatty
8:35 A.M.	Plant Diseases in Miss. Row Crops	Dr. Tom Allen
9:05 A.M.	MDAC - Bureau of Plant Industry	Randy Boyle, BPI
9:25 A.M.	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Dr. Tom Eubanks
9:35 A.M.	Current Insect Issues	Dr. Don Cook
10:00 A.M.	BREAK	

Session V: Justin George, MACA Director, Moderating

10:15 A.M.	Insect Management	Dr. Tyler Towles
10:40 A.M.	Progeny Seed Update	Winn Roark
11:50 A.M.	Daily Ag Products Update	Bo Kennedy/David Daily
11:00 A.M.	Fertility Management in Row Crops	Dr. Corey Bryant
11:25 A.M.	Miss. Crop Insect Update	Dr. Whitney Crow
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH	

Session VI: Andy Tonos, 2026-2028 MACA President

1:00 P.M.	Farm Policy Update	Dr. Chad Brewer
1:30 P.M.	Cotton Production in Mississippi	Will Rutland
2:00 P.M.	Health Insurance for Private Consultants	Allan Hudson
2:30 P.M.	Miss. Corn Promotion Board	MCPB Member
2:40 P.M.	Miss. Pesticide Safety Education	Gene Merkl
3:00 P.M.	Miss. Soybean Production	Dr. Justin Calhoun
3:30 P.M.	Rice Production Update	Dr. Will Eubank
4:00 P.M.	RECERTIFICATION/LICENSE RENEWAL	ALL VOTING MEMBERS