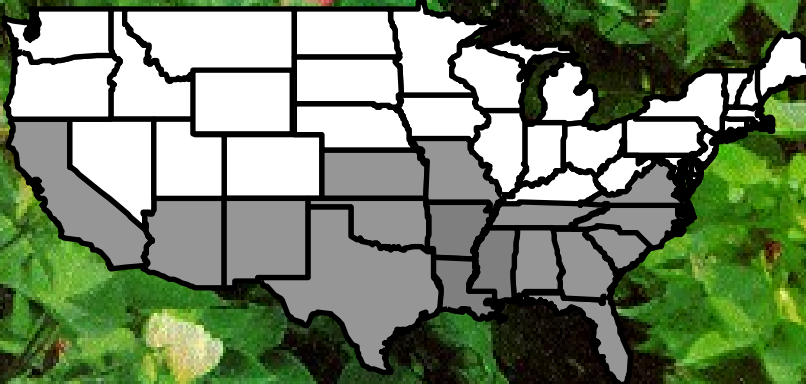


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Technology Conference 2026
Marksville, LA**

**“On Boarding for New/Young Agricultural
Professionals”
LAMTC Pre-Conference**

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Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association - LACA

- **LA's Professional Organization - (Not In All States)**
- **Recognized by LA Government (LDAF / LSU / LFBBF / Commodity Groups / US-EPA)**
- **Certification / Licensing**
- **Continuing Education (Annual Mtg)**

LACA

- **Mission Statement:**

“The LACA is the association of a group of individual companies. Each company is independently owned & through LACA works together toward a common goal: to provide clients with the best information to a bountiful and profitable crop.”

LACA

- **Qualified Membership –**

- **Independent /Non-Biased**

Full Member (Summary): (a) is an **independent ag consultant** who provides recommendations and/or data for a fee that is itemized and billed to clients; and who **receives no compensation from a client's purchase or application of products** based on those recommendations and/or data, and further, if compensated as an employee, whose compensation is not subsidized or supplemented by any portion of the employer's revenue which is derived from the sale, distribution, transfer, or application of products, and (b) possesses a **four (4)-year college degree** in an appropriate field of study; and (c) has had a minimum of **one year of experience** as an independent agricultural consultant, (d) is **currently certified as an agricultural consultant working with or under a valid license**, (e) has **completed an application for membership to the LACA Exec. Board**, and (f) has agreed with the objectives of LACA, and (g) has agreed in writing to **conform to the Code of Ethics of LACA**.

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• Qualified Membership

- **Associate Member (Summary)**: Associate Member: (a) **meets all requirements of “Full Member” with the exception of certification** by LDAF; (b) is **actively pursuing statutory certification**, and (c) has been nominated by a Full Member in good standing by written submission to the LACA Exec. Board.
- **Affiliate Member (Summary)**: (a) has **demonstrated support for the profession of agricultural consulting** and an interest in assisting LACA; and (b) **possesses competent technical knowledge** in one or more agricultural disciplines; and (c) has been nominated by a Full Member.
- **Sustaining Member (Summary)**: A **for-profit firm or association**, or individual that wishes to encourage and **support the goals and activities of LACA**.

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Organizational Structure (summary)

- **Executive Director****
- **Executive Board**
 - **President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors (North/ South), Board Liaisons (LSU AgCenter, Allied Industry)**
- **Committees**
 - **Internal, Allied Industry, Finance / Audit, Governmental Affairs, Membership, Nominating, Scholarship, LATMC Planning**

LACA

- **Membership Value:**
 - Professionalism
 - Networking for Recommendation Support
 - Continuing Education – Required for Re-certification over a three-year period
 - Representation with LDAF / LSU AgCenter / Industry
 - Consolidated Voice with State and Federal Governments

**At the end of the day, being
a member of LACA can
make you a better
consultant !!**





Some days all you can do is smile and wait for some kind soul to come pull your ass out of the bind you've gotten yourself into.