



# NAICCC



# Your Voice in Washington DC



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**I've been asked to give you a brief overview of NAICC, the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants, which consists of independent consultants and contract researchers across the U.S., and now the world.**

**NAICC was founded in 1978 by a very small group of independent consultants who saw the need for a unified forum for the sustainability of agriculture. NAICC is the national society of agricultural professionals who provide research and advisory services to clients for a fee. The 700+ members work from bases in 40 states and several foreign countries, and have expertise in the production of most crops grown around the world. NAICC exists to serve its members and their clients.**

**I'd like to focus on one of the many committees NAICC has, probably the hardest working and most effective committee, Governmental Affairs.**

# What can NAICC do for its crop consultant members?

- About 12 years ago the Executive Board of NAICC set goals of how it can serve its members best.
- It was determined that one of the greatest things NAICC does for its members is to continue our efforts in DC through Hill visits and the Crawfish Boil on the Hill.
- The Board decided to increase our footprint in government affairs by hiring a liaison to keep us up to date on issues affecting our members and their clients. The late Glen Luedke served as liaison, as well as FMC's Rick Kesler, and now Keith???



# NAICC's Governmental Affairs Committee's (GAC) Role

- To support our members' needs and interests in federal policy and regulation
- To promote our independence as an unbiased source of information for agriculture





Shown here some of the NAICC GAC members, including James Todd of Todd's Ag Consulting in Plainview, TX who services as Chair (middle).

LACA's own Blaine Viator and Rogers Leonard are currently serving on the NAICC GAC consultant subcommittee as state liaisons for Louisiana. Rogers is LACA's GAC Chair, and Blaine serves as a GAC member for LACA with several others. Rogers and Blaine have both been very active on this committee having worked alongside legislators and others to squash bills that would have been detrimental to the consulting profession, as well as other professions.

# Who do we talk to in DC?



- Representatives, Senators and their staff
- House and Senate Ag Committee members & staff
- EPA
- USDA
- Commodity groups
- NASDA (National Association of State Department of Agriculture)

# How else is NAICC involved in government affairs?



Submit comments to  
EPA

Pesticide Labeling  
Worker Protection  
Certified Applicator



Weekly PPC calls to monitor for upcoming  
issues that affect our membership



TEAMS meetings with agencies on pending  
issues to submit NAICC's perspective



Keep membership up to date through  
newsletter and email blasts

# GAC Issues in 2025

- Endangered Species Act and Biological Evaluations of Pesticides for Registration Review (ESA)
- Farm Bill
- NRCS-TSP



# NAICC is continuing a Legacy!



"If every NAICC member knew their congressman and at least one of their senators personally, we could move mountains. I don't know a group better qualified to lend a helping hand on Ag issues than NAICC."

*Mr. Ray Young*

# National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants

**Please join us in helping to sustain agriculture!  
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