

60th Annual
**GEORGIA PECAN GROWERS
ASSOCIATION**

*Educational Conference & Trade Show
Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
March 25-27, 2025*

GEORGIA
Pecans





Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Educational Sessions Agenda

Moderators: Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture & Andrew Sawyer, Southeast Georgia Area Pecan Agent, UGA Extension

- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
- 8:35 a.m. **APC & APPB Marketing Results**
Anne Warden, CEO
- 8:55 a.m. **Update from GACCP**
R.G. Lamar, Chairman
- 9:10 a.m. **Use of Drones and Precision Ag Techniques in Pecan Production**
Luan Oliviera, UGA Horticulture
- 9:30 a.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**
- 9:55 a.m. **Grower Panel: What is the Pecan PAC?**
Marianne Brown, Trent Mason, Arren Moses, Buck Paulk, Bryan Peters
- 10:25 p.m. **Lessons Learned From 39 Years of Pecan Disease Research**
Dr. Tim Brenneman, UGA Plant Pathologist
- 10:45 a.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**
- 11:15 a.m. **Update From the UGA Pecan Breeding Program**
Dr. Patrick Conner, UGA Plant Breeding
- 11:35 a.m. **Effect of Tree Height and Spray Volume on Aphid Management**
Dr. Ted Cottrell, USDA-ARS
- 12:00 p.m. **Annual Awards Luncheon**
Introduction of GPGA Board Members and Officers, Presentation of Annual Awards & Scholarships
- 1:30 p.m. **Grower Panel: Where Do We Go From Here?**
Scott Hudson, Justin Jones, Buck Paulk

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2:30 p.m. **A New Understanding of Pecan Tree Water Use in Georgia**
Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture

2:50 p.m. **Evolution of the Grocery Shopping Experience**
Beau Hayden, VP Strategic Intelligence, Retail & Exports Dairy Management Inc.

3:10 p.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**

3:30 p.m. **Update on Pecan Pest Management Research at UGA**
Dr. Apurba Barman, UGA Entomology

3:50 p.m. **Update on Using Microbial Mgents to Control Pecan Pests**
Dr. David Shapiro, USDA/ARS

Notes:

Exhibitor Directory

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Ag Chemical & Fertilizer

- 50 Able Ag Solutions
- 4 Ag Nutrients
- 32 BASF
- 25 Bayer CropScience
- 35 Brandt Consolidated
- 46 FMC
- 37 Haifa North America
- 44 ICL
- 11 KeyPlex
- 48 Magna-Bon II, LLC
- 13 Merica Agro, Inc.
- 54 Miller Chemical & Fertilizer
- 34 Nutrien Ag Solutions
- 61 Orcal
- 29 Plant Food Systems
- 9 Quest Products
- 52 R.W. Griffin Industries
- 58 Summit Gold, Inc.
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- 56 TRC Partners
- 2 Triangle Chemical Company
- 14 TriEst Ag Group
- 20 UPL NA
- 63 Valent

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- 42 Cady Bag Company
- 38 ePac Flexibles
- 19 Gulf Coast Bag, Inc.
- 10 Holiday Tins & Containers

Equipment

- 36 AMVT LLC
- 72 Atlantic & Southern Equipment LLC
- 75 Bergen Ag Innovations
- 60 Big John Mfg
- 53 Blueline Dryers
- 71 Chemical Containers
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- 67 Flint Ag & Turf
- 70 Lasseter Tractor Company
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- 49 Pecan Nut Busters
- 39 Pecan Pro LLC
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- 73 Tidewater Equipment Company
- 67 TOL Incorporated
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- 21 USDA FSA
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- 51 Apollo Pecan Nursery
- 33 Georgia Pecan Nursery
- 12 Shiloh Pecan Nursery
- 5 Vann Farms Pecan Nursery

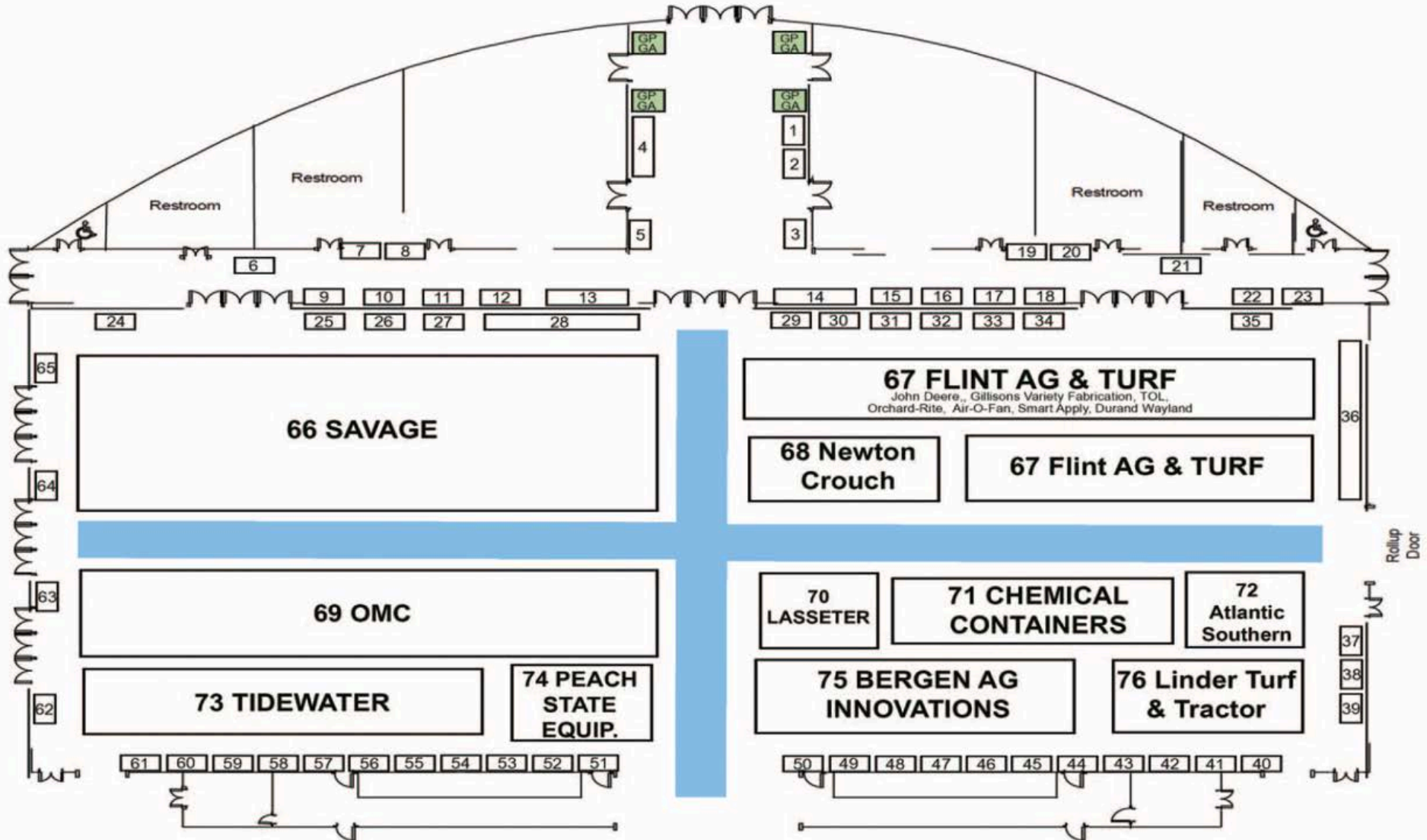
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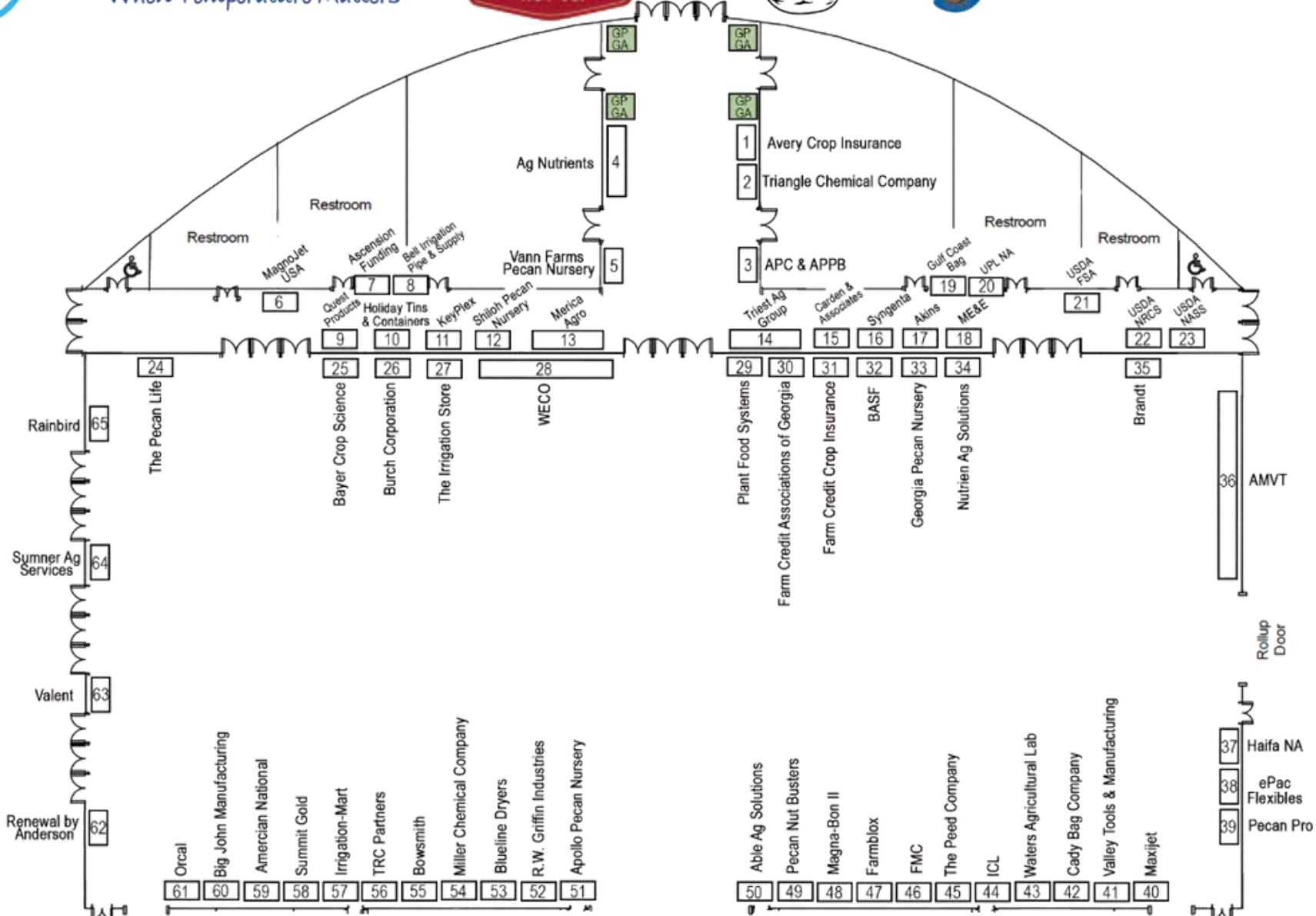
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Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
No lunch to be provided



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Take N Gate Rd to GA-224 W

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- ↑ 4. Continue onto N Gate Rd 0.1 mi

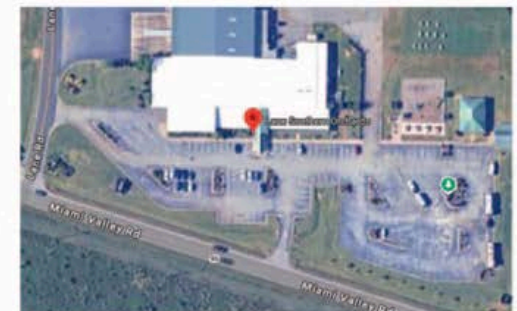
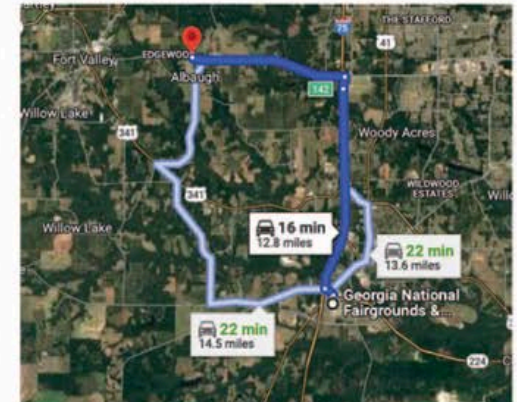
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- ↘ 7. Take exit 142 for GA-96 toward Housers Mill Road 6.6 mi

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The National Pecan Federation's 'Political Action Committee'

What does the National Pecan Federation (NPF) do?

The NPF advocates for the pecan industry in Washington, D.C. Advocacy can take various forms and often begins with the education of key policymakers about the industry's concerns and, depending on the issue, may involve partnering with other agricultural organizations or state governmental entities. A well-funded PAC is essential to ensuring that the voice of the Pecan Industry is heard on Capitol Hill.

What has NPF accomplished?

1. Lowered India tariffs on U.S. pecan exports
2. Secured \$146 per acre tariff mitigation paid to growers
3. Worked to establish current import assessment program at U.S. Customs
4. Obtained millions in funding for cracking and pasteurization research
5. Procured millions in funding for pecan breeding research
6. Reformed pecan crop insurance
7. Secured pecan participation in economic stimulus programs
8. Procured USDA pecan purchases for feeding programs
9. Secured pecan disaster assistance for the 2023 and 2024 crops

What are NPF current priorities?

1. Improve federal pecan crop insurance and tree loss insurance
2. Improve the Tree Assistance Program (TAP)
3. Continue funding for processing and breeding research
4. Continue funding for nutrition research
5. Secure pecan economic assistance
7. Acquire PQ code for inshell pecans in India
8. Capitalize the Farm Bill for pecan priorities.

To have a successful advocacy program, the industry must have a political action committee. The Pecan PAC can accept contributions from individuals, partnerships, or LLCs. Contributions are limited to \$5000 per person per calendar year. Please send contributions to the address below or scan QR code to pay with credit card or bank transfer:



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