

61st Annual
**GEORGIA PECAN GROWERS
ASSOCIATION**

*Educational Conference & Trade Show
Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
March 31 - April 1, 2026*

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Wednesday, April 1, 2026
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. **Update from APC & APPB**
Serena Schaffner, Chief Marketing Officer and Bailey Segars, Senior Manager of Industry Relations, APC & APPB
- 8:55 a.m. **Growing Your Pecan Business Online: Practical Tips for Quick Wins**
Carl Sanders, Associate Director of Digital, APC/APPB
- 9:15 a.m. **Advancing Post-Harvest Processing: Integrating Computer Vision and IoT for Pecan Yield Optimization**
Dr. Seyed Alireza Vaezi, UGA, Engineering
- 9:35 a.m. **Use of Drones and Precision Ag Techniques in Pecan Production**
Dr. Luan Oliveira, UGA Horticulture
- 9:55 a.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**
- 10:25 a.m. **National Pecan Federation (NPF) and Pecan Political Action Committee (PAC) Panel**
Marianne Brown, Justin Jones, Buck Paulk, Arren Moses, Larry Don Womack
- 11:20 p.m. **Golding: A New UGA Pecan Cultivar with Outstanding Quality**
Dr. Patrick Conner, UGA Horticulture
- 11:40 a.m. **Evaluating Low-Volume Application for Pecan Aphid Management**
Dr. Ted Cottrell, USDA-ARS
- 12:00 p.m. **Annual Awards Luncheon**

Exhibitor Directory

(Booth numbers at left)

Ag Chemical & Fertilizer

- 34 Able Ag Solutions
- 4 Ag Nutrients
- 39 Agrosil Chemical Company
- 55 BASF
- 27 Bayer CropScience
- 41 Haifa North America
- 59 ICL
- 32 JH Biotech
- 9 Magna-Bon II, LLC
- 15 Merica Agro, Inc.
- 45 Miller Chemical & Fertilizer
- 18 Nutrien Ag Solutions
- 29 Plant Food Systems
- 13 Quest Products
- 20 R.W. Griffin Industries
- 51 Summit Gold, Inc.
- 53 Syngenta
- 56 TRC Partners
- 2 Triangle Chemical Company
- 16 TriEst Ag Group
- 47 UPL, NA
- 61 Valent
- 49 VM Agritech

Bags & Packaging

- 19 Cady Bag Company
- 44 Gulf Coast Bag, Inc.
- 52 Holiday Tins & Containers
- 37 Niverplast

Equipment

- 69 ACI Distributors
- 35 AMVT LLC
- 14 Agro Industrias
- 68 Atlantic & Southern Equipment LLC
- 71 Bergen Ag Innovations
- 58 Big John Mfg
- 67 Chemical Containers
- 23 Cherokee Manufacturing
- 64 Durand Wayland
- 64 Flint Ag & Turf
- 11 Jessee Equipment Manufacturing

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Equipment

- 70 Lasseter Tractor Company
- 33 ME&E
- 26 Nolin Steel
- 66 OMC
- 65 Peach State Equipment
- 50 Pecan Nut Busters
- 38 Pecan Pro LLC
- 72 Renewal by Anderson
- 63 Savage Equipment
- 28 WECO The Science of Optical Sorting

Insurance/Finance

- 1 Avery Crop Insurance
- 17 Carden & Associates, Inc.
- 10 Chapman Financial Services
- 30 Farm Credit Associations of Georgia
- 40 Oakbridge Insurance Agency, LLC
- 54 Sumner Ag Services Inc.

Irrigation

- 43 Bell Irrigation
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- 12 Maxijet
- 25 Rain Bird Corporation
- 31 The Irrigation Store
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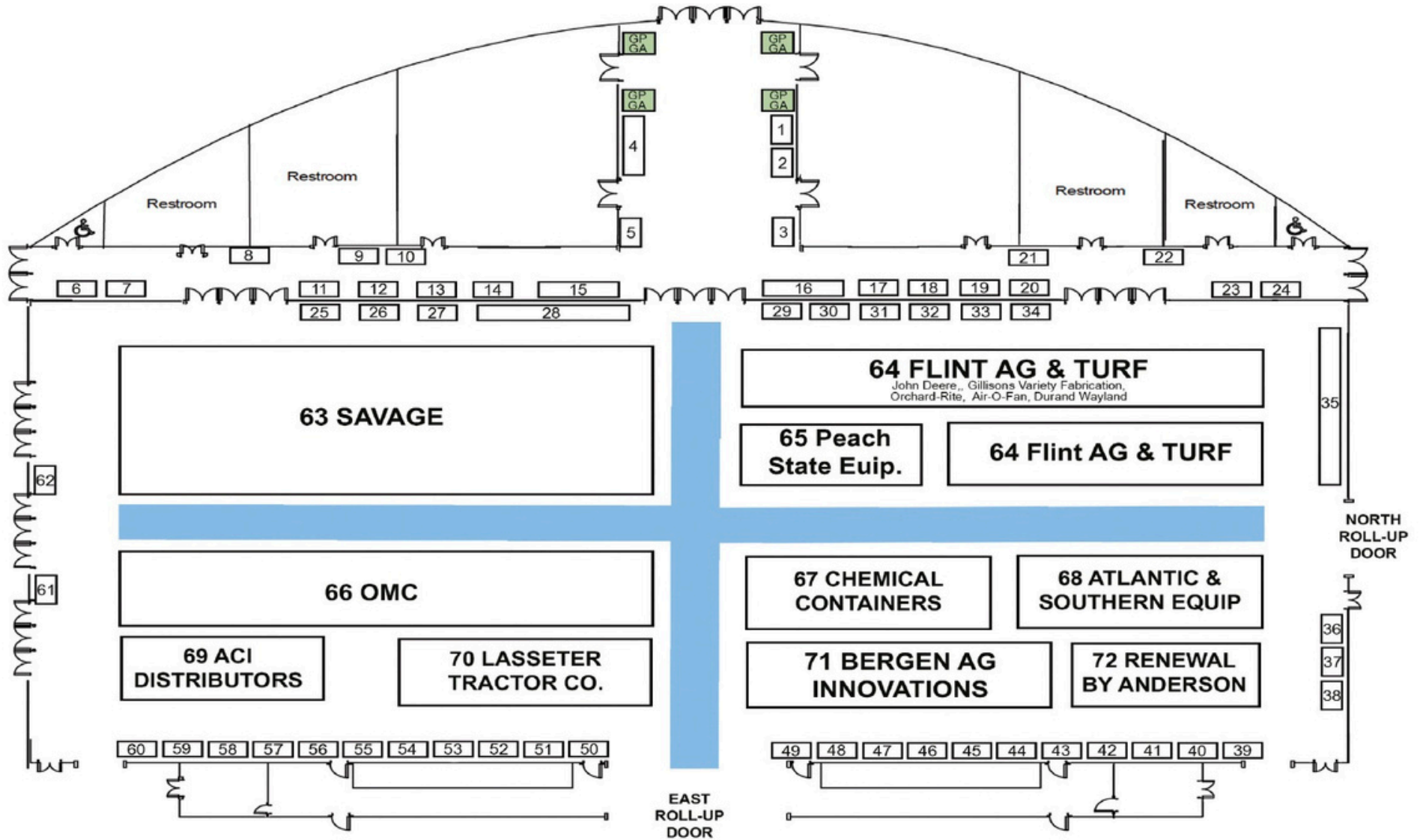
Other

- 24 Ag-Tronix
- 3 APC & APPB
- 60 EcoGaard
- 36 JEP Solutions, LLC
- 5 Southern Roots Nut Company
- 62 The Pecan Life
- 21 Transworld Shipping
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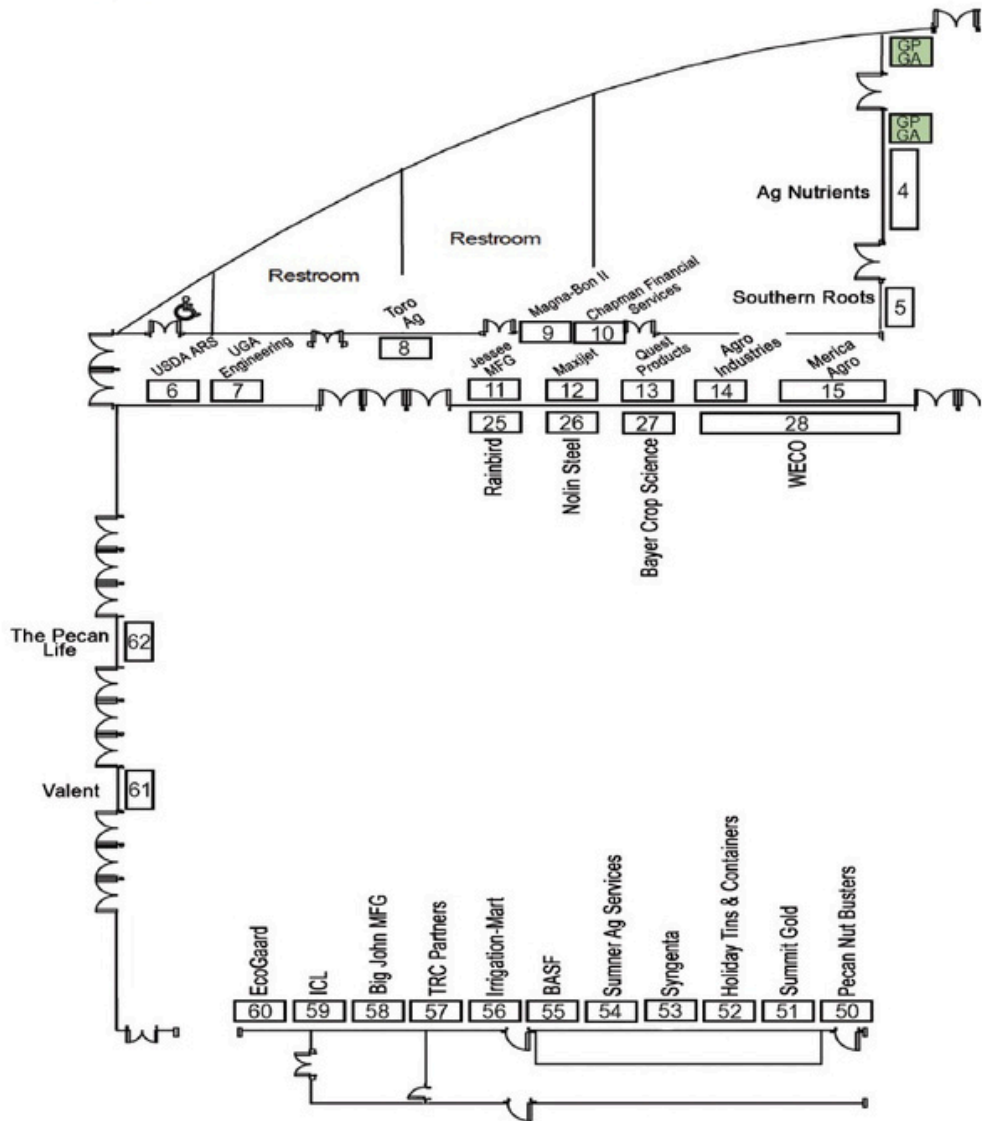
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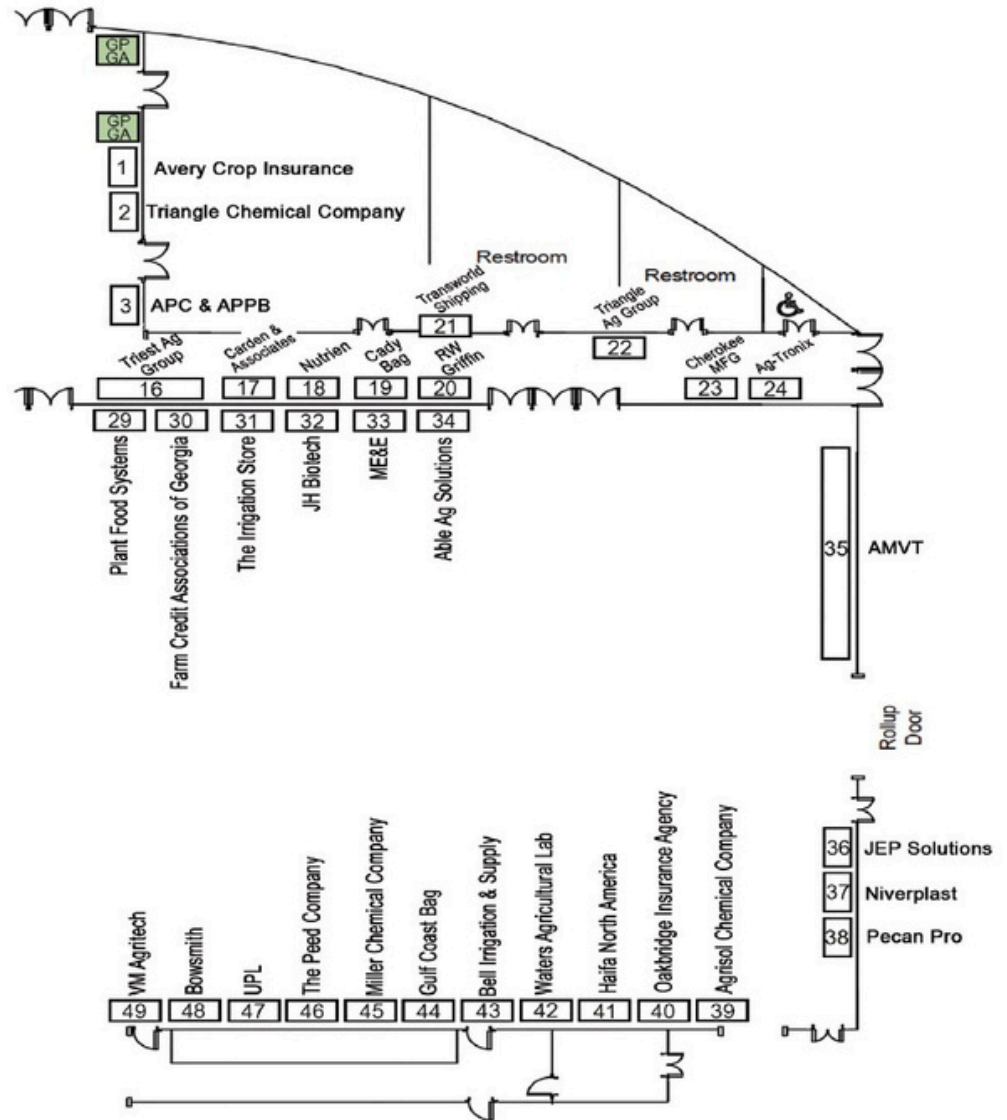
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The National Pecan Federation's 'Political Action Committee'

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.

What has NPF accomplished?

1. Lowered India tariffs on U.S. Pecan exports
2. Secured tariff mitigation payments for growers
3. Secured federal disaster assistance and block grant programs for pecan growers following hurricanes.
4. Research and Promotion authority to assess imported pecans expected to generate additional marketing and research funding.
5. Worked to establish current import assessment program at U.S. Customs including reducing expenses for the pecan industry.
6. Millions in funding for cracking and pasteurization research
7. Millions in funding for pecan breeding research
8. Pecan Crop Insurance reforms
9. Pecan Participation in economic assistance programs
10. USDA pecan purchases for feeding programs

What are NPF current priorities?

1. Additional federal purchases of pecans.
2. Assure USMCA Review addresses pecan trade interests.
3. Prioritize U.S.-India trade policies and other countries' policies that encourage commerce with the U.S. pecan industry.
4. Pecan Economic Assistance
5. Processing and breeding research continued funding
6. Improvements to Federal Pecan Crop Insurance and Tree Loss Insurance
7. Assure Farm Bill 2.0 addresses pecan industry concerns.

PECAN PAC is the pecan industry's political action committee. PECAN PAC supports federal political candidates who advocate for issues of importance to production agriculture and Rural America. PECAN PAC is an essential part of the NPF and pecan industry's advocacy program.

To have a successful advocacy program, the pecan 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 year. Please send contributions to address below or by scanning the QR code:

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