

## Benefits of NYSACAA Membership



**Representation:** NYSACAA meets annually with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Cornell Cooperative Extension administration to address issues of our members.

**Visibility:** NYSACAA meets annually with representatives of the State Legislature and agricultural organizations to strengthen linkages between Extension and our representatives.

**Awards:** We offer peer reviewed awards in 29 areas at the State, Regional and National levels.

Members may author posters or present seminars at the National meeting.

**Open Communication:** Meeting minutes, descriptions of activities, etc are available to all members on our website and through "Clippings."

**NACAA:** Full membership in NYSACAA includes membership in the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA).

## Professional Improvement Opportunities

- **Scholarships** are awarded each year to members for professional improvement such as credit and non-credit courses, seminars, and tours, for up to \$2,000.
- **Training opportunities** at the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC). There were over 80 topics presented in Buffalo.
- **Professional development tours and seminars** throughout the year such as: the RISE Horticulture/Turfgrass Study Tour, the Pre-AM/PIC Livestock Tour, and the NASA Remote Sensing and GIS Decision Support.
- **Recognition** for outstanding work in Communications, Public Relations, Agronomy, Agricultural Economics, Animal Science, Natural Resources, Horticulture, Aquaculture, and 4-H Youth.

## Publications

*The County Agent* is the official publication of NACAA. Members receive information for professional improvement, news of association activities, shared education efforts from other states, and reports from NACAA leadership, committees and member states. The Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference proceedings are published each year.

NACAA is on the World Wide Web with the latest information and the opportunity to communicate with the leadership. The web site is: <http://www.nacaa.com>

NYS has a *Clippings* newsletter to let our members know what the Board of Directors are doing.

## Why Attend the Annual Meeting Professional Improvement Conference

The NACAA AM/PIC is unique in integrating specific technical information into extension work.

Award winners from throughout the Nation present their projects for you to learn about and try in your programs. Tours teach you about other states agricultural industries, and issues.

## To Join NYSACAA

For more information go to our web site  
[hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/nysacaa/nysacaa.html](https://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/nysacaa/nysacaa.html)

"Over the years I have been to 3 AM/PIC meetings, and 2 JCEP meetings. I am completely amazed at the dedication and professionalism in the National organization.

As your State President in 2005, I have seen first hand the universal respect for Cornell Cooperative Extension and its agricultural staff. It has been a pleasure representing this organization to our legislature and agricultural organizations.

Your input and support remains crucial to our continued success."

Anita Deming

"I have attended several NACAA meetings during my 14 year career with Extension. Each time I attend, the professional education seminars are great. These seminars give me new ideas for my programming. Also the informal networking is very valuable. This networking gives me insight on other State Extension Systems, the national picture of agriculture and local agricultural challenges."

Les Hulcoop

**Full membership** is for Extension Agents, Educators, Specialists, and Faculty with 50% or more Extension responsibility.

Full membership dues are \$80 annually, \$65 of which goes to pay national (NACAA) dues.

First-time members may join NYSACAA for only \$65.

**Affiliate membership** is for extension employees who assist in agricultural educational programs or perform diagnostic services in agriculture. This includes program aides, assistants, technicians, diagnosticians, or other "para-professionals." Affiliates may be part-time or full-time.

The cost of affiliate membership is \$15.

**Associate membership** is for people who are members of other professional organizations. They may become associate members with NYSACCA in order to facilitate communication among professional organizations. The cost of associate membership is \$15 annually.

**Life Membership** is for former members of this association who have left extension, but choose to remain involved in our mission.



## New York State Association of County Agricultural Agents NYSACAA

### Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

Promote the professional improvement of members;

Elevate professional standing of members;

Promote the general welfare of members of the Association; and

Develop and promote a spirit of good fellowship and understanding among members.

We affiliate with the National Association of County Agricultural Agents