

**MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRY COUNCIL'S**



65th ANNUAL CONVENTION

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
MISSISSIPPI SEEDSMEN'S
ASSOCIATION**



**JULY 21 – JULY 24, 2026
PERDIDO BEACH RESORT HOTEL
ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA**

**MAIC OFFICERS
2026-2027**

Peyton Fiser	President
Andrew Wicker	First Vice-President
Clay Gholston	Second Vice-President
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Bill Long	Secretary - Treasurer

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Clint Turman	2028
Patrick Woods	Past President
Hugh Beckham	Advisory Director

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mike Blouin*	1960
W.F. "Bill" Harris*	1962
W.L. Ashley*	1963
R.H. Fisackerly*	1964
John T. Caldwell*	1965
Jack Weber*	1966
Lowell Hamilton*	1967
James Woodall*	
1968	
Tom Cook*	1969
W.M. Hemeter*	1970
Jerry Clower* (filled unexpired term)	1970
Jerry Clower*	1971
Dwight L. Wesley, Jr.*	1972
Don Ford*	1973
Ted Chesire*	1974
Bob Daniels*	1975
Sam Pittman	1976
William E. Byrd*	1977
Jerry Hovas*	1978
John Taylor*	1979
Tommie Burchfield*	1980
Tommy Kennedy*	1981
Bill Geddie*	1982
Dr. W.R. Thompson, Jr.*	1983
James C. Johnson*	1984
Ralph Kahlor*	1985
Jim Stanard	1986
Sam Newsom	1987
Joy McDonald*	1988
Bo Von Kanel*	1989

Jim Magness	1990
Tom James	1991
Jack Clayton	1992
Ben Meriweather*	1993
Karl Underwood*	1994
James Burgess	1995
Bill Long	1996
Wade Stewart	1997
Bubba Burnside*	1998
Kerry Saylor*	1999
Mike Ellis	2000
Donny Whitten	2001
Jonny Spivey	2002
Ned Darbonne	2003
Abby Taylor	2004
Joe Camp	2005
Keylon Gholston	2006
Mike Powell	2007
Mark Brewer	2008
Brett Dixon	2009
David Hodges	2010
Pat Woods	2011
Gill Corban	2012
Ward Bloodworth	2013
Dr. Larry Walton	2014
Hugh Beckham	2015
Cole Gholston	2016
Trey Koger	2017
David Cummins	2018
Dr. Tim Walker	2019
Ben Meriweather, IV	2020-2021
Stephen Walker	2022
Brent Gholston	2023
Bart Bevill	2024
Patrick Woods	2025

*Deceased



MISSISSIPPI SEEDSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MSA OFFICERS 2026-2027

Scott Cummings	President
Justin Green	1 st Vice President
Tom Baugh	2 nd Vice President
Richard Taylor	Secretary/Treasurer

DIRECTORS

Phillip Woods
Scott Horton
Matthew Herndon
Chase Pearson
Joseph Cummins
James Locke

CONVENTION AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 A.M. ROW CROP UPDATE
(Grand Reef)
- 1:00-3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
(Night Reef)
- T-SHIRT DISTRIBUTION
Sponsored by BASF

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- 8:00 A.M. OPENING SESSION
(Grand Reef)
- Presiding:
Mr. Peyton Fiser
MAIC President
- Invocation
Announcements
Necrology Report
- 8:10 A.M. Scott Cummings
President, MSA
- 8:20 A.M. MSU Graduate Student
Awards
- 8:40 A.M. Madison Dixon

CONVENTION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00 A.M. Mike McCormick
President MS Farm Bureau

9:30 A.M. BREAK

9:40 A.M. Cattle Markets
Robbie Russell

10:40 A.M. MAIC Foundation Panel

ADJORN

1:00-3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
(Lobby Level)

T-SHIRT DISTRIBUTION
Sponsored by BASF

2:00-4:30 P.M. GRADUATE STUDENT MIXER
QUIZ BOWL
(Sand Castle I & II)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

7:30 A.M. REGISTRATION
(Lobby Level)

CONVENTION AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 23

7:30 A.M. GENERAL SESSION
(Salon ABCD)

Presiding:
Mr. Andrew Wicker
MAIC First Vice-President

Invocation

7:40 A.M. Blockchain AI Procurement
Daniel Booth
Chief Operating Officer of
Straight Line Logistics

8:15 A.M. EPA Updates
Turner Bridgforth
Senior Advisor for Agriculture &
Rural Affairs to the Director of EPA

9:45 A.M. ADJOURN

FRIDAY, JULY 24

7:30 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION
(Salon ABC)

Presiding:
Peyton Fiser
MAIC President

CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 24

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing

Awards

Constitution & By-Laws

Convention

Education

Entertainment

Finance

Land, Air, & Water

Legislative

Life Membership

Man of the Year

Membership

Necrology

Program

Publicity

Resolutions

Scholarship

Welcome

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Comments – Mr. Andrew Wicker

Incoming President

Presentation of President's Plaque

Other Business

Announcement

8:30 A.M.

MAIC BOARD MEETING

(Boardroom)

ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, JULY 21

12:00 PM – 11:00 P.M. BABYSITTING &
GAMEROOM
(Night Reef I & II)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM – 11:00 P.M. BABYSITTING &
GAMEROOM
(Night Reef I & II)

- All children must have MAIC wristbands to participate.
- Parents are responsible for their children's lunch.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM FREE ICE CREAM
Sponsored by Loveland
(Lobby Level)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM YOUTH PIZZA PARTY
(Night Reef I & II)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM MS SEEDSMEN'S ASSN.
RECEPTION & HORS
D'OEUVRES
(Grand Ballroom)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00 AM – 11:00 P.M. BABYSITTING &
GAMEROOM
(Night Reef I & II)

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THURSDAY, JULY 23

- 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. LADIES BRUNCH
(Sandcastle I & II)
- 10:45 A.M. GOLF AT COTTON CREEK
Lunch at Craft Farms
- 11:30 A.M. FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE
Shotgun Start
- 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. CHILDREN'S BUFFET
(Night Reef I & II)
- 6:00 P.M. – 6:45 P.M. PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
Silent Auction for MSU
Scholarship
(Grand Ballroom)
- 6:45 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. BANQUET
- Live Auction for MSU
Scholarship
- 8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. LIVE BAND
Joe Austin & The Tallahatchies

MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL TRIVIA

In 1960, the First Annual Convention was held August 25th – 27th at the Hotel Buena Vista in Biloxi, Mississippi, with Mike Blouin presiding at the General Session.

The name of the organization was Mississippi Soil Fertility & Plant Food Council.

G.A. Trigs was the first Secretary/Treasurer until 1963.

Bill Harris was President in 1962.

In 1963, the name was changed to Mississippi Plant Food Council.

In 1970, the name was changed to Mississippi Agricultural Chemicals Council.

In 1994, the convention was moved to Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama.

In 1999, the name was changed to Mississippi Agricultural Industry Council, with Kerry Saylor serving as President.

As of 2025, MAIC has funded 6 scholarships benefiting undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Mississippi State University

FUTURE CONVENTION DATES:

MS Seedsmen's Association

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MAIC

July 20, 2027

34th Year at Perdido Beach Resort

67th Annual Convention

www.maicms.org

Emergency Contact

Bill Long

662-299-0775

In the case of an emergency, please contact Perdido Beach Resort at 251-981-9811.

If you have a medical emergency, please call 911.

The nearest hospital is:

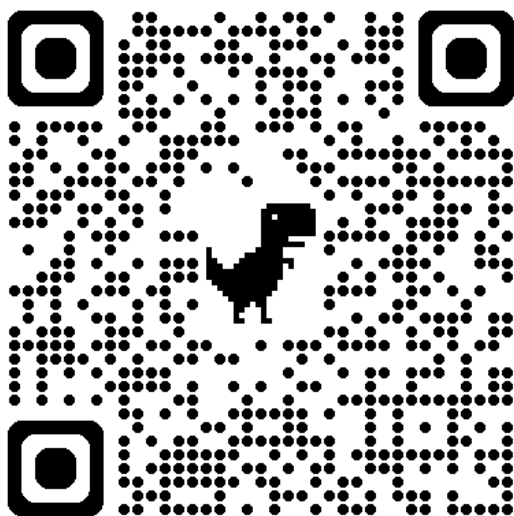
South Baldwin Regional Medical Center

1613 North McKenzie Street

Foley, AL 36535

251-949-3400

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