

**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
Dr. Darrin Dodds	Executive Vice-President
Bill Long	Secretary - Treasurer

DIRECTORS

Lewis Buford	2026
Taylor Cauthen	2026
Christopher Whatley	2026
Bryson Whitmon	2027
Dane DeWeese	2027
Briley Tomlinson	2027
Jonathan Fortner	2028
Tanner Peugh	2028
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 Saylors*	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

MAIC 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **MAIC-Robert H. McCarty Endowed**
Layton Varner – Agribusiness
- **MAIC-Woody Woodson Endowed**
Kylie Graves – Agribusiness
- **MAIC Butch Alpe Endowed**
Lance Jenkins – Agricultural Engineering Technology & Business
- **MAIC Joe Hardy Endowed**
Laynie Dodson – Agricultural Education, Leadership, & Communication
- **James Allan Rovig Jr. Outstanding Graduate Student in Plant & Soil Sciences**
Tanner King – Plant & Soil Sciences
- **Dept. of Agricultural Science & Plant Protection Graduate Student Scholarship**
Brett Farmer – Life Sciences
- **MAIC-Pat & Gracie Woods Family Excellence Graduate Endowment**
Paul O'Neal – Agronomy

MSA 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **Jamie Taylor Endowed Scholarship**
Macey Irby – Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communication
Austin Howell – Agricultural Engineering, Technology and Business
Abigail Wilson – Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communication
- **Ted Cheshire Endowed Scholarship**
Jamareon Reed – Agribusiness
Ariana Neal – Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communication

CONVENTION AGENDA

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TUESDAY, JULY 21

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| 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

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| 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
MSU Ag Autonomy Institute
Associate Director |

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00 A.M. Justin Ferguson
MS Farm Bureau
National Affairs Coordinator

9:30 A.M. BREAK

9:40 A.M. John Campbell
Southern Crop Production
Association
Director of State Affairs

10:10 A.M. Robbie Russell
Cattle & Hog Markets

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)

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THURSDAY, JULY 23

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

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

Presiding:
Mr. Andrew Wicker
MAIC First Vice-President

Invocation

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

8:45 A.M. MAIC Foundation Panel

9:45 A.M. ADJOURN

FRIDAY, JULY 24

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

Presiding:
Peyton Fiser
MAIC President

CONVENTION AGENDA

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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

THURSDAY, JULY 23

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.

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

LADIES BRUNCH

Sponsored by Buzz Cellars

(Salon EFG&H)

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

2026 MAIC CONTRIBUTORS

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DIAMOND

(\$5,000 AND OVER)

BASF

Bayer

Corteva Agriscience/Pioneer Hi-Bred International

Simplot

Syngenta

PLATINUM

(\$2,500 - \$4,999)

AgTank Solutions

Albaugh

Hays-LTI

Helena Agri-Enterprises

MacroSource Fertilizer

Nutrien

UPL

Valent

The Wax Company

GOLD

(\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Adams Fertilizer Equipment

Brandt

Daily Ag Products

FMC

Gowan

Greenpoint Ag

Horizon Ag

Innvictis

NuFarm

NK Seed

2026 MAIC CONTRIBUTORS

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GOLD CONT'D

Tate County Co-op
Timac Agro
Woods Farm Supply

BRONZE

(\$500 - \$999)

Americot
Anchor Ag Solutions
Carolina Eastern-Pensacola
Cascio
Clay County Co-op
Helm
Inter-Chem
J&J Bagging
KBH
MS Land Bank
Monroe County Co-op
Rice Tec
Stratton Seed
Vive Crop Protection
YARA

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
TBA

MAIC
July 20, 2027
33rd Year at Perdido Beach Resort
66th Annual Convention

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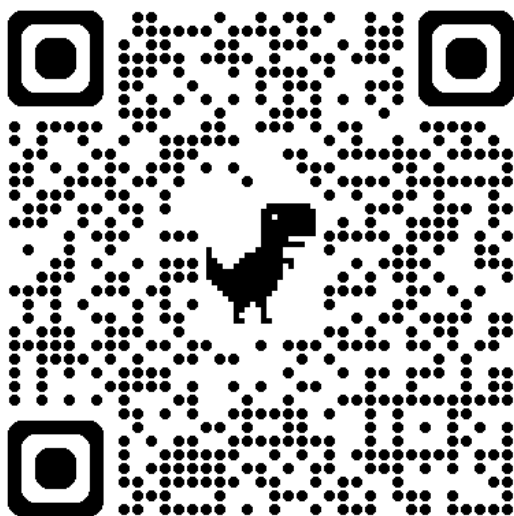
Emergency Contact
Bill Long
662-299-0775

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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