

## **2018 SASES Regional Conference Proposal**

### **University of Nebraska- Lincoln Agronomy Club**

The following outline and information has been compiled by the UNL Agronomy Club for the 2018 Regional SASES Conference. The mission is to organize a conference that can bring people that share the passion of agronomy, soils, and environmental sciences together to learn about Nebraska agriculture, network, and share ideas. This conference was composed to provide attendees with many opportunities to interact with members of other clubs during evening activities along with the chance to learn during interactive breakout sessions led by a wide variety of university and industry professionals.

### **Schedule:**

#### **Thursday**

##### **Earlybird Tours**

- Henry Doorly Zoo
- Morrill Hall

1-4 pm: Check in at Nebraska Innovation Campus

4-5 pm: Tour of Innovation Campus

5:00 pm: Dairy Store Ice Cream and Welcome at Innovation Campus

Tom Field speaker- Engler Entrepreneurship Professor

11:00 am: Tour of the Mead Research Center

7:00 pm: East campus- Tractor Testing Lab & Activity on East Campus Mall

#### **Friday**

7am- 5 pm: Tours

6: 00 pm: Dinner at Champions Club Building & Speaker

7:30 pm: Memorial Stadium tour

7:45 pm-9:30 pm: Movie, games, bubble soccer on city campus practice field

#### **Saturday**

9:00 am: President's Meeting at ENREC near Mead, NE

10:00 am: National Officer Meeting at ENREC near Mead, NE

Breakout sessions: Speakers at ENREC near Mead, NE

Times: 11:30am-1pm, 1pm-2:30pm, 2:30pm-4pm

### Potential Breakout Speakers

Ray Ward- UNL grad who founded Ward Labs

Greg Kruger & sprayer demonstration

NRCS and no-till/rain simulator demonstration

Joan Ruskamp with CommonGround

Mark Kuzila- How they created the soil surveys

Lee Briese- crop consultant and cover crop experience

Tamra Jackson- UNL Plant Pathologist

Bob Kacvinsky- has helped establish agriculture in Honduras and African countries

Jacob Smith with a drone demonstration

Justin McMechan with hail damage simulation and research

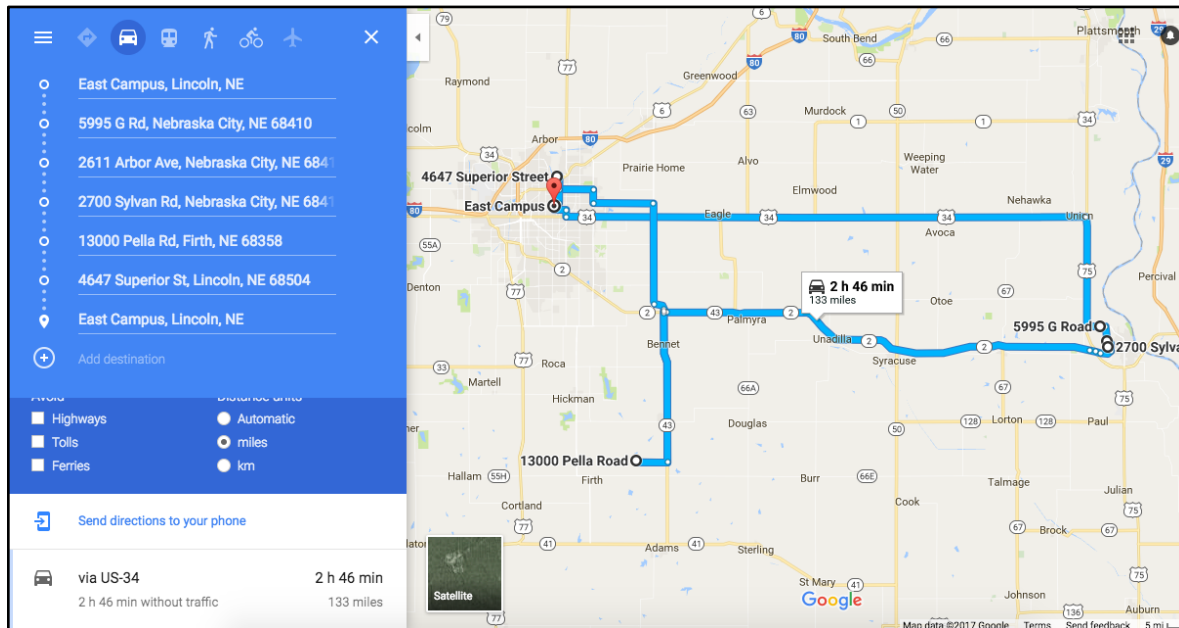
6:00 pm-midnight: Supper & Dance at Pla Mor with live band.

### **Tours:**

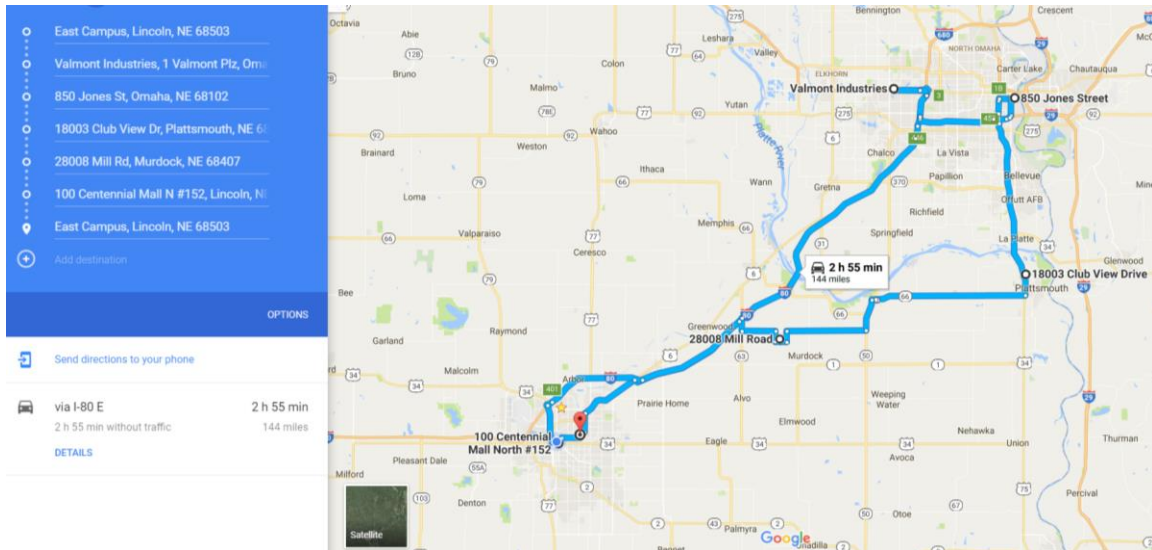
| <b>Tour #1- Southeast</b>   | <b>Tour #2- Omaha</b>  | <b>Tour #3- Wahoo Area</b>  | <b>Tour #4- Omaha</b>  | <b>Tour #5- Central NE</b>  |
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| TRAVEL (7:45-8:45)  | TRAVEL (7:30-8:30)   | TRAVEL (7:00-7:40)  | TRAVEL (7:15-8:30)   | TRAVEL (7:00-8:45)  |
| <b>Kimmel Orchard</b><br>5995 G Rd, Nebraska City, NE 68410<br><br>(8:45-10:00)       | <b>Valmont</b><br>1 Valmont Plz, Omaha, NE 68154<br><br>(8:30-9:30)                      | <b>Bayer Research Facility</b><br>925 Co Rd 378, Beaver Crossing, NE 68313<br><br>(8:40-9:40) | <b>Novozymes</b><br>600 S 1st St, Blair, NE 68008<br><br>(8:30-9:30)                             | <b>CNH America (Grand Island)</b><br>3445 W Stolley Park Rd, Grand Island, NE 68803<br><br>(8:45-10:15) |
| TRAVEL (10:00-10:10)  | TRAVEL (9:30-10:00)  | TRAVEL (9:00-10:00)   | TRAVEL (9:30-10:30)  | TRAVEL (10:15-10:45)  |
| <b>Arbor Day Farm</b><br>2611 Arbor Ave, Nebraska City, NE 68410<br><br>(10:10-11:30) | <b>Harriman Dispatching Center</b><br>850 Jones St, Omaha, NE 68102<br><br>(10:00-10:45) | <b>AltEn Ethanol Plant</b><br>1332, 1340 Co Rd 10, Mead, NE 68041                             | <b>Lauritzen Gardens</b><br>100 Bancroft St, Omaha, NE 68108<br><br>(10:30-12:30 Includes Lunch) | <b>Preferred Popcorn</b><br>1132 9th Rd, Chapman, NE 68827<br><br>(10:45-11:45)                         |
| TRAVEL (11:30-11:40)  | TRAVEL (10:45-11:15)   | TRAVEL/LUNCH (approximately 2 mins)   | TRAVEL (12:30-12:45)   | TRAVEL/LUNCH (11:45-1:00)   |
| <b>LUNCH @ Lied Lodge</b><br>2700 Sylvan Rd<br>Nebraska City, NE 89410                | <b>Midwest Hop Producers</b><br>18003 Club View Dr, Plattsmouth, NE 68048                | <b>Mead Cattle Co.</b><br>1344 County Rd 10, Mead, NE 68041                                   | <b>Syngenta Crop Protection Production</b><br>4111 Gibson Rd, Omaha,                             | <b>Monsanto (Waco)</b><br>1506 NE-69, Waco, NE 68460  |

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| (11:40-12:30)   | (11:15-12:00)   |   | NE 68107<br>(12:45-2:00)  | (1:00-2:30)  |
| TRAVEL (12:30-1:30)   | LUNCH at a park<br>(12:00-12:40)<br><br>TRAVEL (12:40-1:20)                                       | TRAVEL/ LUNCH<br>(12:30-1:15)   | TRAVEL (2:00-2:20)  | TRAVEL (2:30-3:10)   |
| <b>Prairieland Dairy</b><br><br>13000 Pella Rd, Firth, NE 68358<br><br>(1:30-2:30)        | <b>Stock Seed Farms</b><br><br>28008 Mill Road<br>Murdock, NE 68407<br>(1:20-2:20)                | <b>Storm Flying</b><br><br>1440 34th St, Wahoo, NE 68066                  | <b>Midwest Labs</b><br><br>13611 B St, Omaha, NE 68144<br><br>(2:20-3:15) | <b>Oak Prairie</b><br><br>900 Northwest 140th Street, Lincoln, NE 68528<br><br>(3:10-4:00) |
| TRAVEL (2:30-3:15)  | TRAVEL (2:20-3:00)  | TRAVEL (2:15-2:45)  | TRAVEL (3:15-4:15)  | TRAVEL (4:00-4:20)   |
| <b>Li-Cor Industries</b><br><br>4647 Superior St,<br>Lincoln, NE 68504<br><br>(3:15-4:20) | <b>National Soils Lab</b><br><br>100 Centennial Mall N # 152,<br>Lincoln, NE 68508<br>(3:00-4:00) | <b>James Arthur Vineyard</b><br><br>2001 W. Raymond Rd. Raymond, NE 68428 |   |  |

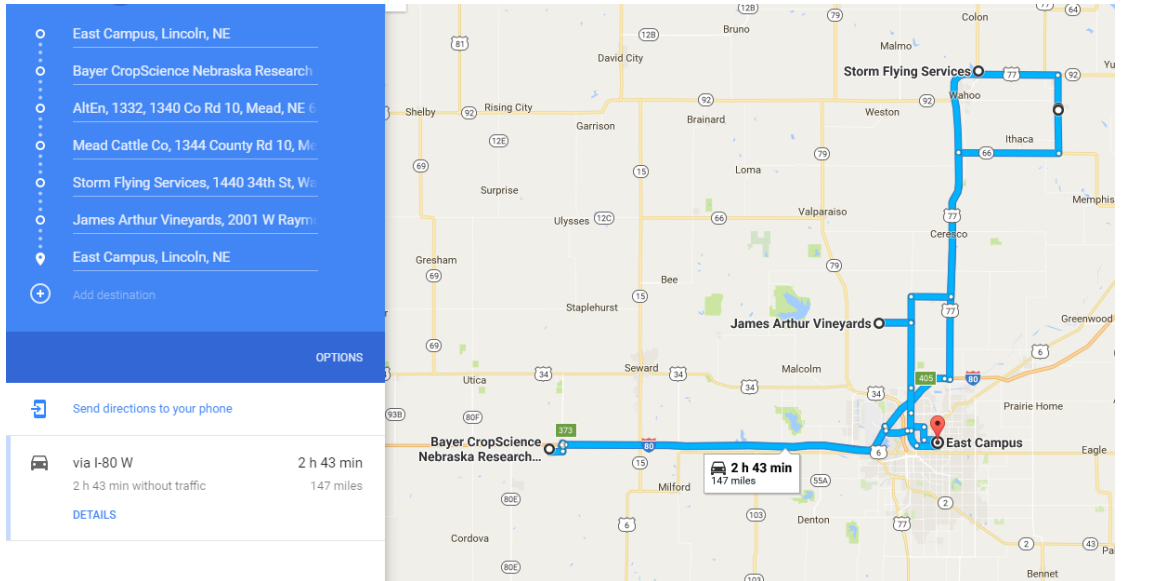
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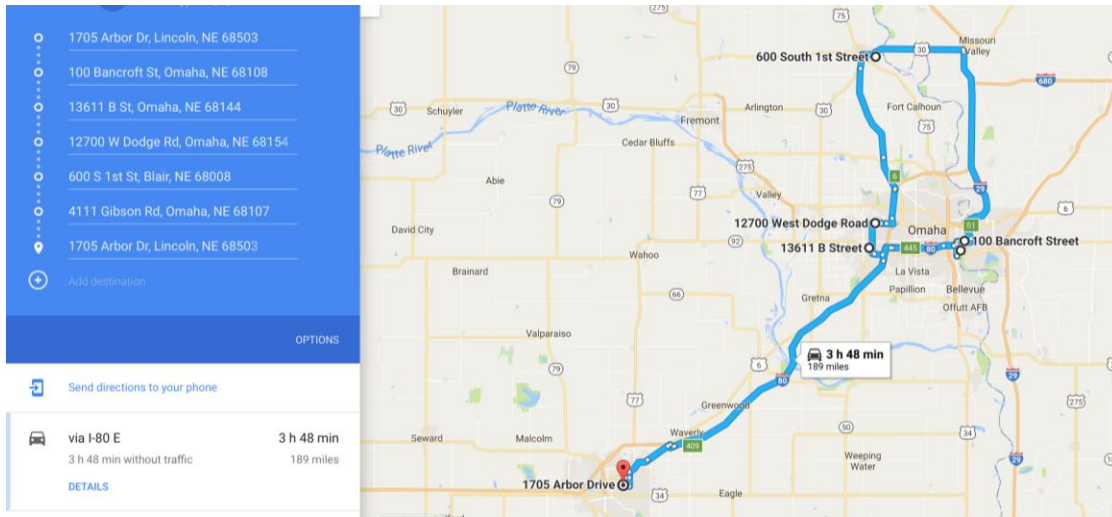
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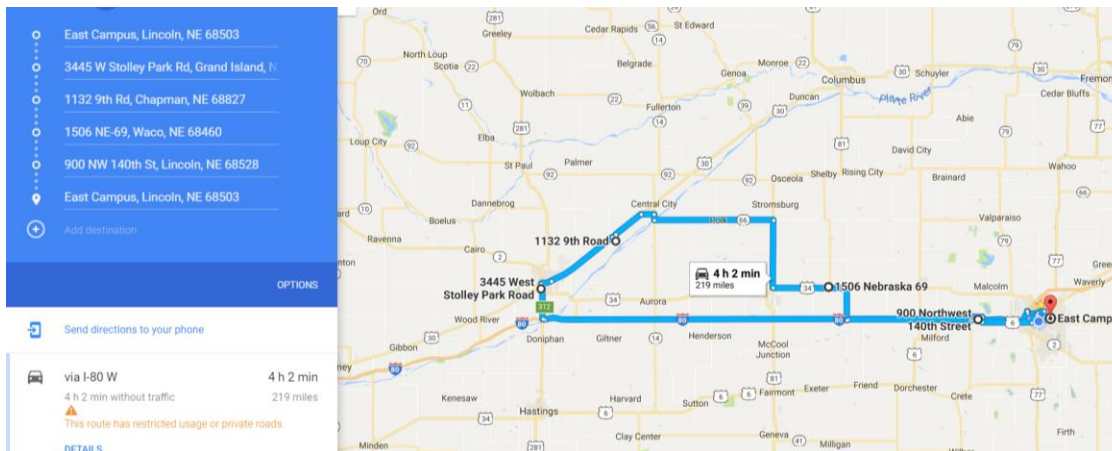
### Tour 3:



### Tour 4:



### Tour 5:



In addition to our Friday tours, we are also providing the opportunity for students to see the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo which has been ranked the world’s best zoo. Students could do this Thursday morning on their way to Lincoln or Sunday morning on their way home and this would be paid for courtesy of us in order to explore our state.



## Venues:

**Nebraska Innovation Campus Convention Center** - “NIC is a research campus designed to facilitate new and in-depth partnerships between the University of Nebraska and private sector businesses” This campus has a beautiful conference center for our speakers as well as greenhouses, labs, and businesses for students to tour.



**Nebraska Champions Club** for Friday Supper

**Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center**-The University of Nebraska ENREC is located near Mead, Nebraska and serves as a large research facility for Beef Systems, Cropping and Water Systems, Biosystems Engineering, and many other fields. This building has an auditorium that can hold over 300 people which can be split into smaller rooms for the breakout sessions. It also has the space to support outdoor demonstration equipment such as the rain and hail simulators.



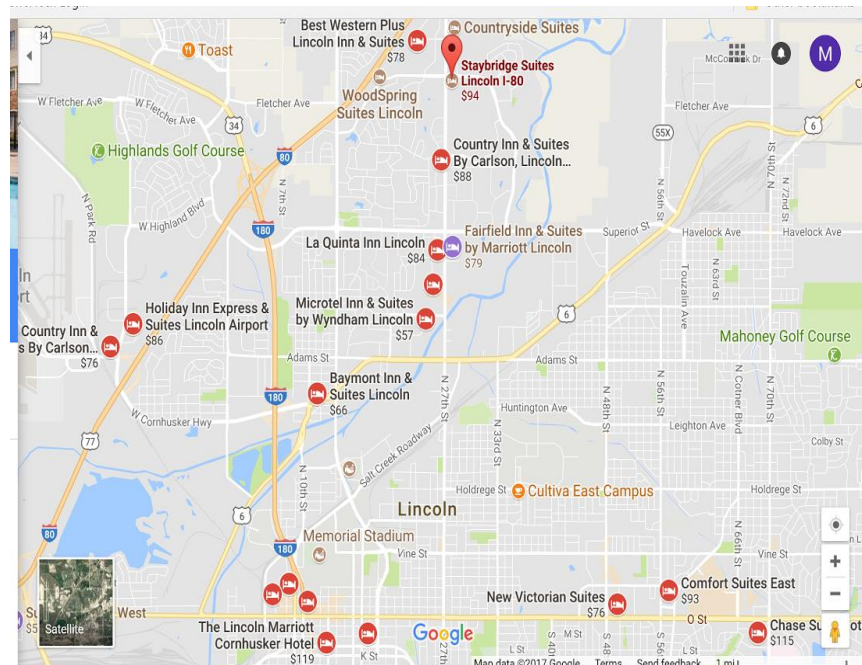
The **Pla Mor Ballroom** is where we would host the Saturday evening social event and supper. There would be a live band and dancing for entertainment.

## Lodging:

Accommodations can be reserved at:

- Embassy Suites Lincoln - 1040 P St, Lincoln, NE 68508 (\$124)
- Hyatt Place Lincoln Downtown/Haymarket - 600 Q St, Lincoln, NE 68508 (\$94)
- The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel - 333 S 13th St, Lincoln, NE 68508 (\$119)

With more options around the north Lincoln area. Listed hotels are all within walking distance to the UNL City Campus to be in close proximity to itinerary events. All three hotels offer free wifi and shuttle services to the airport. The Embassy Suites and Hyatt Place offer free complimentary breakfast, while the Cornhusker provides a restaurant and bar within the hotel for guests.



This is a map that shows all of the hotel options in Lincoln, Nebraska and their proximity to the campuses. We listed the top three options for location, accommodations, and price.

## Budget:

| ITEM  | UNIT COST | TOTAL           |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| T-Shirts                                      | \$10      | \$2,500         |
| Tour Buses & Transportation                   | \$1,200   | \$6,000         |
| Zoo Admission Tickets (Optional tour)         | \$17      | \$1,700         |
| Innovation Campus Rental Fee                  | --        | \$1,450         |
| Thursday Supper at Nebraska Innovation Campus | \$20      | \$5,000         |
| Friday Breakfast & Bus Snacks                 | \$10      | \$2,500         |
| Friday Lunch                                  | \$10      | \$2,500         |
| Friday Supper at Champions Club               | \$22      | \$5,500         |
| UNL Champions Club Rental                     | --        | \$1,300         |
| Saturday Breakfast                            | \$7       | \$1,750         |
| Saturday Lunch at Mead Research Center        | \$14      | \$3,500         |
| Speaker Fees & Travel Expenses                | --        | \$2,000         |
| Saturday Supper                               | \$22      | \$5,500         |
| Social/Band                                   | --        | \$2,000         |
|   |           | <b>\$43,200</b> |

The previous time the University of Nebraska hosted the regional SASES conference, they were able to secure over \$40,000 in funding from industry and local sponsors. Using these contacts along with many new ones, we are confident we will be able to raise the money needed to cover our expenses. In addition, the registration fee would be \$40 a person, and if there are 250 in attendance, than that would be \$10,000 to go to our costs.

## Membership & Timeline:

The UNL Agronomy Club currently has 60 due paying members and is an active group on the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources campus. The club has recently hosted the annual Agronomy Club Emeriti Banquet, participated in the Husker Food Connection, and toured the Dekalb Seed Plant in Waco, NE. The club also helps to support the Crops Judging Team, the Weed Science Contest Team, and the Soil Judging Team. Finding volunteers shouldn't be an issue because of our strong membership and our dedicated faculty members.



The timeline is, as soon as possible after the university host is announced, venues and tours will be booked to secure a position in their schedules. Tour locations will be contacted first to schedule the date as soon as possible, and then again after registration is completed to notify them of the size of tour groups and the objectives for the tour. This way facilities will hopefully be prepared and the tours will be given in a way that is the most beneficial to students at this conference. Hotels will be contacted and availability will be confirmed once registration opens up so clubs can reserve rooms as soon as possible. Company and private sponsors will be contacted through the months of September through November, so the funding will be secured before payments need to be made but also so it is near the end of the businesses' fiscal year. Finally, t-shirts will be ordered immediately following the close of registration on March 31st.

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