



# 2021 Preliminary Program

Louisiana  
Agricultural Technology & Management  
Conference  
February 10-11, 2021

Randolph Riverfront Center &  
Holiday Inn Downtown  
707 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Alexandria, LA



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## Wednesday, February 10, 2021

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Registration**  
*Randolph Riverfront Center Registration Booth (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon **Exhibit Set-up**  
*Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor at top of escalator)*

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.



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**Technical Presentations**  
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**GENERAL SESSION**  
Moderator: Blaine Viator

*Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

8:00 - 8:10 a.m.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Blaine Viator, 2020 LACA President  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Opening Prayer**



8:10 - 8:55 a.m.

**Understanding Bt Resistance and Bollworm Management**  
David Kerns  
TAMU AgriLife Extension Service

8:55 - 9:05 a.m.

**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
Nichino America - David King  
FMC Agricultural Solutions - Don Johnson



9:05 - 9:45 a.m.

**Discovery and Application of Microbial Treatments for Improved Cotton Production**  
Greg Sword  
TAMU, Dept of Entomology

9:45 - 9:55 a.m.

**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
Corteva Agriscience - Chris McClain  
SePro Corporation - Kyle Briscoe



9:55 - 10:25 a.m.

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10:25 - 11:05 a.m.

**EPA Regarding New Bt IRM Guidelines and Dicamba**  
*Speaker(s) TBA*

11:05 - 11:15 a.m.

**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
Syngenta Crop Protection - Keith Burnell *(video or livestream)*  
Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l - Derek Scroggs

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### GENERAL SESSION (cont'd) *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

11:15 - 11:35 a.m. Introduction of New LSU Faculty  
Mike Salassi  
LSU AgCenter



11:35 a.m. - 12:00 noon **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
*TBA - 5 (in-person, video, or livestream)*

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. **LUNCHEON** *sponsored by*  
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1:00 - 1:45 p.m. **AWARDS**  
**Scholarships**  
Funded by: Belchim Crop Protection  
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Pest Management Enterprises (Grady & Barbara Coburn)  
Ray & Dorothy Young

**County Agent of the Year**

### **MULTI-CROP SESSION I** *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

Moderator: *TBA*

1:45 - 2:15 p.m. **Irrigation in All Crops**  
Wes Porter  
MS State



2:15 - 2:55 p.m. **Disease-Resistant Varieties: Corn, Grain Sorghum, and Soybeans**  
Boyd Padgett and Trey Price  
LSU AgCenter



2:55 - 3:05 p.m. **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
*TBA - 2 (in-person, video, or livestream)*

3:05 - 3:55 p.m. **GT27 Herbicides: Glyphosate, Glufosinate-Ammonium, and Isoxaflutole**  
Daniel Stephenson  
LSU AgCenter

3:55 - 4:25 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK** *sponsored by*  
**SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION**  
*Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor at top of escalator)*



4:25 - 4:35 p.m. **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
*TBA - 2 (in-person, video, or livestream)*

4:35 - 5:00 p.m. **Insect Update**  
Tyler Towles  
LSU AgCenter

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5:00 - 6:00 p.m.



**LACA Business Meeting** *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*  
(All members encouraged to attend) *Section TBA*

## Thursday, February 11, 2021

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Registration** *Randolph Riverfront Center Registration Booth (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

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### **COTTON BREAKOUT SESSION** *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*

Moderator: *TBA*

*Section TBA*

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

**Insect Pest Management Considerations in Cotton**  
Sebe Brown  
LSU AgCenter

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

**Pathology Update**  
Trey Price  
LSU AgCenter

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

**Weed Science Update**  
Donnie Miller  
LSU AgCenter

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

**Compaction Impacts on Cotton**  
Brenda Tubana  
LSU AgCenter

10:00 - 10:25 a.m.

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### **SUGARCANE BREAKOUT SESSION** *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

Moderator: *TBA*

8:00 - 8:25 a.m.

**Billet Planting**  
Jeff Hoy, LSU AgCenter  
Paul White, USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit

8:25 - 8:50 a.m.

**Disease Update**  
Jeff Hoy  
LSU AgCenter

8:50 - 9:20 a.m.

**Variety Update - Brown Stripe Syndrome**  
Kenneth Gravois  
LSU AgCenter



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**SUGARCANE BREAKOUT SESSION** (cont'd) *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*  
*Section TBA*

9:20 - 9:45 a.m.      **Insect Update**  
Hannah Penn  
USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit



9:45 - 10:00 a.m.      **Ripener Update**  
Al Orgeron  
LSU AgCenter

10:00 - 10:25 a.m.      **REFRESHMENT BREAK** *sponsored by*  
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10:25 - 10:50 a.m.      **Weed Control Update**  
Al Orgeron, LSU AgCenter  
Doug Spaunhorst, USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit

10:50 - 11:20 a.m.      **Yield Monitor**  
Ernestus "Ernie" Uys  
John Deere



11:20 - 11:45 a.m.      **Fertiity Update**  
Rich Johnson  
USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon      **2020 Crop Summary**  
Herman Waguespack  
American Sugar Cane League



**RICE BREAKOUT SESSION** *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*  
Moderator: *TBA*

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.      **The Effects of Heat on Pollination and Grain Fill**  
Johnny Saichuk

8:30 - 8:50 a.m.      **Weed Control in Furrow-Irrigated Rice**  
Eric Webster  
LSU AgCenter



8:50 - 9:10 a.m.      **Disease Control in Furrow-Irrigated Rice**  
Trey Price  
LSU AgCenter

9:10 - 9:30 a.m.      **Rice Insect Control with Concentration on Rice Stink Bug and Stem Borer**  
Blake Wilson  
LSU AgCenter



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**RICE BREAKOUT SESSION** (cont'd) *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.      **Managing Multiple Diseases within a Single Crop: Smuts, Resistant Sheath Blight, Blast**  
Clayton Hollier

10:00 - 10:25 a.m.      **REFRESHMENT BREAK** *sponsored by TBA*  
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10:25 - 10:45 a.m.      **Bacterial Panicle Blight Update**  
Jong Ham  
LSU AgCenter



10:45 - 11:05 a.m.      **Rice Variety Update**  
Adam Famoso  
LSU AgCenter

11:05 - 11:30 a.m.      **Weed Control with Regard to Sprangletop, Rice Flatsedge, Junglerice, and Fimbristylis**  
Eric Webster  
LSU AgCenter

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon      **Nutrient Removal from Crawfish Production/Managing Ratoon Crop  
Crawfish and Nutrient Use/Removal**  
Dustin Harrell  
Mark Shirley  
LSU AgCenter



12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.      **LUNCHEON** *sponsored by TBA*  
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**MULTI-CROP SESSION II** *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

Moderator: *TBA*

1:00 - 1:10 p.m.      **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
*TBA - 2 (in-person, video, or livestream)*

1:10 - 2:10 p.m.      **Soybean Nematode**  
Tristin Watson

2:10 - 2:35 p.m.      **Winter Wheat**  
Boyd Padgett  
LSU AgCenter



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**MULTI-CROP SESSION II** (cont'd) *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

2:35 - 3:00 p.m.      **Soybean Variety (OVTs, Core Blocks, Planting)**  
David Moseley  
LSU AgCenter

3:00 - 3:25 p.m.      **REFRESHMENT BREAK** *sponsored by*  
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3:25 - 3:35 p.m.      **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
*TBA - 2 (in-person, video, or livestream)*



3:35 - 4:10 p.m.      **Green Stem Disorder**  
Tom Allen  
MS State

4:10 - 4:35 p.m.      **Sweet Potato Research Notes: Critical Nutrient Thresholds,  
Visual Nutrient Deficiency Symptoms, and Up-Close and Hands-on  
with the Teralytic Wireless NPK Soil Probe**  
Arthur Villordon  
LSU AgCenter



4:35 - 5:00 p.m.      **Foliar Nutrition for Corn and Soybean**  
Rasel Parvej  
LSU AgCenter

**GENERAL SESSION** *Randolph Riverfront Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Section TBA*

Moderator: Jeremy Babin

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.      **Turf Management Panel**  
**Carol Pinnell-Alison**  
Raj Singh  
Ron Strahan  
LSU AgCenter



5:30 - 5:50 p.m.      **Sugarcane Borer Management in Louisiana: An IPM Implementation  
Success Story**  
Blake Wilson  
LSU AgCenter

5:50 - 6:15 p.m.      **Chosen versus Forced Risk**  
Kim Brown



6:15 - 6:20 p.m.      **Adjournment**  
Jeremy Babin  
2021 LACA President



6:20 - 6:30 p.m.      **Recertification**  
Joe Ingrao  
Louisiana Dept of Agriculture & Forestry



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