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85 Years of
Caring for the
Land*



**Arkansas
Conservation
Districts established in 1937**



**Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts
2022 Annual Meeting
August 11–12, 2022
Wyndham Hotel, North Little Rock, AR**

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Wyndham Hotel

- 9:30am **Arkansas Dept. of Agriculture– Natural Resources Division**
ANRC Commission Meeting Silver City 7
Roy Reaves, Chairman
Chris Colclasure, Director
- 11:45am Arkansas Conservation Partnership Luncheon Silver City 1
“Strong Under Pressure: 7 Skills to Ride the Wave”
Speaker: Karen Eddington, The Under Pressure Project
- 1:30pm Conservation District Director Training Silver City 5
Arkansas Dept. of Agriculture -Natural Resources Division
 1. Roles & Responsibilities
 2. Fiscal Management
 3. District Elections
- 3:00pm Natural Resources Conservation Service
 1. NRCS and Conservation Districts
 2. Conservation Planning and Conservation Practices
 3. Overview of Conservation Programs
- 4:30pm Training Adjourned

Natural Resources Division Breakout Sessions
11:00 am Sessions Friday, August 12, 2022

Producer Registration Programs		Razorback West
Water Registration	Poultry Registration	Water Quality Technician Training
Feral Hog Eradication Pilot Program		Traveler’s Room(2nd floor)
This workshop is open to all but we encourage the 12 pilot counties to have a representative in this session.		
Natural Resources Division Program Opportunities		Razorback East
EPA 319 and Unpaved Roads		
Tax Credit Programs		
3% Agriculture Loan Program		
We encourage directors and district staff to have a representative in this breakout session as these are important programs for districts and their landowners.		
Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE) Executive Board Rm (2nd floor)		
This is a grant proposal that has been submitted in collaboration with VA, MI and ND. It is a pilot project that includes Arkansas, Jefferson, Lincoln, Drew, St. Francis and Craighead Conservation Districts. It is focused on rice, livestock and forestry.		

Wyndham Hotel, #2 Riverfront Drive, North Little Rock, AR

Friday, August 12, 2022

8:00am	Registration Opens	DeCantillon
8:30am	Hospitality Room Opens	Huntersville
	Exhibitor Hall Opens	Silver City 6
9:00am	Plenary Session	Silver City 1, 2, 3 &4
	Call to Order—Jerry Don Clark, AACD President	
	Posting of Colors— James Mitchell, West Central Area President James Widner, Northwest Area President	
	Pledge of Allegiance—Peyton Daniel, 2nd Vice President	
	Invocation—Steve Martin, Central Area President	
	Arkansas Conservation Partnership Reports	
	Dr. Deacue Fields, U of A Division of Agriculture	
	Mike Sullivan, State Conservationist, NRCS	
	Terry Cosby, Chief, USDA-NRCS	
	Chris Colclasure, Director, ADA-Natural Resources Division	
	Tommy Land, Commissioner of State Lands	
10:30am	AACD Area Meetings	
	Northwest Area Meeting James Widner, Area President	Silver City 5
	Southwest Area Meeting Amy Cowling, Area President	Silver City 7
	West Central Area Meeting James Mitchell, Area President	Razorback East
	Central Area Meeting Steve Martin, Area President	Razorback West
	Southeast Area Meeting Shirley Dunnahoe, Area President	Travelers (2nd Floor)
	Northeast Area Meeting Allen Donner, Area President	Executive Board (2nd Floor)
	East Central Area Meeting Cathy Seidenstricker, Area President	Blue Dog Room

AACD was formed in 1937 to represent the newly established conservation districts. First conservation districts were formed based on watersheds rather than county lines. That came much later to formalize the locally led process.

11:00am	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
	#1 Policy and Legal Issues in Agriculture	Silver City 5
	Clean Water Act Brigit Rollins, Staff Attorney, National Agricultural Law Center	
	2023 Farm Bill Harrison Pittman, Director, National Agricultural Law Center	
	#2 Soil Health and Grazing Management	Silver City 7
	Pasture Productivity Considerations with Current Fertilizer Prices Jeremy Huff, NRCS Grazing Specialist	
	Arkansas Discovery Farms: Now and Future Dr. Mike Daniels, U of A Division of Agriculture	
	# 3 Producer Registration Programs	Razorback West
	Poultry Registration	
	Water Well Registration	
	Water Quality Technicians	
	#4 Feral Hog Eradication Program	Travelers Room
	#5 Rural Investment to Protect the Environment	Executive Board Rm
	#6 Natural Resources Division Program Opportunities	Razorback East
12:00pm	Arkansas Conservation Partnership Awards Luncheon	Silver City 1, 2, 3 & 4
	Featured speaker: Michael Crowder, NACD President	
	NRCS State Conservationist's Partnership Award—Individual	
	NRCS State Conservationist's Partnership Award—Organization	
	AACD Outstanding Conservationist Award	
	AACD Outstanding Conservation District	
	ACP Conservation Hall of Fame	
1:45pm	Watershed Planning & PL566 Projects	Silver City 5
	Randy Childress, NRCS Asst. State Conservationist for Easements	
	Succession Planning and Agriculture	Razorback East
	Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney, National Agricultural Law Center	
	AACD Employees Board Meeting	Razorback West
	Wesley Gibson, South Central NACD	
	NRCS Breakout Session	Silver City 7
3:00pm	AACD Board of Directors Business Session	Silver City 5
	Presiding—Jerry Don Clark, President	
	Minutes & Treasurer's Report—Woody Ray, Secretary/Treasurer	
	Resolutions	
	Old Business	
	New Business	
4:00pm	Meeting Adjourns	

AACD Annual Meeting Friday, August 12, 2022

Featured Speakers



Terry Cosby, USDA-NRCS Chief

During Terry's more than 40-year career with NRCS, he has held numerous leadership and staff positions. He began his career as an NRCS intern in Iowa in 1979 and rose through the agency's ranks to become its 17th chief on May 24, 2021. Prior to his current position, Terry served as NRCS's Acting Chief for several months.



NACD President Michael Crowder holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in natural resources and environmental sciences, as well as numerous conservation awards, including Benton County and Washington state's "Wildlife Farmer of the Year" awards, the Washington Association of Conservation Districts' "Young Tiger" award and the Ducks Unlimited "Wood Duck," "Bronze Mallard" and "Silver Mallard" awards.



Dr. Deacue Fields, Vice Pres. of the U of A Division of Agriculture

Dr. Fields became the Dean of Bumpers College in 2017. He came to UA from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., where he was a professor and the chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology since August 2013. He joined the Auburn faculty in 2002, becoming an associate professor in 2007, an appointment that also included extension duties. He was selected by the U of A Board of Trustees and assumed the duties of Vice President on July 1, 2022.



**National Agriculture Law Center
Harrison Pittman, Director**



**Mike Sullivan
USDA-NRCS
State Conservationist**



Rusty Rumley



Brigit Rollins



**Chris Colclasure
Director
Arkansas Dept of Agriculture
Natural Resources Division**

12:00pm Thursday, August 11, 2022

Arkansas Conservation Partnership Luncheon

Strong Under Pressure: 7 Skills to Ride the Wave

Karen Eddington, The Under Pressure Project



In agriculture there are highs and there are lows. What do you do if you are in a low place and it stays low a little too long? Karen will teach you skills to ride the wave. Learn what you can do to pass through a breaking point.

Pressure is when something you care about is at risk. Pressure is when deadlines, demands, needs, and expectations press at your capacity. This is both an issue of growth, and understanding what you can handle. Discover that stress doesn't have to be a bad thing and be invited into a healthy leadership role of helping others—and yourself navigate the low.



Dr. Mike Daniels

Extension Specialist for Water Quality and Nutrition Mgt & Co-Director for the Arkansas Discovery Farm Program.

Dr. Daniels received the Outstanding Conservationist Award from the Arkansas Soil & Water Conservation Conference for 2021. Mike has been actively involved in Soil Health and strong supporter of Conservation Districts.

Jeremy Huff

Jeremy Huff is the Arkansas NRCS State Grazing Lands Specialist.

He provides leadership and technical guidance to Arkansas NRCS field offices, livestock producers, and conservation partners.



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