



**Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists
102nd Annual Meeting and Conference
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 5 - 9, 2005.
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The Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) will hold its Annual Meeting and Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, February 5 - 9, 2005. Located in the heart of downtown Little Rock on the banks of the Arkansas River, the Peabody Hotel, the Double Tree Hotel, and the Statehouse Convention Center will be this year's meeting location. They are all closely located in the thriving River Market district, surrounded by historical and cultural attractions.

The Opening General Session theme will be **"Multi-State Programs in Teaching, Research and Extension."** This is a very timely topic and has received considerable attention across the country. The Farm Foundation and the Kellogg Foundation sponsored a national conference on this topic last October in Chicago. Several societies and agricultural organizations have sponsored symposia around this topic at their annual meetings. It affects all Land Grant and agricultural universities because of expanding demands and needs from constituents and decreased resources from county, state and federal governments.

The Opening General Session followed by the Business Meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2005, at the Statehouse Convention Center with door prize drawings for attendees!

NEW THIS YEAR -- Several special and exciting tours/excursions of Little Rock and Arkansas have been arranged:

Skeet Shooting Adventure
Hot Springs National Park Adventure
Little Rock Sightseeing

Petit Jean Mtn & Museum of Automobiles
Marlsgate Plantation & Shopping
Pampering Mystery Tour & Massage

SAAS registration fee remains at \$40 faculty and \$5 for graduate students plus fees for your individual sections/associations. There is no SAAS registration fee for undergraduate students. Hotel reservation deadlines are Noon, January 14, 2005, to receive the block room rates.

Academic Department Heads, Administrative Heads, Ag Communication, Ag Economics, Ag Education, Animal Sciences, Biochemistry & Biotechnology, Soil and Water, Research Center Administrators, and Rural Sociology Section meetings and registrations will be at the Peabody Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center. Horticulture and Plant Pathology Section meetings and registrations will be at the Double Tree Hotel. Various sections have made calls for papers and presentations; check your section web site for additional information.

See you in Little Rock!!!

Dr. Jack Britt
President

Mark Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer

Check www.saasinc.org for meeting, hotel, registration, and tours/excursion information.
The Conference Program will be available on the website as it is finalized.