

2024 SCC33 Meeting Minutes

The 2024 SCC33 meeting was held in Destin, FL - February 4-6, 2024. There were 41 representatives from universities and seed/Agribusiness companies in attendance.

AT the business meeting, Ryan Budnik and Steve Sick were re-elected as co-chairs for the 2025 meeting. Jim Rouse from Iowa State was the recipient of the 2024 SCC33 Service Award.

Future meeting locations were discussed and the possibility of holding a meeting at NC State during the summer of 2025 was proposed for discussion and future planning. This would allow attendees to tour the NC State variety testing program's facilities and research trials.

List of meeting attendees and meeting agenda are listed below.

Name	University/Company
Adam Roth	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Bill Bruening	University of Kentucky
Bob Stougaard	University of Georgia
Bradley Halladay	Medius Ag
Brandon Jorgensen	Wintersteiger
Cam Kenimer	University of Kentucky
Chad Deplazes	North Dakota State University
Chris Etter	ALMACO
Cimberlee Foulger	HarvestMaster
Dalton Mertz	University of Kentucky
Daniel Mailhot	University of Georgia
Darin Eisinger	North Dakota State University
Doug Wartens	Juniper
Edward Asfeld	Colorado State University
Eliza Hardy	NCSU
Gunnar Isaacs	University of Delaware
Thalia Soto	University of Delaware
Henry Jordan	Auburn University
Jame Thompson	HALDRUP
Jamie Arrington	University of Georgia
Jeff McCall	Clemson University
Jens Wolfarth	Zurn Harvesting
Jessica Bhalerao	First Seed Testing
Jim Rouse	Iowa Crop Improvement Program

Kyle Kepner	GDM Solutions Inc.
Larry Gross	MIDCO Global
Logan Shonka	Iowa Crop Improvement Association
Malerie Fancher	Tennessee, Extension
Maria Mailhos Algorta	Florida
Matt Davis	Tennessee, Extension
Phillip Shine	University of Kentucky
Richard Bond	University of Arkansas
Robert Stephens	Clemson University
Ryan Blair	University of Tennessee
Ryan Budnik	Iowa Crop Improvement Association
Ryan Heiniger	North Carolina State University
Ryan Krabill	Medius Ag
Shawn Bryant	Iowa Crop Improvement Association
Steve Sick	Robseeco
Taylor Brinkley	North Carolina State University
Virginia Sykes	University of Tennessee

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Sunday February 4th

SCC33 Welcome Reception

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sponsored by: Zurn Harvesting, ALMACO, & Juniper Systems

Hotel Atrium – food will be brought out at 6PM and 4 drink tickets will be provided

Monday February 5th

Hotel Made-to-Order Breakfast	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Opening Remarks	8:30 AM – 8:40 AM
Icebreaker OVT Introductions & Survey Open	8:40 AM – 10:00 AM
Steve Sick [Latham Hi-Tech Seeds – Industry Perspective]	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Break	10:30 AM – 10:50 AM
Bill Bruening [UKY – Variety Testing Websites]	10:50 AM – 11:20 AM
GDM [Kyle Kepner]	11:20 AM – 11:40 AM
Medius.Re [Brad Halladay]	11:40 AM – 12:00 PM

Lunch

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

(Classic American Buffet: Burgers, Hotdogs, & Grilled Chicken w/Assorted Sides)

Survey Response & Discussion [ISU – Ryan Budnik]	1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Harvest Master by Juniper Systems [Doug Wartars]	1:30 PM – 1:50 PM
ALMACO [Taylor Nelson]	1:50 PM – 2:10 PM
Break	2:10 PM – 2:30 PM
ZURN Harvesting [Jens Wolfarth]	2:30 PM – 2:50 PM
WINTERSTEIGER [Brandon Jorgensen]	2:50 PM – 3:10 PM
Haldrup [Jame Thompson]	3:10 PM – 3:30 PM
Closing Remarks	3:30 PM – 3:40 PM
Hotel Reception & Hat Exchange*	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Bring 3 of your OVT or company logo ball caps to exchange with your colleagues in a fun & casual networking reception on Monday night in the hotel atrium!*

You're responsible for your own dinner.

Tuesday February 6th

Hotel Made-to-Order Breakfast	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Opening Remarks	8:30 AM – 8:40 AM
MIDCO Global [Larry Gross]	8:40 AM – 9:00 AM
Virginia Sykes [UT-K – Southern Cover Crop Variety Trial]	9:00 AM – 9:20 AM
Ryan Heiniger [NCSU – Drone Work]	9:20 AM – 9:45 AM
Break	9:45 AM – 10:00 AM
Breakout Sessions	
[Data & Stats, Equipment, New Ideas]	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Group Discussion	10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Business Meeting & Award	10:45 AM – 11:30 AM