

**PRELIMINARY
AGENDA**

**Annual Meeting of NC1198
(October 17-19, 2016: Minneapolis, MN)**

Meeting Locations:

Oct 17 (Monday) Travel to Minneapolis (The Commons Hotel, 615 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 <http://www.commonshotel.com/directions.aspx>)

Oct. 18th - 19th The Campus Club of University of Minnesota (4th floor of Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 <http://www.campusclubumn.org/parking-directions>)

Registration Fee: \$45 (please be prepared to write a check to the University of Minnesota)

Goals for the Meeting:

- Introduce any new committee members to the national ag-of-the middle initiative and the objectives of NC1198 to provide research-based information & education to support the renewal of mid-size farms, ranches, and fisheries.
- Update each other on member contributions to the project objectives over the past year.
- Share recently funded research/education projects involving committee members.
- Share updates on the website and other plans that came out of 2015 meeting
- Discuss methods for measuring impacts and information needed for final report.
- Discuss and finalize plans for continuation of work and determine priority research/education areas for new proposal
- Dialogue with USDA program officers regarding research/education funding opportunities for upcoming years.

Tuesday, October 18th

Meet in the Commons Hotel Lobby at 8:30 AM to walk to the Campus Club

- 9:00 AM** Committee member introductions:
- Interests/current research & education work
 - Review structure of multi-state projects and funding support

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM Updates from small groups and grant project teams from 2015 meetings (website, IRSA conference, Journal Special Issues, Funded Research Projects).
Development of action items/workgroups needed for this meeting, including final reporting and new proposal development.

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch (included in registration)

1:00 PM—3:00PM Hold for calls with NIFA Personnel

3:00 PM Discussion of current NIFA directions and opportunities

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Break

3:30 PM Small work group meetings on action items

Selection (confirmation) of new committee's leadership
Plan date & place for upcoming meeting (s)

5:00 PM **Adjourn for the day. Dinner plans to be determined**

Wednesday October 19th

Meet in the Commons Hotel Lobby at 8:30 AM to walk to the Campus Club

8:45 AM Small group discussions on the multistate project objectives and progress to report under each objective

9:45 AM Policy update (?)

Wrap up discussion of action items and review plans/assignments for final report and new proposal.

12:00 PM **Close Full-Group Meeting**

1:00–4:00PM Subcommittee and Work Group Meetings