

Fall 2021



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National Outstanding Young Farmers

2022 Awards Congress



February 3-6, 2022 • Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

HOTEL

Omni Hilton Head Oceanside Resort

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29928-5121

Phone: 855-516-1090

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Hilton Head Island (HHH)

- Located 15 minutes from the hotel
- Shuttle available Wed., Thurs., & Sun.

Savannah - Hilton Head International (SAV)

- Located 1 hour from the hotel
- Shuttle service not available

AIRPORT



OFA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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Register for NOYF 2022 early for a chance to stay free for two nights

Good day to all of our OFA Friends! We know that there have been many challenges in our industry, not to mention life in general, the last 20 months. It has been awhile since we all got a chance to enjoy each other's company, but February and the 2022 NOYF Congress is now on the horizon, and we can't wait to see you all!

So, excitement is definitely building for our next NOYF Congress. This is going to be such a special Congress because we will be celebrating two NOYF Classes at one time, the NOYF Classes of 2021 and 2022; it is absolutely an event that you will not want to miss.

The dates for the 2022 NOYF Congress are February 3-6. The Congress

is being held at the Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort in beautiful Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

The Omni is right on the Atlantic Ocean, so the most incredible morning sunrises will be just a short walk from your hotel room. To reserve your room, please visit the Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort website at www.omnihotels.com and our reservation code is 012722OUTSTANDI

While there will not be any organized pre-Congress or post-Congress tours, the Omni has extended the rate for us from Jan 27, 2022 to the 9th of February, 2022. To have access to these rates the hotel must be booked by January 12, 2022, to keep the convention rate.

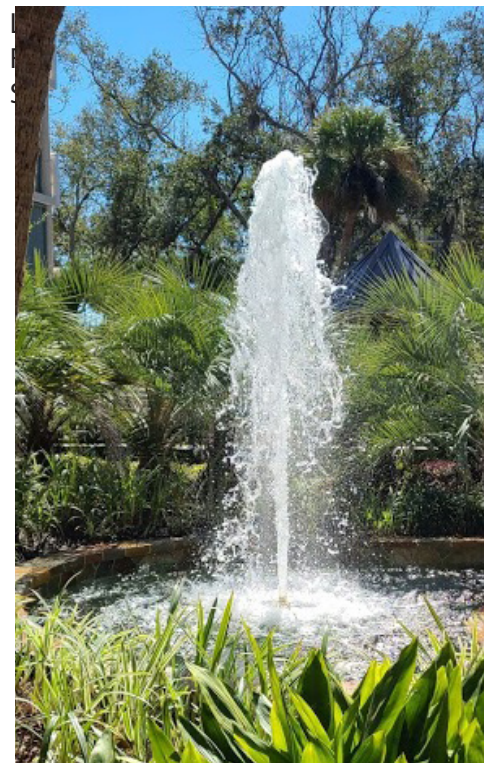
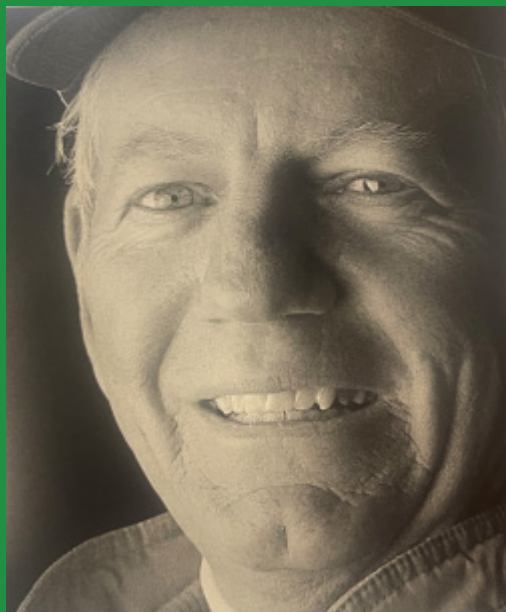
As an added bonus, one lucky person can win a two-night stay at the Omni. To be entered into the drawing, your Congress registration form and hotel room must be in and booked by the 20th of December, 2021, by midnight. You will be entered into a drawing for the for a free two-night stay at the Omni Hilton Head Resort.

New for this year, if you will be paying by credit card, we have obtained a secure site booking service to be able to process your credit card for registration. The link for the online registration service is https://app.gopassage.com/events/2022noyf/event_times and it can also be found on the OFA website.

So, while in Hilton Head, SC, there will be many memorable times, but none more than seeing our old friends again!

In Remembrance

Laurence George "Buck" Teeter (TN 1975) passed away on October 6, 2021. Buck was a national winner in 1975 and served as OFA president from 1980-81. His generous support of the OFA led to the establishment of the Donor Advised Fund, a legacy that will carry on his devotion to agriculture and the NOYF program.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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NOYF Awards Congress welcomes Steever as master of ceremonies

Fall has arrived in Pennsylvania; we are blessed with a better than average growing season this year and are very thankful. The last four or five have been nothing to write about. We all are getting weary of dealing with Covid, but life continues on the farm.

The Outstanding Farmers of America continue looking for worthy candidates for recognition. Thank you to all the alumni that have nominated a young farmer. We are now in the preliminary process for judging the candidates. They are all amazing in their accomplishments. We look forward to meeting the class of 2021 as well as the class of 2022 in Hilton Head, South Carolina in February.

The Omni resort in Hilton Head promises to be a wonderful place to hold our 2022 Congress with many wonderful amenities for us to enjoy. The tours also look to be very interesting, and of course there will be lots of time to catch up with our life-long friends that we have been apart from for two years.

We would also like to welcome Tom Steever as our Emcee this year, Tom has filled in for Orion Samuelson in the past. This year Orion made the decision it was time to retire from his television show and slow down

his schedule. He has decided that includes retiring from being the Emcee for the OFA after many years of supporting the OFA in so many ways. Tom has agreed to be our Emcee this year. Please welcome Tom and

his wife Lori when we meet at Hilton head in February.



Introducing Tom Steever



Tom Steever is in his 19th year with the farm radio network Brownfield Ag News, heard on nearly 500 radio stations in ten states. Tom's farm broadcast career began in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 15 miles from the family farm he and his siblings still own. In the late 90s, Orion Samuelson and Max Armstrong invited Tom to Chicago to anchor their agricultural television venture, Channel Earth, on DirecTV.

After Channel Earth left the air, he served the American Farm Bureau Federation public relations team. Since 2003, he's been part of Brownfield Ag News, based in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Tom Steever has covered farm stories in most of the United States as well as in 15 foreign countries. He served as president of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting in 2012 and has been recognized by that organization with numerous broadcasting awards. Tom was named 2017 Farm Broadcaster of the Year and is the latest inductee in the NAFB Hall of Fame.

Now semi-retired, Tom and his wife Lori enjoy spending time with their son and daughter-in-law in Kansas City.



TREASURER'S REPORT

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Looking forward to next year

Fall is upon us here in the land of enchantment (aka New Mexico). As I write this we are beginning to cool off and our cotton and milo are about ready to harvest. Since we dodged a freeze, we are continuing to harvest our green chile peppers, but the end is near.

We planted our fall winter over onions and are in the process of irrigating them. It seems odd to always be planting something while harvesting something else at the same time. That's the life of a veggie farmer.

Our grandkids are growing like weeds, and they keep us busy but, they sure are a blast.

What a year it has been... a tough

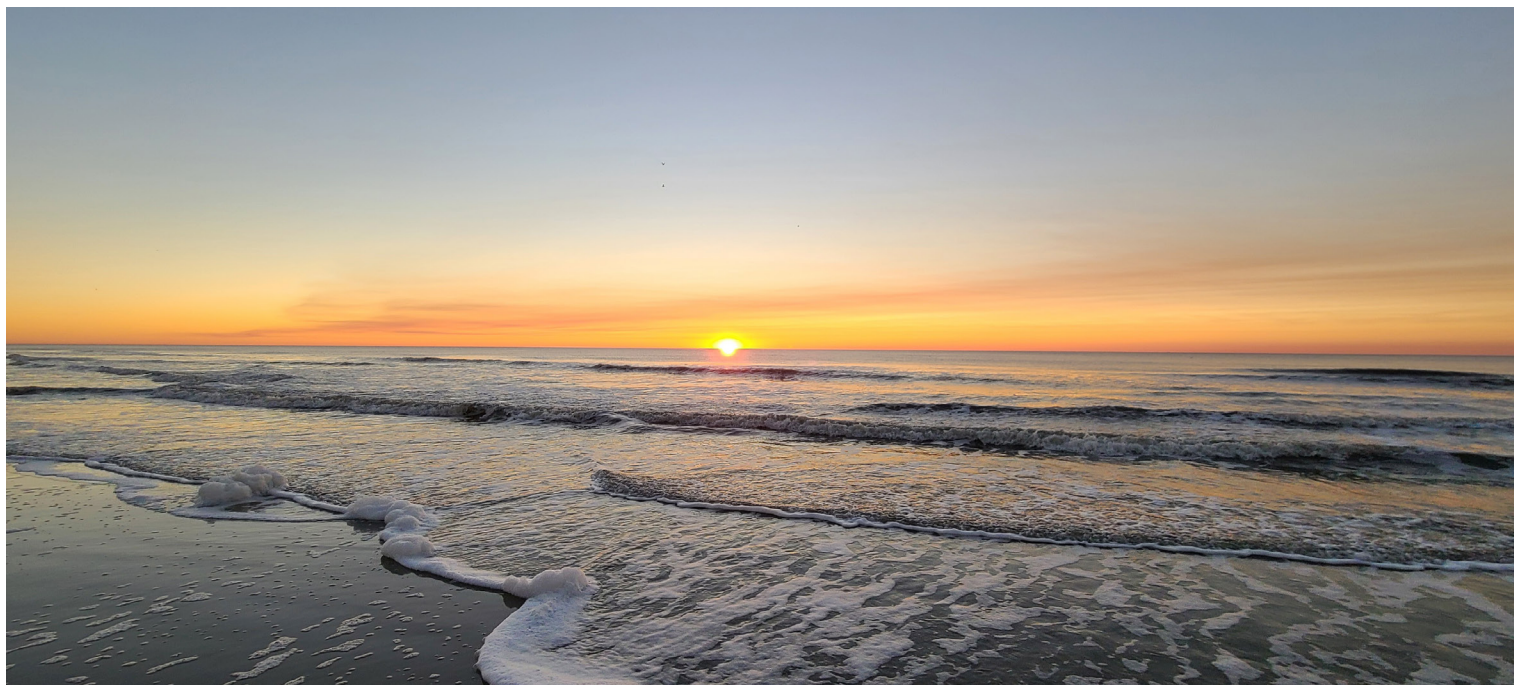
one for us. This pandemic has sure been hard on this vegetable farmer, what a challenge it's been. The lack of labor has made it difficult to not only get our crops out but the whole supply chain has been in a mess, add in a little hail and that made things even tougher. But we are farmers... use to the good and bad and we will accept the challenges and continue to move forward. Next year will always be better, right?

We are sure looking forward to seeing everyone in Hilton Head SC. It will be a welcomed break and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with all our friends as well as a chance to meet the finalist and make some new ones, especially after missing last years

congress. I bet we will all have a big time. The regional committee has worked very hard on this upcoming congress, and I think you will be impressed with all that they have in store for us.

We encourage you all to remember and donate to the Spirit of Giving so that we all may continue to enjoy our annual congresses in the years to come.

On a final note. I encourage all of you to start looking for potential candidates to nominate. Feel free to visit with your county agent, or agents in your surrounding areas for future nominees if you don't know of one in your immediate area, time has a way of sneaking up on us.





NOYF ²⁰²² Awards Congress

National Outstanding Young Farmers

Riverboat cruise will highlight NOYF tours

*By Ginger Martin (GA 2015)
Southern Region Committee*

On behalf of the Southern region, Christopher and I look forward to welcoming you to Hilton Head Island. Who doesn't love winter at the beach? Weather is moderate and temperatures average 75 degrees in February on the island.

During our annual event, Friday is traditionally an excursion day. Savannah, Georgia, is less than an hour away from Hilton Head Island. On many Americans' Bucket List, there we will go!

The Savannah Old Trolley tour is where we will begin. The focus will be the 18th and 19th century architecture (more than 1700 restored buildings) among the live oaks and Spanish moss on the world-famous squares. Each trolley includes a guide who offers an entertaining mix of



trivia, history, and comedy. See fountains, cemeteries, statues, shops and galleries including a stop at the inspiration of the wildly popular "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

The trolleys will drop us on historic, cobblestoned River Street

known for its food, candy, haunted spots, views of the river, and fascinating channel commerce. We will dine at Vic's on the River located in a lovely old cotton warehouse. Vic's serves Southern cuisine with a Lowcountry twist.

Next, we'll hop on the Savannah Riverboat Cruise aboard Georgia Queen. This sightseeing harbor tour offers open-air views, snacks and drinks, and indoor seating with wide window views all while taking in the interesting port shipping and vessels and beautiful river sights.

We'll be back at our South Carolina coastal resort in plenty of time to rest up before an evening complete with traditional Lowcountry boil meal and beachy acoustic music at the onsite outdoor pavilion.

See you in 2022.

Anniversary classes to be honored at NOYF Awards Congress in 2022:

55 years: 1967

50 years: 1972

45 years: 1977

40 years: 1982

35 years: 1987

30 years: 1992

25 years: 1997

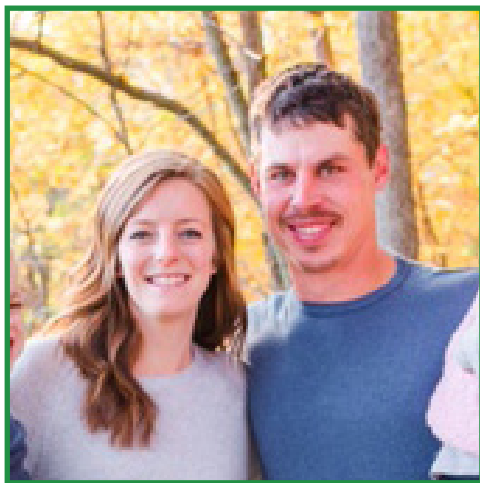
20 years: 2002

15 years: 2007

10 years: 2012

5 years: 2017

Introducing four of the 2021 NOYF Finalists



Jarred & Shelby Moose
Monona, Iowa

Jarred and Shelby Moose of Monona, IA, raise soybeans, hay, and cattle on the family farm, following the dream of farming that Jarred has cultivated since childhood. Through his farming career, Jarred has worked to increase conservation practices such as no-till, terraces, and manure spreading, working toward a goal of becoming as efficient as possible.



John & Morgan Morrison
Mount Vernon, Washington

John and Morgan Morrison of Mount Vernon, WA, grow grass seed, spinach seed, and small grains. John is a beta tester for new irrigation technology as well as experimenting with cover crops to build soil health. His goals have expanded from continuing the family farm passed down from ancestors since 1890 to educating the public about farming as a way of life.



Gary & Tina Schoenfeld
Waseca, Minnesota

Gary and Tina Schoenfeld of Waseca, MN, raise soybeans, hay, beef cattle, and sheep. The Schoenfelds have integrated precision planting, grid sampling, and no-till farming practices to increase their efficiency and conserve soil and nutrients. Coming from a long line of farmers, Gary has wanted to farm for as long as he can remember, and he now aims to grow the farm to a size that will allow his children to farm beside him.



Jeroen & Traci van der Ploeg
Clovis, New Mexico

Jeroen and Traci van der Ploeg of Clovis, NM, raise wheat, corn, and beef cattle along with their dairy operation. The van der Ploegs have diversified their farm by incorporating a milk and yogurt company as well as a specialty shop to direct market their products. A native of the Netherlands, Jeroen is a ninth generation dairy farmer whose father sold the farm in Holland to pursue new farming opportunities in the United States.

OFA SPIRIT OF GIVING

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Buck Teeter	1975	TN
ONEOK	2017	ND
Jack & Mary Lou Thomson Foundation	1955	CA
James & Delores Brown	1965	FL
Wisner H. Buckbee	1965	NY
In Memory of Buck Teeter	1975	TN

PLATANUM (\$5,000+)

Joe Gambini & Lois Armstrong	1965	CA
Gerald Barnes & Neoma Loehr	1970	OR
Kevin & Sharon Page	1991	MI

Diamond (\$1,000+)

Dana & Julie Stapleton	2002	SD
Marlan & Mary Johnson	1989	NE
Rod & Janelle Holth	Honary	ND
Russ & Marilyn Rosenboom	1972	IL
Dave & Jeanne Endres	2001	WI
Ben & Kathryn Littlepage	1965	LA
Rich & Debbie Norz	2010	NJ
Tim & Sara Sullivan	2005	MN
Greg & Carmen Bendixson	2002	ND
David & Bernie Shriver	1970	IL
Joe & Ida DeFrancesco	2016	CT
Ralph & Cleo Thompson	1970	ND
John & Marge Walchli	1969	OR
Andy & Hilde Burger	1966	DE
Ken & Audrey Mason	1970	SD
Robert & Roberta Call	1960	NY
Ken & Marilyn Bush	1966	IL
Robert Sakata	1956	CO
Bob & Ella Mae Wade	1969	KY
John & Gail Kautz	1966	CA
Dan & Sheila White	1970	TX
Kevin & Krissy Albert	2005	NE
Don & Cheryl Hartman	2006	NM
In Memory of Kenneth Bush		
Keith & Marian Bjerke		ND

Gold (\$500+)

Joe Geremia	2011	CT
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Bill Richards	1967	OH
Lloyd & Daphnie Holterman	1994	WI
Rod & Mary Birchen	1993	IL
Scott & Peggy Hildebrandt	2002	MN
Willard & Ruth Pederson	1967	ND
In Memory of Pat Barnes (Class of 07)	2007	
Willard & Pat Hennings	1965	WA
Eric & Marlene Haberer	1972	KS
Max & Connie Peterson	1974	IL
Bryce & Cheryl Chamberlain	1982	IL
Richard & Jauanalee Alder	1966	NE
Sandy & Peggy Luderman	1982	MN
Dale & Joanna Koester	1959	ID
Mike & Sandy Hennenfent	1981	IL
Steve & Janeen Moest	1994	IL
Dennis & Doris Tubergen	1994	MI
Jay & Kristin Richardson	2004	WI
Mary Ann Brown	1965	GA
Steve & Dee Gordon	2012	OR
Glen & Angie Walters	2002	GA
Donald & Jeanette Reuvers	1967	MN
Earl & Sue Stanley	1974	VT
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SILVER

In Memory of Dave Duncan		
Leo Sebek Memorial	2002	SD
Mark & Angie Ulness	2017	WI
Ken & Donna Dickneite	1996	MO
Rufus & Mary Sharard	1967	SC
Ruth Pederson Memorial(Uglen)	2012	ND
Mark & Trudy Peterson	2002	MO
Tor & Nicole Anderson		NJ
Deb & Bob Carpenter	1980	NY
John & Mary Shawhan	1977	OH
Karl Eby & Judy Erickson	1985	IA
Danny & Danette McAlhaney	2002	SC
Ned & Carol Berce		ME
In Memory of Mike Hennenfent		
In Memory of Byron Keating		
George Maxey	1965	CO
In Memory of Alton Minderman		
Elaine Thomson	1981	CA



Dues and Donations

- ☐ Annual Dues: \$25
- ☐ Lifetime Dues: \$250
- ☐ \$100 Challenge: \$100
- ☐ Spirit of Giving: \$_____
- ☐ OFA Foundation: \$_____

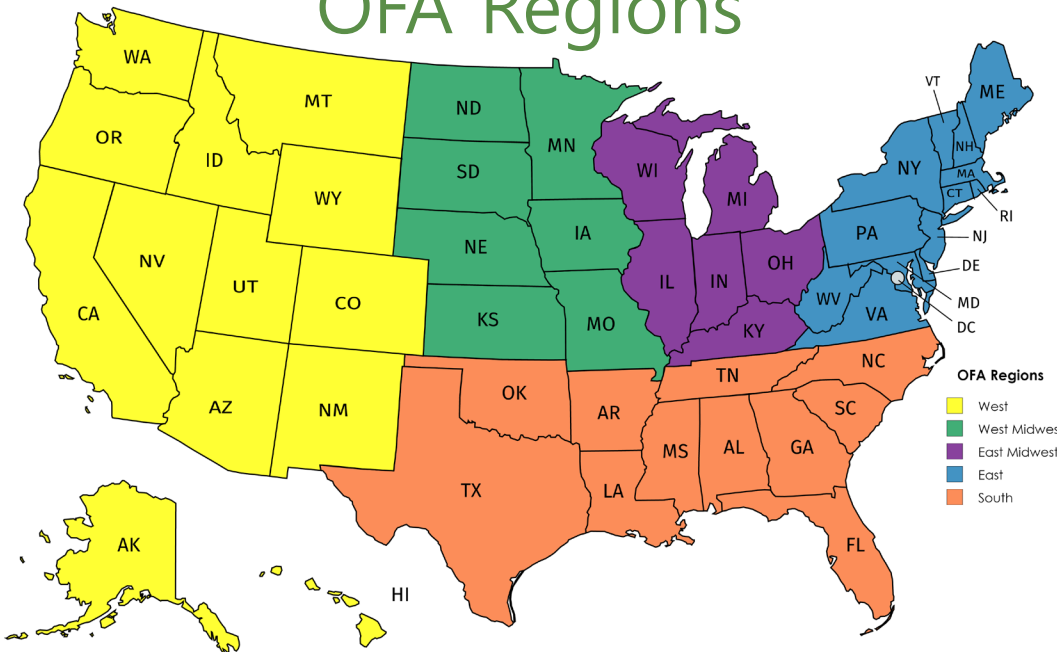
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OFA Regions



NOYF Awards Congress Rotation

2022 - South

2023 - East Midwest

2024 - West

2025 - West Midwest

2026 - East



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Awards Congress

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Hilton Head Island, SC • Feb. 3-6, 2022 • Registration Deadline: Jan. 12, 2022

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

OYF Class of: _____

OYF State: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Cell Number: _____

Home Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Special Needs (Dietary and/or Mobility): _____

CONGRESS OPTIONS (PLEASE SELECT)

- ☐ NOYF 2022 Complete Weekend **ON or BEFORE 12/20/2021** \$ 350.00 per person
- ☐ NOYF 2022 Complete Weekend **AFTER 12/20/2021** \$ 375.00 per person
- ☐ NOYF 2022 Saturday Events \$ 195.00 per person
- ☐ NOYF 2022 Awards Banquet ONLY \$ 105.00 per person

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is \$ _____ to confirm _____ registration(s) for the NOYF Awards Congress

- ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Online (early reg auto applied)
- ☐ Credit Card: https://app.gopassage.com/events/2022noyf/event_times

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION (PLEASE SELECT)

- ☐ I am driving in
- ☐ Arrival Hilton Head Airport: Airline _____ Flight & Time _____
- Departure HHH: Airline _____ Flight & Time _____

Make check or money order payable to OFA. Deadline for registration is Jan 12, 2022

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