

# 79<sup>th</sup> Annual IASCD Conference

## *“Idaho Ag for Idaho’s Future”*

November 7-9, 2023

**The Riverside Hotel**

2900 Chinden Boulevard

Boise, Idaho 83714

### **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

- 9:00-10:45    **IASCD Board of Directors Meeting** *(Board and invited guests only)*
- 11:00-1:00    **IASCD/IDSWCC Joint Directors & Commissioners Meeting**  
*\*Hosted buffet lunch for directors, commissioners, and staff*
- 11:30-1:00    **IDEA Business Meeting & Luncheon**  
*\*Lunch option: Chef’s Salad or Clubhouse Croissant Sandwich*
- 1:00-2:30    **IDEA Workshop**
- 2:30-5:00    Registration open
- 4:00-5:00    **IASCD/ISWCC Joint Listening Session**
- 6:00-8:00    **Welcome & Education Banquet**  
*Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance*  
*Speech Contest*  
*Educational Contest Presentations*  
*Poster Contest Awards & Speech Contest Awards*

### **Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

- 7:00-8:00    Registration open
- 8:00-9:00    **Opening Ceremonies**  
*(\*Buffet Breakfast served)*
- Agency Reports**
- IASCD - Devin Fielding, President
  - NRCS – Amie Miller, ASTC Management & Strategy
  - NACD - TBD
  - ISWCC - Delwyne Trefz, Administrator
  - IDEA - Robbie Taylor, President
  - IASCD Auxiliary Report – LaRae Bagley

9:00-10:30

**Agriculture & Water:  
Keys to Idaho's Future**

**Keynote Speakers:**

*Chanel Tewalt, Director*

*Idaho State Department of Agriculture*

*Mathew Weaver, Director*

*Idaho Department of Water Resources*



10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:30 **Protecting Idaho's Ag Lands**

*Braden Jensen - Director of Government Affairs, Idaho Farm Bureau*

*David Anderson - Idaho Program Manager, American Farmland Trust*

11:30-1:00 **General Session Lunch**

*Featuring virtual tour videos of Idaho Preferred® conservation partners.*

1:30-4:30 **IASCD Tours (2 options – choose 1)**

**Idaho History Museum (\$8 per person)**

*The Idaho State Museum provides an interactive experience to people exploring the story of Idaho. The Museum looks at how Idaho's unique landscapes have shaped - and continue to shape - our Idaho experience. The Museum shows how the profound relationship between Idaho's people and its land has always defined what it means to live here. Through exhibitions, artifacts, and educational programming, the Museum helps Idahoans and visitors understand Idaho history. It is a beautiful museum and a treasure to visit. Spend the afternoon learning more about the great state of Idaho. **(Participants take short carpool to Museum; park adjacent to building)***

**Soil Health All-in-One: McIntyre Pastures, Caldwell (\$5 per person)**

*Canyon SCD Director Brad McIntyre will host this one-of-a-kind tour where participants will visit McIntyre Pastures – a 114-year multi-generational family farming operation established in 1909. McIntyre Pastures utilizes all NRCS soil health management principles to raise seeds, hay, chicken, beef, turkeys, ducks, and pigs all on pasture. They raise and process all their own feed and they sell their product through direct sale. They use multi-species cover crop and no-till farming to build soil health and have become one of the best "model farms" for soil health in the U.S. Participants will see mobile chicken laying coops, pastures, and pasture rotations and will visit their newly constructed meat store. The McIntyre family is a leader in climate smart agriculture using cover crops, biochar, compost, biologicals, no-till, multi-species grazing and drones for aerial application. You don't want to miss this amazing and unique farm! **(Bus transport from hotel provided)***

**NEW! Idaho's Booming Wine and Agriculture Alcohol Industry (\$18 per person)**

*The Sunny Slope region in southwestern Idaho is one of the fastest-growing wine regions in the United States. The unique volcanic and alluvial soils of the Sunny Slope District combine with Idaho's high-altitude, arid climate of sunny days and cool nights to produce wine grapes with ripe flavors and balanced natural acidity. Participants will visit Koenig Winery in Idaho's wine breadbasket for an exclusive tour and wine tasting experience from owner, farmer, and winemaker James Nederend. James will discuss how the large gravel and sandy loam characteristics of the area allow Koenig to produce big, bold reds - a hallmark of Koenig Vineyards. Koenig's Estate Vineyard is also responsible for some of Idaho's most popular wines, including a Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah Blend, CSPV Blend, and Reserve Estate Blend. After the winery stop, participants will continue on to neighboring Koenig Distillery for an exclusive tour by*

owner, farmer, and distiller Andy Koenig. Andy and wife Jill produce an extensive and carefully curated collection of brandy's, vodkas, whiskies, and bourbons. Their location and beautiful facilities will leave an impression! **(Bus transport from hotel provided)**

- 4:00-5:00 **Resolutions Committee Meeting** (*committee members only*)
- 5:00-6:00 Reception
- 6:00-8:00 **IASCD Awards Banquet featuring Governor Brad Little**



**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

- 7:00 Registration open
- 8:00 **IASCD Auxiliary Breakfast** (*Auxiliary members; registered guests*)
- 9:00 **Innovative Agriculture & Marketing Partnership (IAMP) Panel:**  
*Erin Brooks, University of Idaho*  
*Devin Fielding, IASCD*  
*Neil Crescenti, The Nature Conservancy*  
*Gerald Green, Coeur d'Alene Tribe*  
*Nez Perce Tribe*  
*Tori O'Neal, Co-Op Rancher, Desert Mountain Grass Fed Beef*
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-10:45 **NRCS: Deej Brown, State Urban Conservationist**
- 11:00-1:00 **IASCD Business Meeting & Luncheon**  
***\*Hosted lunch provided for dues paying District members***

**\*Conference ends after Business Meeting**