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58th Annual NACTA Conference
Celebrating and Sustaining Agriculture
June 26-29, 2012

The 2012 NACTA Conference is being offered during the UW-River Falls College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) Centennial Year. We are excited to share our campus with NACTA, DOCE and the 1994 Land Grants during our college celebration. While you are here we can learn from each other about sustaining agriculture. The conference will begin Tuesday evening, June 26, with a welcome reception and culminate with a banquet Friday evening, June 29.

UW-River Falls is located in the scenic St. Croix Valley of Wisconsin. We are about 10 miles from the St. Croix River, which separates Wisconsin and Minnesota. Along the river you will find a number of historic towns and spectacular scenery. Being close to Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN allows easy access to enjoy the shopping, museums and other entertainment large cities provide. We hope you come to the NACTA conference and spend some extra time enjoying the sites and activities of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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NACTA: Lodging

Lodging

Riverview Hotel & Suites

Conference pricing: \$74.99/night (includes continental breakfast)

**Reservations must be phoned in for the NACTA Conference.*

100 Spring St.
River Falls, WI 54022
Ph: (715) 425-1045
Toll Free: (888) 582-5020
Fax: (715) 425-1845

Country Inn River Falls

Formerly Crossings by GrandStay Inn and Suites 

Conference pricing: \$72.99/night (includes complimentary, gourmet express breakfast)

1525 Commerce Court
River Falls, WI 54022
Ph: (715) 425-9500

Reservations: (866) 722-9566

South Fork Suites

There are 55 suites available on the UW-River Falls campus at the South Fork Suites. Each suite has four beds. The Suites are available on a first come first serve basis, with space available for 220 guests. The conference **registration information** is posted and includes two options for your South Fork Suites stay:

- 1) Single room in a shared suite - \$30/night
- 2) Group Suite: Reserve an entire 4 bed suite for your group to stay together - \$120/night

Check-in: 3-5:30p Tues., June 26

Check-out: 10-11a Fri., June 29 or 8-10a Sat., June 30

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NACTA: Tours

NACTA Tour Descriptions



Tour A

- The [Five Star Dairy Farm](#) in Elk Mound, WI demonstrates a sustainable approach for a renewable energy technology that generates farm income while also reducing livestock waste problems. Five Star's owner acquired the benefits of anaerobic digestion, which provides Dairyland Power Cooperative a renewable energy source for their customers, and digested solids free to the community - which meets a growing interest in using compost for gardening, and reduces odor significantly.
- [Fetzer Farms](#), in Elmwood, WI is a 1,500 cow dairy with 1,700 tillable acres. The cows are milked three times a day. The farm is managed by Steve, Paul and Joe; the three brothers are the fourth generation on a farm established by their great grandfather in 1914. They're happy with this 900-cow, cross-ventilated barn, deep-bedded with reclaimed sand. The added cow comfort has the cows averaging 85 pounds of milk per day.
- The dairy tour will end with a visit to the [Cady Cheese Factory](#).


Tour B

- Since 1856, [Star Prairie Trout Farm](#) has commercially raised delicious cold water trout. Star Prairie's ice-cold spring water has provided an ideal natural habitat for trout. The 300,000 fish live their roughly two-year-long lives in fresh, cold, spring water that cascades from the side of a hill down through a series of ponds and finally out into the Apple River.
- The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway was established in 1968 as one of the original eight rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Tour the upper St. Croix River on a paddle boat at [Wild Mountain Paddle Boat](#). Your guide will point out unique geological formations left behind as the glaciers retreated. Among the most outstanding formation is the huge stone cross for which the St. Croix River was named and the world's largest glacial kettle moraines.




Tour C

- "From Field to Fork" for generations, [Chippewa Valley Bean Company](#)  has grown kidney beans in the most natural way. Nestled in the rolling hills of Wisconsin's Chippewa Valley, their business has produced the highest quality dark red kidney bean in the United States.
- The [Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company](#)  is a regional American beer maker based in Chippewa Falls, WI. Leinenkugel is mainly distributed in the Upper Midwest, but is available in limited quantities throughout the United States. Its products are colloquially known as Leinies.


Tour D

- [Big River Resources](#)  in Boyceville, WI is a grass roots ethanol organization that began in 2003 with a farmer-owned cooperative seeking the goals of adding value to agricultural production, improving rural community opportunity and providing local quality jobs. The facility incorporates a dry-milling process to produce fuel-grade ethanol, distillers grains feed products as well as industrial corn oil. **Please note: No open toe shoes will be allowed on this tour.**
- The Peterson's Valley View Farm in Glenwood City, WI is an exquisitely charming antique farm with a number of historical displays including: a renovated school house, farming museums, a restored 60 foot church steeple - over one hundred years old, llamas, beautiful rose gardens, a pond and fountain built (almost) in the cornfield. Wayne Peterson hosts free outdoor summer community band concerts at the amphitheater on his farm.
- [Silver Bison Ranch](#)  is a 1000 acre ranch near the town of Baldwin. The North American Plains Bison is the largest land mammal in America. At Silver Bison Ranch, the bison are open range raised in as natural an environment as possible. The bison graze on native grasses, just as they did 200 years ago.

Tour E

- This tour will take you to [Target Field](#)  , home of the Minnesota Twins. The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded Target Field its Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification for green operations and maintenance.
- [Bailey Nurseries](#)  is a fourth-generation family-owned nursery serving customers throughout the U.S. and Canada. They are widely recognized as one of the United States' largest wholesale nurseries, with products distributed by more than 4500 independent garden centers, landscapers, growers and re-wholesalers. The main offices and growing fields are located in Newport, Minnesota.

Tour F

- [Fairmount Minerals](#) , is one of the largest producers of industrial sand in the United States. The Wisconsin Industrial

industrial sand in the United States. The Wisconsin Industrial Sand - Menomonie is located on approximately 365 acres. Since mining significantly impacts local habitats, the goal of each site is to return the land in better condition than when it was borrowed. As a new site, habitat enhancement projects are in the development stage. **Please note: No open toe shoes will be allowed on this tour.**

- **Rush River Produce** is a "U-Pick" farm. There are 14 different varieties of blueberries growing on nine acres at Rush River Produce providing an extended blueberry picking season. All their fruit and produce is raised in an environmental manner using sustainable agriculture methods. "We strive to grow clean, healthy whole foods."

Tour G

- The **Academy for Sciences & Agriculture** engages learners in academically rigorous student-centered learning experiences and leadership opportunities within a science and agricultural context. AFSA is a public charter school.
- This tour will visit high school Agricultural Education programs in the Minneapolis/ St. Paul metro area.

While we will try to provide the tours as described, the NACTA 2012 organizing committee reserves the right to make changes based on availability, weather conditions or other factors that are beyond our control. We will notify participants of significant changes to arrange alternate selections.

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NACTA: Registration

Join Us!

You can register now for the 2012 NACTA Conference online or via mail:

- [Online Registration](#)
- [Mail-in Registration Form](#) 

Registration Pricing


	Member	Non-Member	Student Member	Student Non-Member
By May 15	\$300	\$375	\$100	\$125
After May 15	\$400	\$475	\$100	\$125


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NACTA: Transportation

Flying into Minneapolis–St. Paul (MSP) International Airport

Please arrange for vehicle rental at MSP Airport for your travel to UWRF (approximately 45 minutes travel time). [Map of route to UWRF](#) 

If you are unable to rent a vehicle, limited airport shuttle service from MSP to Hudson, WI is available via [Chippewa Valley Airport Service \(CVAS\)](#) . The cost for this service is \$50 round-trip. You will need to make reservations directly with the airport shuttle service on their Web site. We recommend that you reserve round-trip service.

UWRF will provide transportation from Hudson to River Falls (approximately 8 miles) between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. June 26 – 30. After reserving round-trip airport shuttle service through CVAS, please send your name(s), number in party, and shuttle arrival & departure information (from Hudson) to nacta@uwrf.edu . You will receive e-mail confirmation of your information prior to the conference.

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