



Survey Summary of the 2008 NACAA AMPIC held in Greensboro, NC

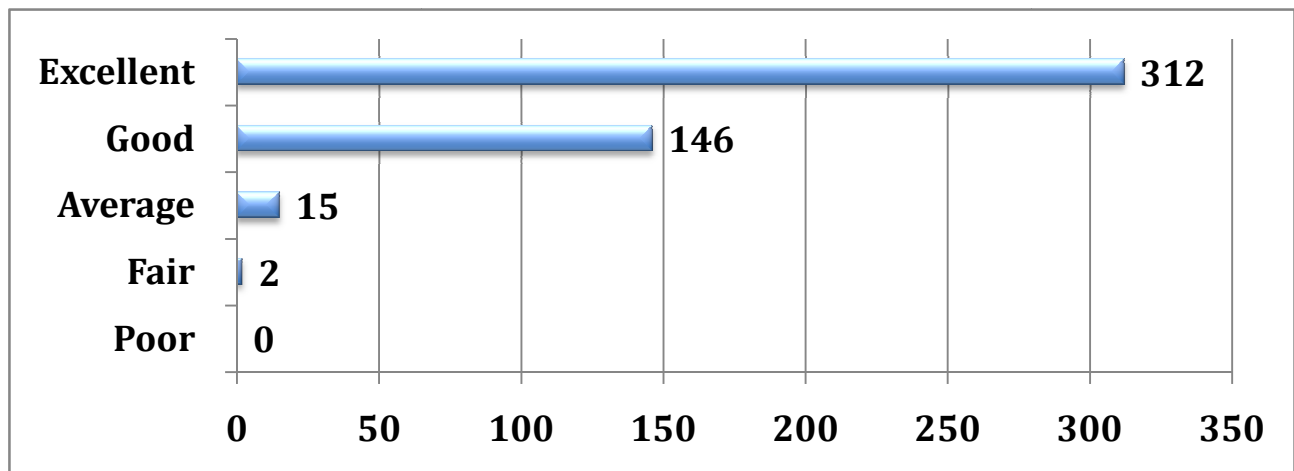
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Oklahoma Association of Extension Agricultural Agents



1. Overall, how would you rate the North Carolina NACAA AM/PIC?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
select one	0.0% (0)	0.4% (2)	3.2% (15)	30.7% (146)	65.7% (312)	4.62	475
	<i>answered question</i>						475
	<i>skipped question</i>						8



2. What would you recommend to improve the conference?

Nothing **47 similar comments**
 Sample response "Absolutely nothing, the agents did a great job!"

Sound System **45 similar comments**
 Sample response "Acoustics in the main meeting room were less than adequate."

Better Food **16 similar comments**
 Sample response "Better coordination of meal offerings. For instance, almost the exact meal was served Sunday and Monday nights. The spouses also had chicken at their luncheon on Tuesday, as well."

Better Location **9 similar comments**
 Sample response "A more interesting location in the state."

Shorten it a day**9 similar comments**

Sample response “Consider eliminating one day.”

Better Signage**8 similar comments**

Sample response “Better signage to get to rooms used by the conference. Pretty confusing finding rooms, particularly in the early part of the week.

States’ Night Out**6 similar comments**

Sample response “Going back to States Night Out not in. By having a night out, those of us that flew in have an opportunity to see more of the city.”

Professional Development**6 similar comments**

Sample response “More professional improvements talks.”

“Meet the Authors”**5 similar comments**

Sample response “Change poster “meet the author”. We had some new agents attending who did not get to be at their poster b/c of first timers lunch.”

Better Driving Instructions**5 similar comments**

Sample response “Better directions to the host hotel.

Snacks at breaks**4 similar comments**

Sample response “Snacks at breaks”

Airport**3 similar comments**

Sample response “Arrival at airport would be enhanced if there were someone stationed to give directions to the pickup point.”

Spouse Activities**2 similar comments**

Sample response “In the spouse’s section, there wasn’t a whole lot for my spouse (male) to do.”

Sunday evening program too long**2 similar comments**

Sample response “The Sunday evening program was too long; the inspirational speaker should have been first, followed by Clovers & Co. which should have been given half the time they took.’

Print speaker bio’s in the program and only use a very brief introduction.

At evening assemblies, either have entertainment OR speaker.

20 Minutes for prof. improvement seminars instead of 15 – hard to communicate much in 10 minutes plus 5 for questions.

30 hour days

A facility with more things within walking distance.

A venue for breakfast

Offer continental breakfast morning breaks

Hold it in facilities with an economical breakfast or else with small fridges and microwaves in the rooms.

Allow for tickets to tours to be included in packets

Include facilities map in registration packet.

An activity during the breaks to encourage agents to meet with other agents to establish networks.

Barbecue night out location on Wednesday – location was too distant the convention center. Shuttles worked well, but there was nothing special about the location to warrant the round trip.

Being from NC, I spent most of my time working during the conference. I did get to attend some of the workshops. I felt that most of the events, tours, etc. went well. Some parts of the program booklet seemed difficult to understand, and improvement could be made in the future on program booklets.

Better (more extensive and more convenient) recycling. Less obvious use of and emphasis on alcohol consumption.

Singing at opening ceremony too long.

Better seating for large meals.

Bigger rooms for hospitalities

Maybe have the posters up longer. Didn't get to see them all.

Choice of where to stay without penalty for staying in conference hotel.

Continue the quality of this year.

Could lunch and learn sessions be made available to those who want to come listen without attending lunch? I realize some are more formal and this may not be possible but it seems that there are some this would lend themselves to.

Don't allot specific time to poster and trade show, allow participants to view at own time.

Felt the schedule was packed and not enough time to view posters or meet exhibitors.

Folks working the Information Booth needs to know what is going on and where it is being held.

For first timers develop a flow diagram of the organizations structure.

Good conference – session lengths on Tuesday afternoon were quite short at 20 minutes and no time was available if you wanted to go to a different group without disrupting one room.

Impress the importance of speakers starting and ending on time (Tuesday's sessions) ...leaving more time to get from one session to another.

Have more ½ day tours.

On the Professional tours, try to keep the travel on the bus shorter.

Have more topics on horticulture also have some sessions on retirement.

Have more youth professional improvement opportunities.

Have the trade show only open certain hours as opposed to all day. Not have any other "classes/breakout sessions" for attendants at those times so they would visit the trade show. Seems like I sat there all day long with vast periods that no one visited my booth because they were all attending classes/sessions downstairs.

I am an exhibitor (Nasco) but I have been coming for a number of years, the exhibits were the best attended of any of the years I have attended. I just hope that what was learned can be moved to the states that host the meeting in the future.

Having coffee and water service out sooner in the exhibit hall.

Help the next state with ideas especially on how you went about getting sponsors for N. Carolina.

Higher Level Educational Seminars

How big a deal is the State Picture to everyone? Has it passed its time?

I have attended MANY large conferences in my career and this was one of the best organized events to date. As a first timer, I was sorry that my program conflicted with the first-timers luncheon as the very few things that I missed knowing were surely covered there.

I like the idea of maybe having the tour day as the last day, but still having the fairgrounds type meal and some entertainment. It seems like Thursday is mostly wasted except for the banquet. This is my ninth meeting so I know that breaks tradition. I missed late Sunday and early Monday. Did we have a motivational speaker? I might do that one of the last two days.

I would have liked a map listing where all the rooms were in our book. I was also really confused about the breaks. I wish there were more topics about beef cattle.

I would improve it by supplying sitter service for small children not involved in the youth programs so the meetings would not be interrupted by unruly children.

If NACAA is going to have national awards and contests, then after the judging occurs at the annual conference, then have a follow-up workshop to explain how to submit national award entries and build posters correctly. It is ridiculous to have a "professional improvement" conference when there is no attempt to teach and show agents, especially new members and young agents, how to create posters correctly and submit awards entries properly. There was no explanation or justification on the judging and why some entries won and why others did not. Much of the competition rules are very vague in content and difficult to understand. Such

negligence only frustrates members to not participate in future conferences nor submit awards entries in the future.

In all Award presentations, the title of the winning paper along with all authors should be printed in the handout. Please make it clear beforehand regarding who will be given award at the stage and who do not be there for the award show (Communication Award had a confusing format).

Have all awards luncheons or breakfasts at different times/days so people don't have to choose which to go to and which to miss, especially those agents who enter multiple award programs.

Look carefully at time schedule for opening session agenda.

Improve the 4-H talent show!

In the future, work to keep the professional development tracks closer together, especially the rooms for the individual tracks like Animal Science, Agronomy, etc. The animal science rooms were about as far apart as you can get in the conference facility. Also - for next year's president - the meet the author session for the poster display needs to be sometime different than against a sponsored lunch. It was a waste of my time and several of the other authors seemed to feel the same way.

Keep up the good work in providing outstanding professional improvement opportunities.

Larger rooms for session, maybe less sessions and offer more than one time, there were several ones I would have liked to attend, but could not because there was something else I felt I needed more.

Less time in general sessions. Opening program too long. Shorter speeches or fewer speakers in general sessions/opening ceremony & banquet. Can't sit that long. More on programming/program delivery/case studies from county agents.

Longer registration (self serve is possible)

Make name tags so they show on both sides or ones that do not turn over.

Manned a booth and did not attend any sessions. There was very little food traffic but that is not ones fault.

Maybe allow more free time or down time during the days of professional development seminars – say run them from 8 to 2 or 8 to 3 and allow a little more free time between daytime sessions and night time activities.

Maybe more abstracts or meetings for people involved in horticulture/vegetable production.

More horticulture seminars for new plant materials.

Meeting etiquette needs to be improved, too many side conversations during presentations and too many cell phones ringing during meetings and presentations.

Milk at tables during meals.

Need to have meal choices for children. None of the meals were kid friendly. States Night In was the works meal for kids.

More informational sessions and cover more what first timers should do/how the times/talks work. I thought I had to sit through the whole series of talks on the one day but found out I could move around. Or just have brief descriptions of what they are, such as Bayer discussing products compare to new technologies/getting basic info on something

More opportunity to attend workshops.

More side tours. Someone from a tourism office available for the first day or two.

More time for agents to meet in specific areas of assignment. Example: animal science or horticulture or vegetable to talk about specific problems and solutions common to the nation.

More time for site visits, less seminars.

More time.

More to do on Thursday (professionally)

More Urban program sessions

More visits from agents to booths

Get program information to the host state much sooner. All meal functions should require preregistration so as to avoid the number of meals served and paid that were not consumed.

Not eating off the grounds after the tour day. Or making transportation available back to the hotel immediately for people that will be traveling home that day.

Not have the meeting rooms so cold.

Only glitch on my part was the hotel was not available for shuttle service on Saturday when we arrived. We had to wait until the North Carolina hosts taxied us to the hotel. Very small inconvenience for an excellent conference.

Open-ended response

Orientation for new comers

Provide an example judging score sheet for the poster session in the NACCA County Agent publication.

Raise the temperature of meeting rooms, air conditioning was too cold. Waited in line for a couple of buffet meals and for buses after the BBQ. Need to drop the 4:30 sessions on Tue. as no one attends

Seating arrangements for the states night in was confusing. But I like the idea of states night dinner being held in the hotel.

Shorten the "officer installations" even more during the awards banquet. Limit the focus of that event to recognizing the DSA candidates

Shorter opening session, with speakers that relate to all of the agents.

Slightly shorter tradeshow hours, during sessions there isn't much traffic.

The banquet meal was excellent but the servings were far too large.

Using two screens was a good idea however; the picture quality was questionable.

The BBQ meal at the fairgrounds was a little weak. The beer and BBQ sampling area outside needed a better set up so we could enjoy the very good food and drink that was available.

The conference brochure was a bit confusing.

The number of people attending can create "bottlenecks" in processing, so this could flow more smoothly. It was done very well for the professional tours loading up in the morning.

The on-line pre-registration form more user friendly.

The photography. How much would it cost to hire a photographer and have them work for us. In other words, all pictures would belong to the organization and would be available for everyone. As a national's award winner, it would be nice to have pictures to include with press releases, but the pictures never arrive until 4-8 weeks after the meeting and by then it is old news and they are useless for publicity for the counties or the universities.

The tours did not live up to my expectations. The tour I was on did not match the summary posted in the magazine.

There are some aspects of the schedule that are confusing. It's not always clear on some of the luncheons who's supposed to attend, or who can attend. For folks that haven't attended very many AM/PICs, that can be confusing.

There are times such as the Wed. night dinner when loud music makes it difficult to visit with others at the table. Not a major problem, but just a suggestion.

This is very important...the moderators need to be very diligent about staying on time!

Too much extra going on during state's night in.

Tours & time. Tours lasted longer than planned. Enjoyed all, however if a person has made plans based on times posted need to try to stay close to times.

Tours need to have less time spent standing around and listening to someone just talk-- you need to see more things in action. Tours need to be described better.

Trade show hours way to long, line it up where vendors get in front of agents.

Turn on the dehumidifier a day before the conference.

When I was seeking information at the information desk, difficult to find answers to questions. Those at the desk were very nice but would send me to another individual who was not familiar with details of the conference either. However, I thought the overall conference was very good.

While I appreciated the opportunity for a break on Thursday afternoon, it was partly because there didn't seem to be many options for sessions to participate in.

With spouses and members registration separate, we get two copies of all the material and discard a lot of it, especially the tourism stuff. Publish pick up time for spouses gift if not available the entire conference.

With the days switched at the Portland meeting, would like to see the posters stay up longer. For some really involved individuals it's difficult to find time to read the posters unless you review them after 10 PM.

3. What would you like to compliment the North Carolina hosts for?

Well Organized

116 similar comments

Sample response 'A well organized and efficiently run AM/PIC that demonstrated teamwork and southern hospitality.'

Excellent Hospitality

74 similar comments

Sample response "Being very hospitable, they did what they could to make sure you had what you needed and you had a good time."

Excellent Tour

67 similar comments

Sample response "excellent tours"

Excellent Meals

66 similar comments

Sample response "All the meals were excellent."

Everything

49 similar comments

Sample response "Everything was fantastic...You out did yourself."

Excellent Facilities

44 similar comments

Sample response "Excellent facilities, easy to get around. Picked a city that was not so big that room rates were out of sight and the city really seemed to care that we were there. Agents were very helpful and worked to assist in any way they could."

Excellent Accommodations and Location

23 similar comments

Sample response: "Excellent accommodations and location."

States Night In

11 similar comments

Sample response "Appreciated the 'states night in'. Since everything was in one building it was easy to move between planned events."

Trade show booths

8 similar comments

Sample response "Best trade show I've seen."

Great Meeting

Sample response "Great meeting!"

7 similar comments**Excellent programs**

Sample response "Excellent PI programs"

6 similar comments**Registration**

Sample response "Registration was very well organized."

6 similar comments**Great Speakers**

Sample response "Excellent speakers"

4 similar comments

All aspects I was involved with were excellent- tours, meals, BBQ, seminars, vendors

All the different kinds of barbeque.

Always available and provided help wherever needed

Good move to install officers in the general session and not during the banquet

Any time you can organize 1400+ people you need to be complement on keeping your sanity!

Arrangements were excellent.

As a displayer I have never seen the support given by the extension agents to help us.

As an Exhibitor, the host state was very attentive to our needs and having been personally invited to the meal was a nice touch.

Attention to the details was very impressive. Great work. Educational programs were outstanding, and again I also learned a lot through the professional development tours.

Being great hosts and very inclusive with all activities.

Being very prepared and professional.

Cooperative spirit of all involved.

Directions at conference, availability of agents, tours and having the entire conference at one location. All but 1 of the meals were excellent. (baked chicken) Understand it was the caterer.

Excellent work on sponsorships! You really did an outstanding job.

Fantastic customer service! Excellent response time. Friendly and well organized.

Focusing the entire meeting on the average agent, not just a chosen few (National Board), an example of this would be the States Night In function...it was great

Great poster session. Directions in pre conference email were great- right to the conference center. Thanks great job

Efficient people handling at big events

Gracious Hosts. The hotel and every detail was seen too.

Great beer at the barbecue at the fair grounds!

Great ed. meetings to attend. A lot of meals provided.

Great spouses program and breakout programs.

The tour to Sampson County was very informative.

Great food on Horses and more Horses tour.

The BBQ was nicely done – like the free samples.

Good response to questions.

Great mix - good to separate the youth program by age. I heard from several of our state kids who attended they liked not being lumped in with the 6 yr olds! - very convenient complex - excellent tours

Great presents and very friendly to vendors.

The vests helped folks know who to ask for info.

Great state, a lot to offer, wrong city.

Great team work. Great staff.

Great tobacco tour!

Having ample volunteers that knew what was going on or where to find the answers.

Having Certified Crop Advisor credits available in the sessions.

Having the AMPIC under one roof. Very handy!

Having the entire conference in one building.....a terrific location! Also, super breakfast "package" for the PI tours on Wednesday and a really nice meal at the Thursday night banquet. Also, very functional/accessible poster display area, good barbeque and having "Barney Fife" was a big hit! Opening day (Monday) evening meal was a great idea. Food was good and it allowed everyone to come and go according to their arrival schedule--great idea! Great job overall, no complaints, but having a wonderful facility really enabled the NC agent to have a head start, nothing wrong with that!

Hosts were very visible and accommodating; all seemed well informed and eager to help. THANK YOU for sponsoring the States' Night In dinner!! Good variety of exhibitors. Presentations at banquet seemed streamlined--yay!

I appreciate all the hard work that goes into making any conference a success, and to everyone who volunteered their time to help. Thanks!

Times for your consideration. Rogelio and Jackie Mercado, Texas.

I think North Carolina did a fantastic job. I have worked for 29 years and have attended 12 NACAA AM/PICs since 1991. This was one of the best ever.

I think that all the committee and team done a great job in working together.

I thought everything was taken care of very well.

I would like to commend the delegation for planning an outstanding professional development conference!!

It was a fabulous time and well put together. They have set a very high standard for other states to attempt to reach when they host it.

It was evident by the number of red vested agents that the conference had great support. Each one did a job that was important and well done. Congratulations to all. Nice work. Thank you for making the conference enjoyable, effective and memorable.

Lots of service. Lots of attention to detail. Nothing was botched.

Low registration rates, wonderful transportation and logistical planning.

Making us feel so welcome and showing off your state so well. Great job getting sponsors for the conference.

Mark and Karen are awesome.

NC agents were very organized and everything seemed to come off without a hitch; they were very pleasant and accommodating.

Quite a few meals provided, which is helpful when other travel expenses are up; very helpful conference staff and never hard to find someone.

North Carolina agents were super hosts. Hats off to the whole crew. (Barry, I think you deserve an extra pat on the back for making me feel right at home.)

Nothing comes to mind

Number one, the food. That really makes or breaks conferences. We like to eat and we like our beer- thanks for the microbrews, by the way. Second, could North Carolinians be more friendly? We arrived late on Sunday, folks at check in watched our bags while we quickly ate. Before leaving one host directed us to a beach south of Wilmington... third, the quality of the tracks were really good. It's a lot to put together, but they did an outstanding job of providing the "whole" package!

Of the 13 meetings of NACAA that I have attended the check-in for this one was the best I have ever experienced. I would say the same for the hotel staff also. This trend carried throughout the AMPIC! Great job guys and gals!

Open-ended response

Outstanding hospitality and good job of obtaining sponsorship dollars helping to make it an affordable conference. The trade show was located in a very convenient location that encouraged my and others to participate. There was a good selection of vendors and the co-location with the posters was good planning.

Outstanding hosts

Information operations

Pre registration and conference info

Professionalism, quality of host site and tours

Providing the free transportation to/from the airport. Everyone was very helpful. You did a great job. Enjoyed the States-Night-In. It was great to see all of the extension family in one room. It makes you feel like you are part of a very special group of people.

Putting on a great educational conference.

Their attention to detail and support.

All their efforts to raise money.

There was a lady who helped me get my daughter registered on Monday morning in time to get her off on a tour when we arrived after 9pm Sunday night and she was not preregistered. I did not get her name but I wish I had so I could thank her again. But she went above and beyond when the gentleman in charge said he only helped with those preregistered. If you can ID this lady that grabbed me by the arm and said come with me I will help you, Then extend my sincere appreciation for her caring and dedication.

They had great sponsorship and the extras were obvious.

They had some really neat ideas for little things. I liked the food (except the fish-I just can't eat it). I also really liked the tour we went on (#9) it rocked! The hospitality rooms were very fun and made you feel at home. I liked the cards where the vendors had to sign our cards. It made us talk to them-which is good!

They provided a great conference with many educational activities.

They were always helpful, always there, and if they didn't know an answer, they found someone who did. Very nice job NC agents!!

They were EVERYWHERE--I could always find one of them if I had a question! Everything was well-organized, and it made for a high-quality and enjoyable experience. The food was great, too!

They were really nice and helpful with any questions I had.

They were very helpful with respect to lining up a hospitality suite.

They were very professional and helpful and a large network of them supported the event.

Vendors, sign cards were a good tool.

Very good educational sessions.

The computer room was very convenient.

Very identifiable (red vests). Everything was very professional. Felt very welcome. First AM/PIC for me was an excellent experience. Plenty of opportunities for socializing. The first timers program was excellent. Nice choice of location. Excellent decorations, banquet, bus tours and bar-B-Q

Good timely topics.

Sponsored meals

Well funded, great people, and excellent showcase of all that North Carolina has to offer. We enjoyed all the programs (member's spouse's and kids').

Liked the closeness of the poster session to the exhibitor booths and the meeting rooms close by also.

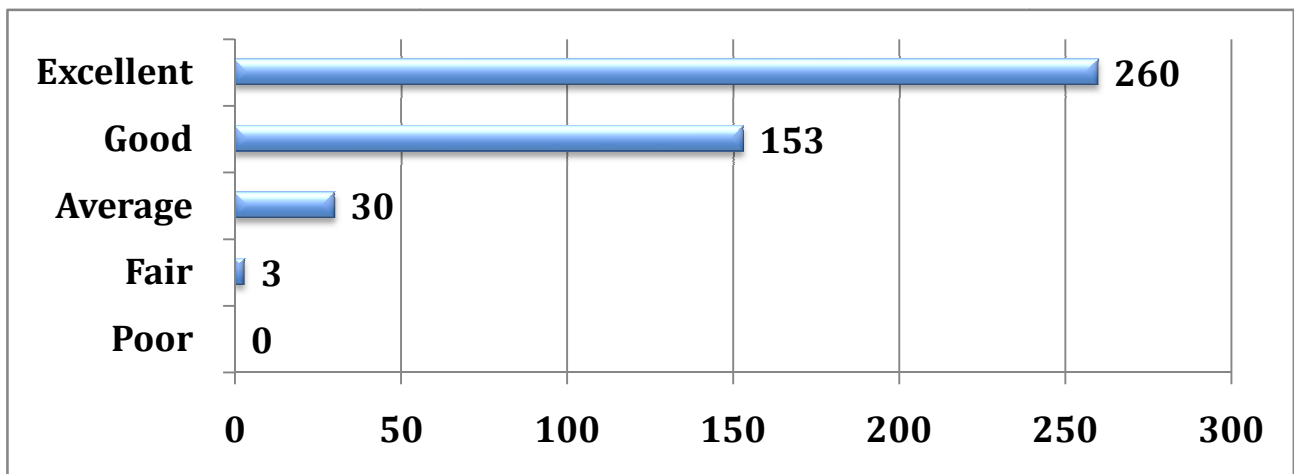
When representing GLCI/NRCS at trade shows I have never participated in an event where I felt more welcome and appreciated. Thank you. Michael Hall, USDA-NRCS

Very knowledgeable host, well laid out commercial exhibits easy to get too and visit with them

Wish all shows were like yours. Bryan Spivey and all his people did a great job.

4. Overall, what was the quality of the Professional Improvement opportunities?



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5. The Professional Improvement choices were?

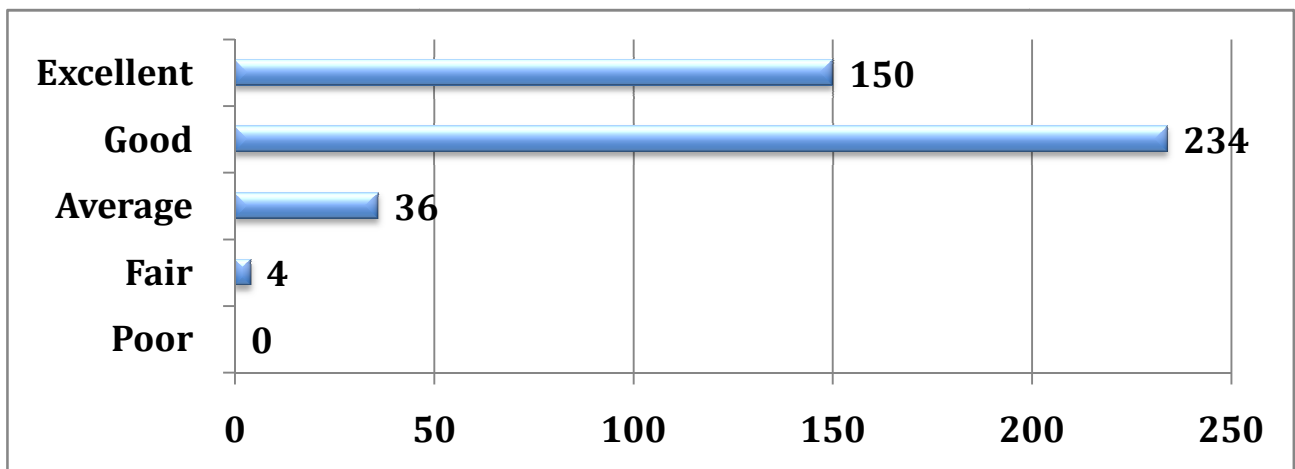
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<i>answered question</i>				456
<i>skipped question</i>				27

6. Did you view any NACAA posters?

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Yes			90.2%	425
No			9.8%	46
<i>answered question</i>				471
<i>skipped question</i>				12

7. If you viewed the NACAA posters, how would you rate the poster session?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.9% (4)	8.5% (36)	55.2% (234)	35.4% (150)	4.25	424
Comments?							88
<i>answered question</i>							424
<i>skipped question</i>							59



COMMENTS:

Excellent quality

17 similar comments

Sample response "I loved the quality of the posters and the variety of subjects."

Change to a better time

8 similar comments

Sample response "A better time to met poster authors."

Handouts

3 similar comments

Sample response" I like how some of them put handouts underneath the posters so I could take it back with me."

Gather great ideas

2 similar comments

Sample response "I got many great ideas on poster layout and program design"

1) Group posters by broad subject matter and include titles and authors in program so we can find them easily. (2) Give "Outstanding Poster Awards", not 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, etc. Posters are too good to try and rate. (3) Require all authors present to be potential judges to relieve the pressure to judge all 110 posters.

As a first timer, idea of how they were judged or organized by topic/category better.

As a presenter, hardly anyone came by due to other sessions going on. There should be a block of time that highlights the poster session; maybe business meeting could occur at that time, but not oral presentations or other professional improvement talks.

Award posters should not be hidden and separate from view

Communications awards sign

Crowded area, copies of papers on floor

Don't put authors at posters during "free" lunches -- maybe at break time when there would be more traffic

Excellent area for viewing, still need something to hold paper (attachments)

Excellent way to get a quick view of the excellence in our organization and great ideas to bring to our home

For a contest - hide something on the posters and draw winners from those who find the hidden items.

Getting better every year

Good mix wit the commercial, also there was time set aside during the morning sessions.

Good part of the professional improvement of the conference.

Good to see so many posters and the quality improving!

Good visible location and exposure.

Great improvement in quantity and quality in recent years

Great number and variety of poster topics

Great way of placing the posters in an area where folks would see them and travel through them while attending meetings.

I always question judging biases on these

I don't get too much out of the posters.

I found the poster sessions to be first rate. I probably gained more from the poster sessions than the oral presentations.

I had too little time to read them like I wanted.

I really like to walk through them, it was very empowering.

I saw a good flow of individuals in the poster area.

I was inspired to try to create one for next year!

Improving each year

I thought the way NC located and presented the poster session encouraged those attending the meeting to take advantage of that information.

Inviting location and facility

Large amount

Leave posters up for entire conference if possible.

Like the setup near the exhibitors, would like more posters

Lots of them, good variety. Would it make sense to organize by topic?

Many were same as verbal presentations

Mixing posters in same area with booths worked well

Need a place to put handouts, other than on the floor.

Need more consistency in entries – you're got rules, use them.

Need more input.

Need tables or something in the poster area for those displays to put their paper work, business cards on. Posters on the boards were obvious and easy to read. But all the hand outs that went along with them got scattered on the floor and near cluttered.

Need to make sure poster presenters realize they can bring a handout as well.

Nice to have a handout to refer to after the meeting

One of the best ever.

Poster area was a little crowded – it did get them viewed multiple times

Poster cover many topic and give individuals good ideas of what could be done in their home county

Posters exhibited excellence and professionalism

Posters need to be less “wordy” if people expect them to be read.
See comment on #2.

Seemed to be more from the southern states.

Seems to continue to improve from year to year. This shows increased professionalism of NACAA membership.

Some sizes were different. Need to standardize. Put the ones not following instructions toward the back in the corner.

Some were outstanding, some were fair. I think everyone deserves the opportunity to present, though

The poster session needs to be open at least until Thursday

The posters would be more accessible with a title, author, and brief review of each printed as a handout or in the brochure.

The rows of poster displays were too close making it difficult for one to see one poster while another individual was looking at one straight across. I ended up looking through them during an improvement session to avoid the crowd.

Very convenient to see them near the breakout rooms

Very good displays, good use of space

Very good mix of subjects


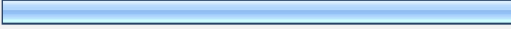


Very Good Posters - Awful Judges and Very Opinionated - No Consistency in Scoring - Poor Handling of the Entire Competition

Very nice to see more posters this year.

With larger number, May need to group by crops, livestock and hort?

You did a good job at getting people to bring them. Share your tactics with Oregon.

8. Are the length of the NACAA AM/PICs _____ .

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Too long			13.7%	64
About right			82.7%	387
Too short			0.2%	1
Undecided			3.4%	16
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COMMENTS:

Shorten by one day

11 similar comments

Sample response "Consider taking one day out of the meeting."

Just perfect

3 similar comments

Sample response "I think it is just perfect."

Attended from Tues – Thurs.

2 similar comments

Sample response "I attended from Tues - Thurs, left Friday am, due to time constraints"

A full schedule

Another one half to full day of tours

Arrived Sunday 3 pm, left Thursday am

Attendees need to be encouraged to stay an extra day and do some sightseeing

But it is hard to fit so much into a shorter period of time. The days were long and the week was long - but there was a lot of great information! It was a hard time of the year to be away from the office.

Could condense the meeting

Couldn't get everything done in shorter time!

Except we seem to start to dang early in the morning and run too late at night. Lots of stuff jammed into the week.

Expenses make attendance more difficult. 2009 tours on last day makes sense.

Expensive travel and gone too many days

Gets somewhat long if you come in for a pre-conference tour...

Gives a great opportunity to gain insight to a region from people who know and love their home states.

I left on Thursday morning and came in on Sunday and seemed to be a full week. I know that I would have found some good sessions to attend on Thursday or just connect with others.

I like the current format. I am concerned that moving the tours to the last day may cause the tour numbers to drop significantly, especially the no shows who don't cancel their spot on the tour. But we will not know until we try it, so it will be interesting to see what happens.

I was busy each day in useful activities and events

In some aspect if felt to long (being away from home), on the flip side it was to short because it didn't get to attend all than I wanted too.

It is a long meeting - but that is one of it's strengths

It is hard to be away for that length of time.

It seems we are filling Thursday with "stuff" just to get to the dinner

It would be very difficult to shorten the meeting without sacrificing a valuable part.

It's a long time to be away from home and work, but the opportunities we get at the AM/PIC are great.

It's difficult to take that much time out for a meeting

Nice balance

One week is enough to be gone

Pre and post tours would be useful, we are in the area and would like to see more with field trips

Professional tours best on Wednesday

See comment #2 above.

The entire event was packed with things to do and there was very little down time for idea exchange with peers.

The tours are always great!

This was my first and I don't have a barometer to measure with.

To get all of the business and professional improvement opportunities in, I don't see how you could shorten it.

Tours on the last day would be better. It is hard to get back into the swing of the conference after having the tour.

Unfortunately, I was only able to attend the first few days of the AM/PIC in NC.

Vendors did not need to be there quite as long for traffic and other activities.

We can choose how long to stay

Would like it to be longer, but I've never participated in preconference tours. It is hard to take more time off from work!

9. If you answered "TOO LONG" to the question above, what would you eliminate?

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	Yes	No	Response Count
Sunday night program?	66.2% (45)	33.8% (23)	68
General Sessions?	56.1% (32)	43.9% (25)	57
Professional Improvement Tours Day?	4.3% (2)	95.7% (45)	47
Some Professional Improvement Sessions?	37.0% (20)	63.0% (34)	54
Regional Meeting?	36.0% (18)	64.0% (32)	50
		Comments?	29
		answered question	81
		skipped question	402

COMMENTS:

General Session

9 similar comments

Sample response "Eliminate one of general sessions and remove fluff from regional meeting"

Sunday Night

3 similar comments

Sample response "Sunday night program could be moved to Monday and the 4-H entertainment was a bit redundant two nights in a row. However, if the AM/PIC started on Monday, people would still need to arrive Sunday night."

All those sessions are needed

Always keep the tours - that is the best way to see the local area.

Continue with the same format.

I often take Thursday afternoon off to explore the area

I would have liked more information on learning about my area for true professional development of learning new tricks/information.

Development of the educators that attend.

Need to work on the Sunday night program

Not your program but our time in attendance was long

One day shorter

Regional info can be shared online or via outside AM/PIC's

See response in 10

Start AM/PIC on Monday morning. Hold the banquet on Wednesday evening. Have the tours on Thursday for those who want to stay and attend. This would help members who need to save money. We need to focus on the reason why we hold AM/PIC, not to just have a social gathering.

The last day was a total waste of time. The banquet is important but could have been moved to another day to shorten the week.

The tours have been great. Opening and closing general sessions should be enough.

These were the best general sessions I have attended. I normally do not think much of these sessions.

What about consolidating some of the awards or search for excellence luncheons?

What purpose does it serve but to expose the Regional Directors they are doing something?

10. What portions of the NACAA AM/PIC need improvement or elimination?

Nothing. All were great.

43 similar comments

Sample response "Nothing. All of the sections seem worthwhile."

Opening Session, Sunday night

14 similar comments

Sample response "Entertainment prior to the General's talk on Sunday night was too long. Introductions too long!"

Sound system

8 similar comments

Sample response "Sound system, so everyone can be heard."

4-H Talent Review

5 similar comments

Sample response "I don't care for the 4-H Talent Review."

General Sessions

5 similar comments

Sample response "Cut down on the length of the General Session."

Thursday afternoon

4 similar comments

Sample response "The Thursday activities seem to be just something to do until the banquet."

Flag ceremony

4 similar comments

Sample response "State flag ceremony is a tradition, but a little too formal and long."

State pictures

3 similar comments

Sample response "It is hard to get everyone there."

******WE NEED MORE TIME ALLOTTED FOR COMMITTEES*** GIVE A 2 HOUR BLOCK (INSTEAD OF A 1HR) AND IF PEOPLE FINISH EARLY, THEN SO BE IT. WE WERE RUSHED TO THE MAX. (Natural Resource/Aquaculture)**

1. Eliminate the flag ceremony and the patriotic video in the opening session. 2. Introduce committee chairs only at opening ceremony not at the banquet. 3. Focus of banquet should be DSA, take time to at least tell where they work and a major point about their career. 4. I am anxious to see how moving tours to Thursday works out.

Need biosecurity measures on tours.

Allow poster setup any time the day before judging.

Certified Crop Advisor continuing education credits were available at some sessions but were not announced prior to the meeting, that I was aware of. It would be nice to see a list of sessions having CCA CEU's at the time of registration for the meeting. That way CCA's could register for those sessions.

Charging DSA winners more to attend the banquet they already spent extra money to attend. I really did not appreciate finding that out when I arrived.

Communication from committee chairs to award winners could be improved. I was a state winner in one program and never received a note as to whether I should attend the awards lunch or not.

Put more professional improvement workshops on Thursday, during committee workshops since few attend those

Don't let industry vendors lead the professional improvement sessions; too biased. Use Extension folks from across the country do the sessions.

Also, the 4-H talent show is enjoyable, when I attend, but seems that the expense outweighs the positives, and just because we have always had it does not mean we need to continue to have it.

Eliminate candidate nomination speeches from unopposed offices. We heard their talks 3 separate times! I go to meetings for the networking and substance; not for the feel-good talks or extra fluff to fill time.

Explain why posters won and why they were chosen.

Fewer breakfast meetings.

Financial assistance.

I am involved in other organizations and would like to see more Professional Improvement workshops where we can learn what our peers are doing, rather than attending sponsored lunches. One afternoon is not enough to hear about the fabulous programs that are out there.

I am relatively new to extension and this is only my second NACAA, so I don't know the history of the changes, however I like all of it so far. Sometimes I think we don't get much time to network with colleagues of our own specific areas. (ex. crops, beef, plants)

I guess something to draw people to the Morning sessions. Door prizes were good but not sure it solved the problem.

I have a concern. It seems some administrators are looking very closely at the agent's role in attending out-of-state conferences. If they do not have an important role like officer, committee chair, poster or oral presenter they may not receive travel authorization. This may hurt attendance and the presenters may be presenting to empty rooms or only a handful of participants. This may be an opportunity to encourage committee membership participation with committee members having assignments from the national committee chairs to fulfill for the committee meeting at the AM/PIC. That could help them justify their attendance with administrators. Not sure this will work, but it is something to consider. Basically what can NACAA do to help NACAA members justify their attendance?

I like the idea of switching the Professional tours to Thursday to save rental costs. I hope it works.

I presented a poster - it'd be nice if they didn't have to be up until Monday vs. on Sunday.

I struggle to always find PI workshops that fit my needs. My luck is the ones I want to attend are always the same time. (I know that is just the luck of the draw - just venting.)

I thought the food was so/so. Too much chicken and I was not impressed by the seafood. In fact, we skipped States Night In and went to find some BEEF.

I was very impressed with the entire program. The Georgia Group on Sunday evening was excellent and because of the length of their program and because the Chancellor made a long speech before the introduction the Featured Speaker had to cut his speech short.

Some things need to be geared toward younger agents.

I would prefer to get a synopsis of each of the candidates by email before the meeting. Some hard concrete ideas on why they are the best candidates. The 2-minute speeches at the regional meetings are redundant. Having run for office, the process could be streamlined and reviewed so it was more effective and less stressful for everyone.

Improve handling of large numbers of people in coordinating events.

It is a busy few days, maybe work in some break times.

It was just a little too long. It's tough to be away for a full week. But I don't think that this was North Carolina's problem.

Just need to remember that they are county agent meetings...spouse and children programs are great, but don't benefit all members, and should not preclude the mission of the meetings.

Ladies & Gentlemen, it was a breath of fresh air. So don't be offended if I breeze past some of the repetitive questions in search of something negative. You started out right Sunday night with the opening session of God, Family, and Country. THEN work was excellent and sometimes forgotten in our secular institution.

Many of the introductions and welcome speeches should be done via video.

Maybe change time of introduction of board members and officers as much.

More diversity in Programs.

More generic activities for male spouses.

More regional trainings.

MORE SUBJECT MATTER OPPORTUNITIES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE AN AFTERNOON OPEN WITH NOTHING SCHEDULED FOR FAMILY TIME/SIGHTSEEING.

More time for presentation of new ideas and more time to share what works with colleagues from across the nation.

More times for luncheons so agents could attend more than one in their area over the week.

Need a clapper machine during the banquet rather than requiring people to clap their hands for every award presented.

Need to be mindful in all activities that not all participants are of the Christian Faith.

Notification of state officers about the presidents' luncheon on Tuesday prior to the meeting. Only attended 2 so far. Need a few more under my belt to make fair decisions.

Please don't put cheese or salad dressing/mayonnaise on food (sandwiches) unless the eater asks for it.

Poster session and organization can be greatly improved; quality of posters outstanding! Banquet could be held on Tuesday or Wednesday. States-Night-In was unnecessary.

Professional Improvement Tours seem to be more of a sightseeing tour rather than touring hands-on operations. i.e. it'd be good to see a real working cow/calf operation rather than the "show place" operations.

Provide more professional improvement sessions either with more presentations by agents, specialists or industry representatives. Select a more entertaining city or location.

Registration on-line. It was hard to navigate through.

Return the VIP/Heritage event!!!!

Something needs to be created that explains what it says in the program booklet so first or second timers know what it means. It's if you have been coming to these for a while but if you don't know the routine, you don't know if you are supposed to attend a committee meeting or a luncheon or a regional meeting

States need a night out.

Sunday should be removed. We should observe this day. Then set up posters late Sunday, if members wish to, and early Monday morning. Judges can score posters Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

The 4-H talent program lacked the normal quality, the MC sounded rehearsed and not connected with the acts.

The animal science/livestock presentation seminars were poor. Some kind of tougher screening needs to be done. Many of the presentations were on local programming that included educational tips and youth events that are not of interest to a broad audience. Many of them were very "elementary" and did not include real research or demonstration data.

The annual business meeting. Limit the campaigning time spent by the candidates running for office during the meeting. This should be time when voting is done. The campaign speeches should have been done prior to the business meeting.

The Annual Banquet needs to be shortened. Why do we need to introduce all the people over again all of them have been introduced three or four times before? Why do we need to have the

DSA's march in, go ahead and seat them and have them stand by region if you need to recognize them.

The conference is outstanding but too long for current times. We all live busier lives now. How about starting on Sunday night with short general session, then Monday and Tuesday professional development and Wednesday tours?

The ice cream social was the pits! Push up ice cream and fruit bars thrown out on a table is not my idea of an ice cream social. If you can't do real ice cream (dipped out of an ice cream tub), don't do it.

The lunches that are all paid for by the host state. If someone eats, they should pay unless covered by the registration fee.

The only thing I thought could've run a little better was the live auction...it went a little too long and the auctioneers could've moved it a long a little better.

The patriotic video should be eliminated. Patriotism is a lot more than supporting the military. I don't get the connection between patriotism, guns and war with what I do as an agent. It was offensive to me.

The PIC choices were not what I thought the title said they would be about. They need to have more in animal science and be relevant to all the agents not just a state or region.

The politics of the organization.

There seemed to be a lot of youth talent activities. I thought the major youth production on Sunday night took away from the important message from the Sunday night speaker. Do one or the other, but not both.

Tours need to be on the last day.

Tours were great but the bus ride made the day too long.

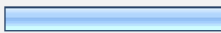
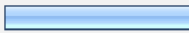
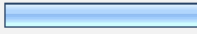

Trade talks.

Tradeshow - no need for three days, two would work well.

VESPER SPEAKERS TOO LONG

You could get rid of giving & opening the gifts at the Banquet - it takes time and who really cares? If you must give the gift could it happen at another time? The banquet gets long and many are ready to get packed so they can leave the next morning.

11. Did the meeting information in the County Agent Magazine help you decide to attend the 2008 NACAA AM/PIC?

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Yes			35.1%	162
Somewhat			29.7%	137
No			31.0%	143
Didn't read			4.3%	20
			Comments?	70
			<i>answered question</i>	462
			<i>skipped question</i>	21

COMMENTS:

Planned to go

Sample response "Already planned to attend."

34 similar comments

From North Carolina

Sample response "I am from North Carolina"

5 similar comments

Did not receive a copy

Sample response "Did not receive a copy with meeting information."

3 similar comments

Received Award

Sample response "Had not planned to attend but received an award"

3 similar comments

Was Presenting

Sample response "I only attended because I was presenting and the University was footing part of the bill. Otherwise my travel budget could not afford it."

3 similar comments

As horticulturist I knew I had to go to N. Carolina

Came to speak during a PI meeting and to fulfill duties as a national officer.

Gave good ideas on all topics.

Going every year if at all possible.

Good explanation of conference

Helped decide on tours and what to register for.

I could not make the online registration work for our family of 4, it would only accept one child...So I had to use the Magazine's registration form.

I was already committee, but we do need good information in the magazine.

I was on a committee

I was selected as a national finalist in the SFE, that was the determining factor.

It took time to figure out at first, but had everything I needed to know!

Location is a factor

MOST definitely it helped at LOT.

That was my main reference

The details on the magazine are very helpful in making the decisions about attending the meeting

The magazine information is good but had nothing to do with my decision to attend

The tours are key – I always check them out first!

There only seemed to be general things to do.

They did a good job of promoting what NC had to offer.

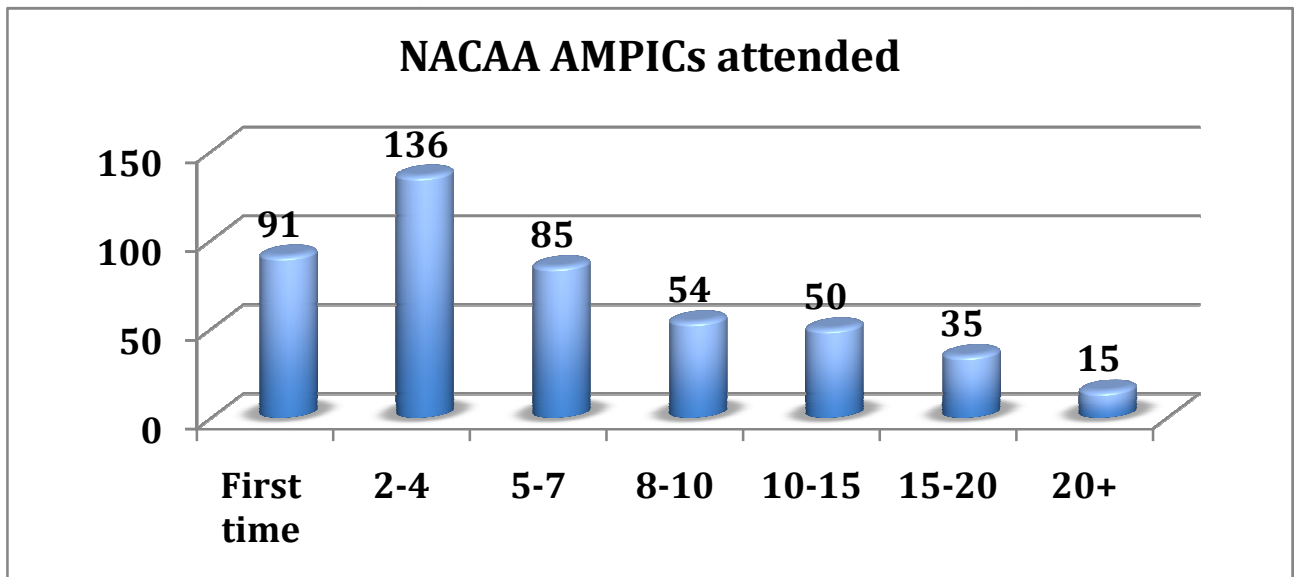
Very important!!!!

We try to go as often as we can, but tend to pick where we go on location in the country.

Wonderful pics!

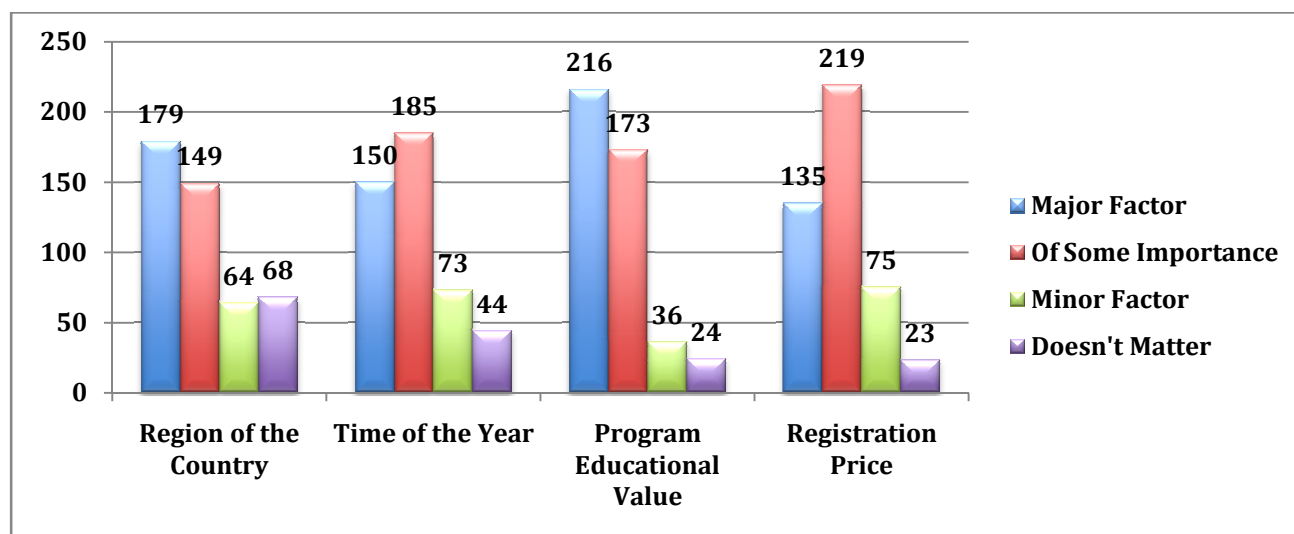
12. How many NACAA AM/PICs have you attended?

	First time	2-4	5-7	8-10	10-15	15-20	20+	Response Count
Meeting No.	19.5% (91)	29.2% (136)	18.2% (85)	11.6% (54)	10.7% (50)	7.5% (35)	3.2% (15)	466
						<i>answered question</i>		466
						<i>skipped question</i>		17



13. What influences whether or not you attend a NACAA AM/PIC?

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	Major Factor	Of Some Importance	Minor Factor	Doesn't Matter	Response Count
Region of the Country	38.9% (179)	32.4% (149)	13.9% (64)	14.8% (68)	460
Time of the Year	33.2% (150)	40.9% (185)	16.2% (73)	9.7% (44)	452
Program Educational Value	48.1% (216)	38.5% (173)	8.0% (36)	5.3% (24)	449
Registration Price	29.9% (135)	48.5% (219)	16.6% (75)	5.1% (23)	452
				Comments?	69
				<i>answered question</i>	464
				<i>skipped question</i>	19



COMMENTS:

Cost of travel

8 similar comments

Sample response "Cost of travel has a major impact on my decision to attend."

Funding

4 similar comments

Sample response "Highly dependent on our funding."

Awards

3 similar comments

Sample response "Award winner being required to attend."

Administrative support**3 similar comments**

Sample response “Financial support by administration is the most limiting factor”

Hotel prices**3 similar comments**

Sample response “Hotel prices are a major factor.”

Time of year and travel expense**2 similar comments**

Sample response “Time of year and cost are the two biggest factors for me.”

A little worried about Sept. meeting for family time

A lot depends on a cost/benefit analysis of attending.

As long as it doesn't conflict with home events

As long as my husband goes, I try to go.

County and state budgets dictate

Determined by GLCI booth assignments

Duration of event – shorter more intense program appeals to me greater than a long slow event.

Educational Value is a minor factor to me only because it is always good and doesn't differ that much from year to year.

Fall meetings in preference to summer

Fuel prices, airfare

Great value for the dollar in terms of registration cost

I am a company representative...attend if needed.

I am a life member and continue to be involved in professional improvement opportunities.

I am heavily involved in our county fair but am not required to be there.

I attend all if possible regardless.

I have to be able to justify the expense to travel to my county commissioners. This year it cost me \$1000 to \$1300 to attend (airfare, room, registration).

I picked region above, I don't really care what region as long as the travel is affordable.

I plan to go wherever and whenever it is held. However it is more difficult when the meeting is in the fall. I feel we must keep registration cost under control.

I struggle with mid-summer activities each year as our 4-H responsibilities are very heavy at that time.

I was there to study the meeting in it's entirety for hosting the meeting in the future.

I work for state government, if the conference was in a different state, someone from that state would attend instead of me.

I would not think twice about attending across the country, only the price involved. Also, we need to keep this event during a time when children are not in school. The ability of my family to attend is a major factor. That should have been one of the options above.

If I win an award- that gets me to a meeting. I don't care if I win anything, but I want to go to Oregon b/c it is so different from the South.

If it is a state I want to visit is an influence.

It has conflicted with my county fair 4 of the last five years because it is stuck on the same week! Move it around!!!!!!

It is tough to get away for so long.

June and July for my spouse to attend.

Keep the registration fee reasonable. County fairs are a conflict.

Life member

Location is a factor.

Mid July usually hits my county fair, just finished Sunday

Must keep cost low to encourage younger members to attend!

Our budget, including travel, has been cut back severely.

Our kids are getting older. A major factor on attending is the part of the country we have not visited yet...major factor. Kansas and Oklahoma may not be as inviting as Portland. We have never been to Portland. We have been to KC. Not been to OK but they will need a big sales pitch.

Our registration fee is cheap compared to most others!

Preparing to host in 2010 influenced attending this year.

Probably would attend anyway

Region of the country - usually because I haven't visited that area and I want to see it! If it is close or far, it doesn't matter as long as it looks interesting. Like a lot of other agents, I use this as a family vacation after the meeting - I find I am too busy during the meeting to stop &

smell the roses, but after the meeting I want to see what the state, city and area have to offer in terms of culture, heritage, etc

Registration price is high; county does not want to pay it; too high; host state makes too much money on it

The AM/PIC conference is an excellent value for the price!

The educational value is important because I don't have much reason to come is there are no topics in my area.

There to support the efforts Agriculture Cooperative Extension agents

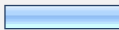

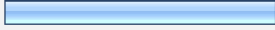
This is the second national meeting I've attended, work schedule and travel costs constrain whether I can attend, my county does not fund my attendance, it has to come out of my pocket. If I get an award the dean of extension covers my registration fee.

Unfortunately, our economic times dictate that lengthy trips may have to be forsaken.

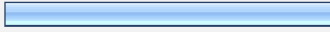

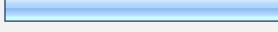
Visiting with other agents ranks real high for me.

Wish the meeting could be at a consistent time period each year.

14. Would you be willing to pay a higher NACAA AM/PIC registration fee if additional meals were provided?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		18.4%	85
No		38.0%	175
Depends		43.6%	201
<i>answered question</i>			461
<i>skipped question</i>			22

15. How does NACAA’s encouragement to bring spouses and children to AM/PICs impact your decision to attend?

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More likely			52.6%	244
Less likely			3.4%	16
No impact			44.0%	204
			Comments?	80
			answered question	464
			skipped question	19

COMMENTS:

Single

Sample response “Am single.”

9 similar comments

Attend with family

Sample response “I do not attend without my family.”

7 similar comments

Kids grown

Sample response “Kids are all adults now. But it used to be an important factor to us.”

6 similar comments

Spouse attends

Sample response “My spouse looks forward to the meetings each year.”

6 similar comments

Family Atmosphere

Sample response “I enjoy the family atmosphere.”

5 similar comments

Family does not attend

Sample response “Family does not attend.”

4 similar comments

More opportunities for male spouses

Sample response “I would bring my husband if there were more things he would be interested in.”

3 similar comments

A good time for the entire family to get away.

A great meeting, but work...not vacation for me.

As someone who doesn't have kids, it makes no impact to me. I wish I wouldn't have had a gaggle of kids on the professional improvement tour.

Because of the time of year, my spouse is unable to attend because of haying. Thus my children are also unable to attend.

Being able to let family participate is a major factor.

Can't see why they would want to attend but more power to them!

Children getting older—they want to attend.

Cost prohibitive for me. Must decide between family vacation of AM/PIC.

Families/friends being invited is very important. I am not married but my friend came with me and made my trip much more enjoyable and I saw other families enjoying themselves together and I think that is so important.

Family is a big part of NACAA AM/PIC

Good idea however.

High registration and meal costs do not encourage families to attend.

I am proud that our organization encourages the participation of our families.

I have 4 children under the age of 9. AM/PIC is geared more toward older children. I hope to get my kids involved once they get older.

I know more wives would attend if encouraged to do so.

I thought this was a very great opportunity! What a great organization to be a part of!

I very much appreciate the value placed on families. There's already too much separation between work and home life.

I would have liked an option to just pay for particular meals for my family vs. all or nothing with the registration. We have small children and they were really too young to be in the youth program and my husband could not do any of the spouse's program then since no daycare was available. More of an ala carte option for the spouse and children would have been great for us. Instead they did not register for the program at all.

I would love for my wife to be able to come and see the country at the same time.

Including families is unique among Ext. Associations.

Is important, but no longer to my situation.

Is nice to see emphasis on families, a too often overlooked part of our extension family

It gives the family a vacation at the same time of learning

It had a much greater impact when my kids were younger.

It has no impact now but earlier in my career it was very important. The meetings served somewhat as a vacation for the family as we went all across the country and proved very educational for all of us, especially our daughter as she grew up being able to see the country.

It is good to have the meeting in the summer so we can bring our kids.

It makes the conference a great experience

It's due in my case to the spouse's availability to attend. Her cost will be always in future considerations. She will not attend next year due to school being in session. We both encountered several in the same situation. I would strongly encourage to leave it in the summer. I don't see many other working spouses attending that work 12 month jobs due to economic conditions.

Keep a good spouse program - she really enjoys it. Our children are now grown but they enjoyed the ones they came to. I liked the States night in.

My family has enjoyed coming to meetings. Travel expenses are a big factor.

Not involved in these programs

Right now it doesn't impact me but the quality of programs offered for spouses and children are excellent.

Sessions for spouses & children are very important to attract agents to attend.

Spouse and children programs are very important in my decision to attend

This is the only professional meeting that encourages family participation.

This is a family oriented conference and we should keep it that way.

This is a professional development event, not my vacation.

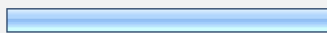


This year's economy had a part in this decision for them not coming, plus my child is too young to be off on his own.

Time of year important to bring spouse and child.

Very important!

Won't be attending the Oregon meeting due to kids in school and wife working!

16. Do organized programs for spouses and /or youth make you more likely to attend an AM/PICs?

16. Do organized programs for spouses and/or youth make you more likely to attend an AM/PIC?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			51.8%	240
No			13.2%	61
No impact			35.0%	162
			Comments?	38
			<i>answered question</i>	463
			<i>skipped question</i>	20

COMMENTS:

Spouse enjoys

11 similar comments

Sample response "I want my wife to enjoy the trip too. We, like many, consider it a type of vacation."

Children enjoys

5 similar comments

Sample response "My daughter has as much fun as I do and learns a lot."

Single

2 similar comments

Sample response "Again single"

More for male spouses

2 similar comments

Sample responses "Male spouses are not particularly considered in most spouse program topics..."

Children are grown now but I brought six children several times

Don't have kids and my spouse is a professional so can rarely attend as well.

Family loves the meeting every year.

For many agents, this event is a "family affair" that we look forward to each year.

I know colleagues that come because of this.

I know for many it does make a big impact, but not for me.

I sometimes go to a spouses' workshop if it looks interesting.

I think with older kids it would be helpful - our children were really too young for the program at this time.

If my family is not happy we will simply cease to go.

Kids too young but almost there

Less now that kids are mostly grown

Maybe in the future when my kids are older and can participate

My fiancé probably would not come anyway.

No children, spouse can not attend with me.

Please encourage spouses to attend it would make it more interesting!!

Same comments as previous questions.

The programs and tours for them are very positive.

The spouses program is a nice thing to have, but doesn't affect my attendance.

They may enjoy more organized, social networking opportunities where they are free to visit in a meeting room rather than one speaker after another.

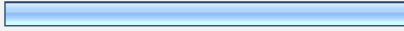

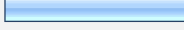
Very good for people that want to bring their spouse

Very important !!!

We take advantage of them, but I would attend even without them.

Yes right now but only for a period of 5 years and then they are older

17. Does having information about next year's conference at the current year's meeting help you make a decision to attend next year?

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Yes			64.4%	300
No			6.9%	32
Somewhat			28.8%	134
			Comments?	23
			answered question	466
			skipped question	17

COMMENTS:

But it is helpful in planning next years trip and what to expect when I get there.

Excited about Oregon.

Extremely important

Gives an idea of what to expect

Gives me a year to talk it up with agents back home!!

I like the promotion that is there, but there are too many factors that affect that decision. I can tell you that I am thinking more heavily about going to Oregon after attending this one though.

I try to come regardless of location. Some of the locations that interested me the least turned out to be some of the better meetings.

I usually just plan to go...

Info at the trade show is sufficient

It gets me excited, but I've already made up my mind about future meetings.

It gives us time to plan for a pre-tour with NACAA or just a post tour.

It helps me to start thinking ahead, I like the previews and early promos.

It let me start planning for the travel expense

It makes you start thinking

It will depend on travel budget.

It's a nice reminder to get it on the schedule, and I think it adds to the anticipation for the next year's meeting.

More info would be great.

Portland is looking good.

The short videos are great for an intro to where it will be held.

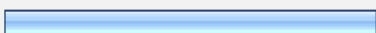

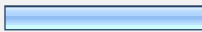
Very helpful in planning.

Will always attend the next meeting.



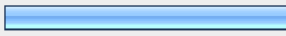
Yes, I am going to apply for a state and national award so I can have a chance at going to Portland

You get sold on it! The wining and dining does sell!

18. Do you plan to attend the 2009 NACAA AM/PIC in Portland, Oregon?

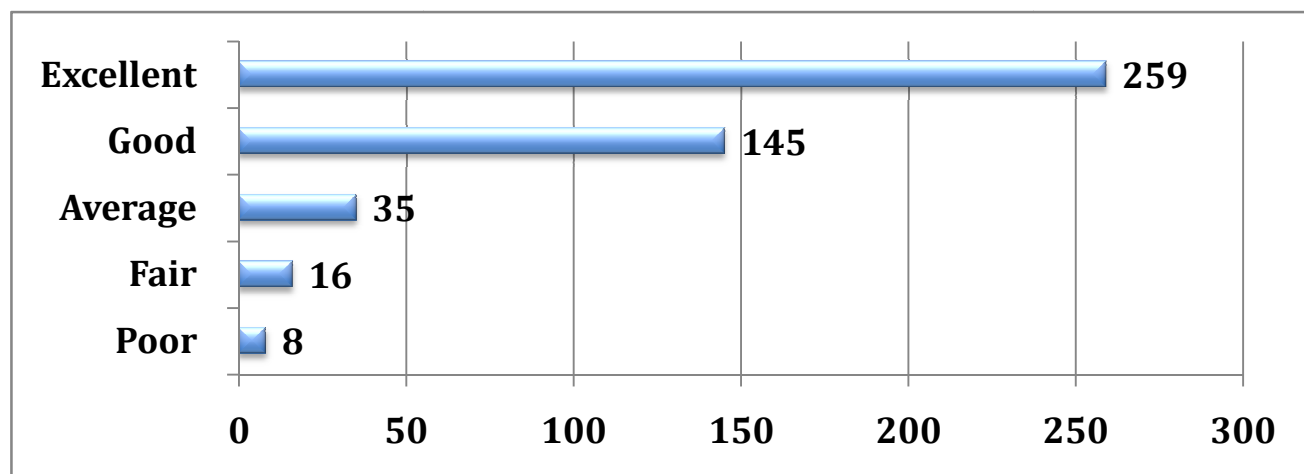
18. Do you plan to attend the 2009 NACAA AM/PIC in Portland, Oregon?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		59.5%	278
No		8.6%	40
Haven't decided		31.9%	149
answered question			467
skipped question			16

19. Do you plan to attend the 2010 NACAA AM/PIC in Tulsa, Oklahoma?

19. Do you plan to attend the 2010 NACAA AM/PIC in Tulsa, Oklahoma?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			49.3%	231
No			5.3%	25
Haven't decided			45.4%	213
<i>answered question</i>				469
<i>skipped question</i>				14

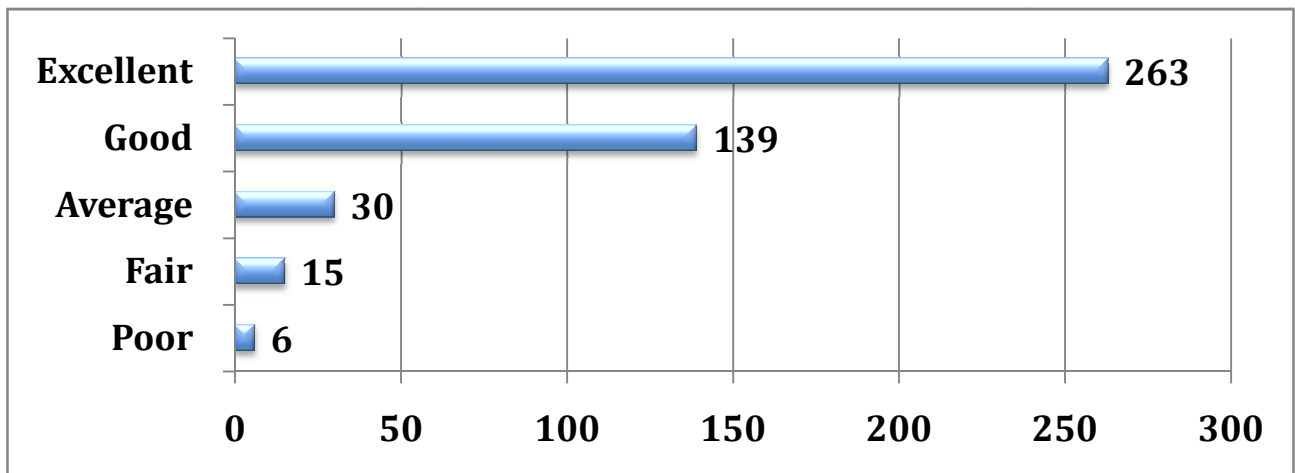
20. How was your Registration experience?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	1.7% (8)	3.5% (16)	7.6% (35)	31.3% (145)	55.9% (259)	4.36	463
<i>answered question</i>							463
<i>skipped question</i>							20



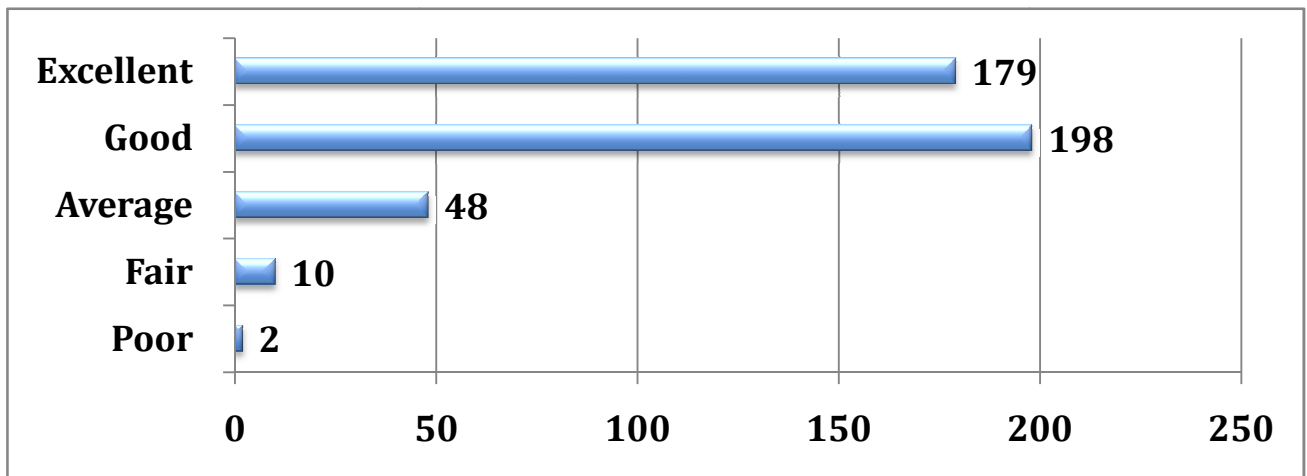
21. How was your arrival experience?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your rating	1.3% (6)	3.2% (15)	6.4% (30)	29.6% (139)	56.1% (263)	3.4% (16)	469
	<i>answered question</i>						469
	<i>skipped question</i>						14



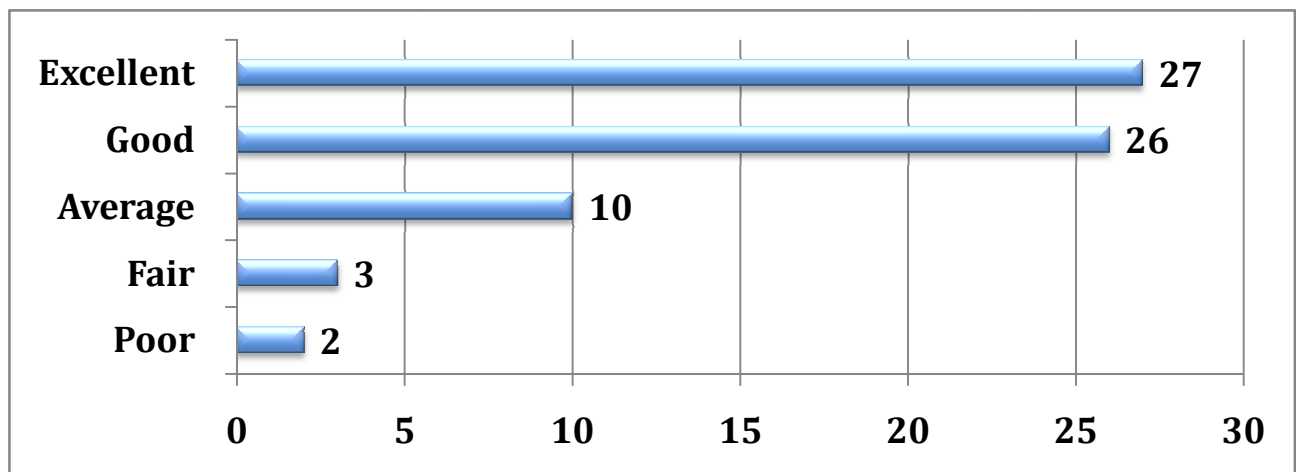
22. How was the visitor's information?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your rating	0.4% (2)	2.1% (10)	10.2% (48)	42.2% (198)	38.2% (179)	6.8% (32)	469
	<i>answered question</i>						469
	<i>skipped question</i>						14



23. If you were a First Timer, how was your orientation?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.5% (2)	0.5% (2)	2.6% (10)	6.7% (26)	6.9% (27)	82.8% (323)	4.10	390
							Comments?	22
							<i>answered question</i>	390
							<i>skipped question</i>	94



COMMENTS:

Didn't attend 3
 Sample response "Didn't attend"

Better directions and hotel address should have been given in the NACAA magazine

Didn't provide much

Five stars!

Flight got in too late but I did fine without it.

I missed it. I wasn't able to get to the conference by then. That made it difficult to navigate some of the sessions, but overall was very well organized

I missed the luncheon, but I'm sure it was great.

I think a later meeting would have been better for those arriving on Sunday.

I walked away still not really having met more than I would have without a special guest doing a mixer. It is a pretty large group. I would think that starting off by region then put the whole group together would work well.

I would like to hear more specific information about the conference. Ice breaker games are a waste of time.

N/A

No shuttle to meet us at the airport even though we were told through many emails there would be. No one was at the table to greet us as they said there would be. We ended up paying for transportation to the hotel on Saturday night because there wasn't anyone there for us to communicate with!

Registration table was great, on-line registration was worse this year than before
They had our arrival time but we had to wait on the shuttle - not sure why?

Too Mickey Mouse, felt like a bunch of 4-h agents passing that ball around.

Upon arrival, most people want to know immediately where is the nearest restroom! Expect this...

Wanted more of how to navigate and decide what sessions were what. I was confused as to what some topics really were covering and how some of the people presenting got to present.

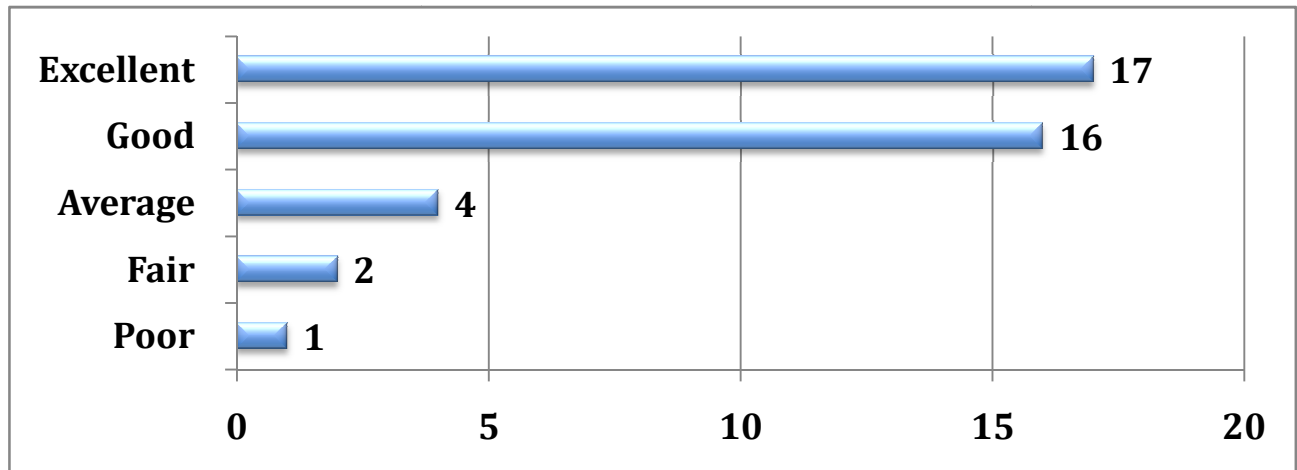
Was not eligible due to time in Extension

We all got lost when I-40 split!

We don't need to play pre-school games to introduce our selves, but it was good

24. If you had sons or daughters attending, how was Parent's Orientation?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.2% (1)	0.5% (2)	1.0% (4)	4.0% (16)	4.2% (17)	90.1% (365)	4.15	405
							Comments?	11
							<i>answered question</i>	405
							<i>skipped question</i>	79



COMMENTS:

Room too small

5 similar comments

Sample response "Small room could not hear. If you know how many are signed up you should find a room big enough for the meeting. I also think it was somewhat unnecessary."

Needed a larger room

Very organized

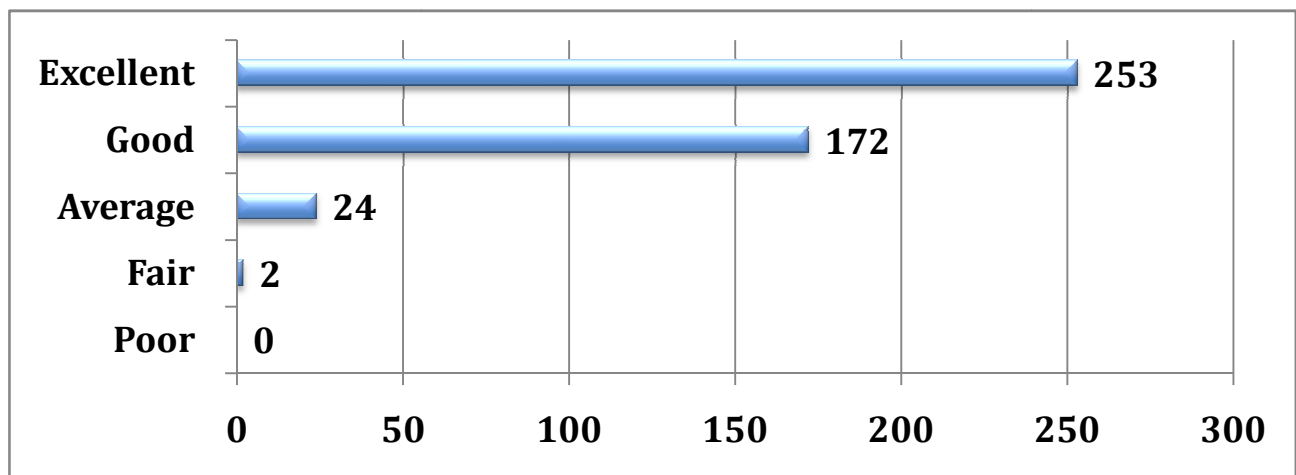
Wasn't able to attend this, but I do have older kids.

We arrived too late and missed it.

We missed this as well. I would have like to have had a hand out or something.

25. How were the Commercial Exhibits?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.4% (2)	5.1% (24)	36.8% (172)	54.1% (253)	3.6% (17)	468
					Comments?		47
				<i>answered question</i>			468
				<i>skipped question</i>			16



COMMENTS:

Best Ever

13 similar comments

Sample response "Best Ever!! Great variety of exhibitors."

Card system

8 similar comments

Sample response "I liked the card system where we were "forced" to talk to the vendors. The local vendors didn't really interest me much."

Good location

5 similar comments

Sample response "good location encouraged lots of time to browse"

Always manned by someone; booths were never vacant and exhibitors were will to talk to everyone.

Could use more industry participation.

Did not have much time to visit

Great diversity, though it never seemed to have any foot traffic

Great idea to have an incentive to see the exhibits by having an incentive i.e get 10 signatures from exhibits and you have a chance to win a prize.

Great job

Great setup

Huge variety

I appreciate more horticulture exhibitors like Bayer

I like it when they have information and freebies to give away!

I truly liked having the commercial exhibits in the same hall as the NACAA posters. The comm. exhibits were better, seemed brighter. I thought the contest was a good idea to get the agents to visit the exhibits.

I was exhibitor

Location could be improved

Loved the layout and the number of exhibitors.

Most out of my field but understand they are from a particular area of the country

Really enjoyed the exhibits AND enjoyed having to walk through them frequently to continue to stop and ask questions.

Should have more.

Spend a lot of time talking to them and won one prize.

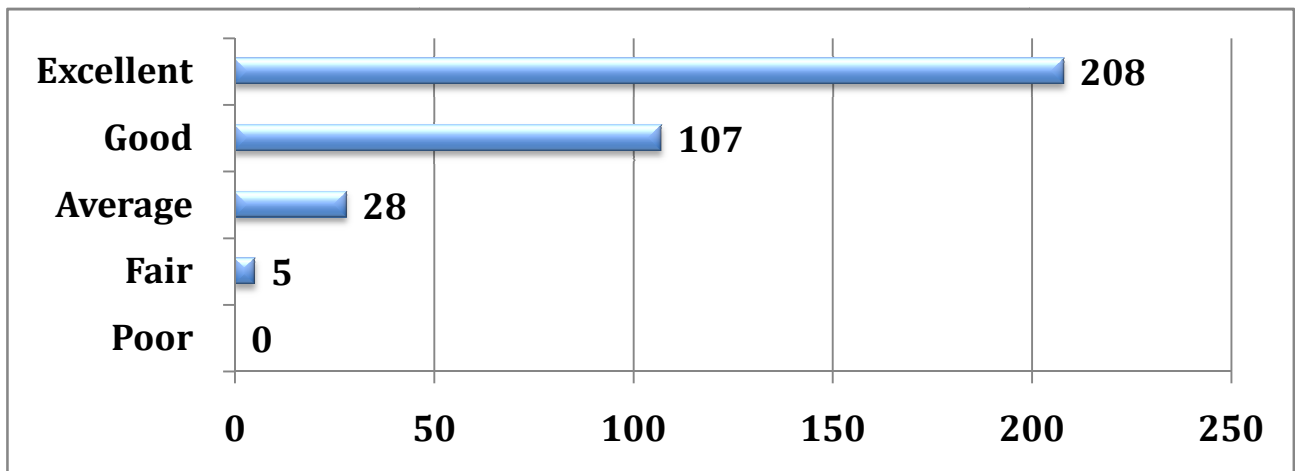
The size of this event was small.

We need to go after some booths that relate to what we personally use in our jobs, i.e. computers and other electronics.

Would have liked to have more on horticulture

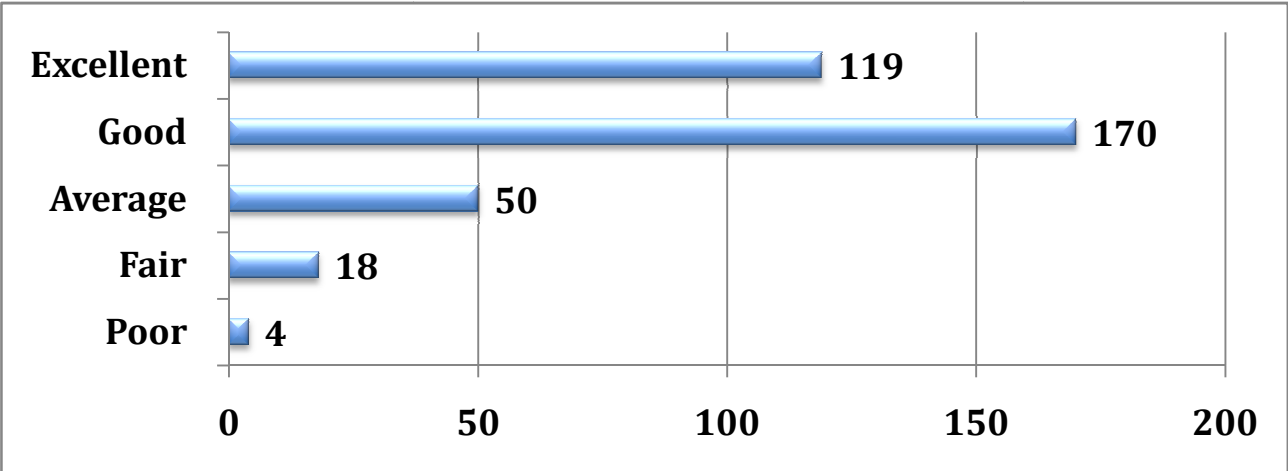
26. How was the Sunday Get Acquainted Meal?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your Rating	0.0% (0)	1.1% (5)	6.0% (28)	23.1% (107)	44.8% (208)	25.0% (116)	464
	<i>answered question</i>						464
	<i>skipped question</i>						19



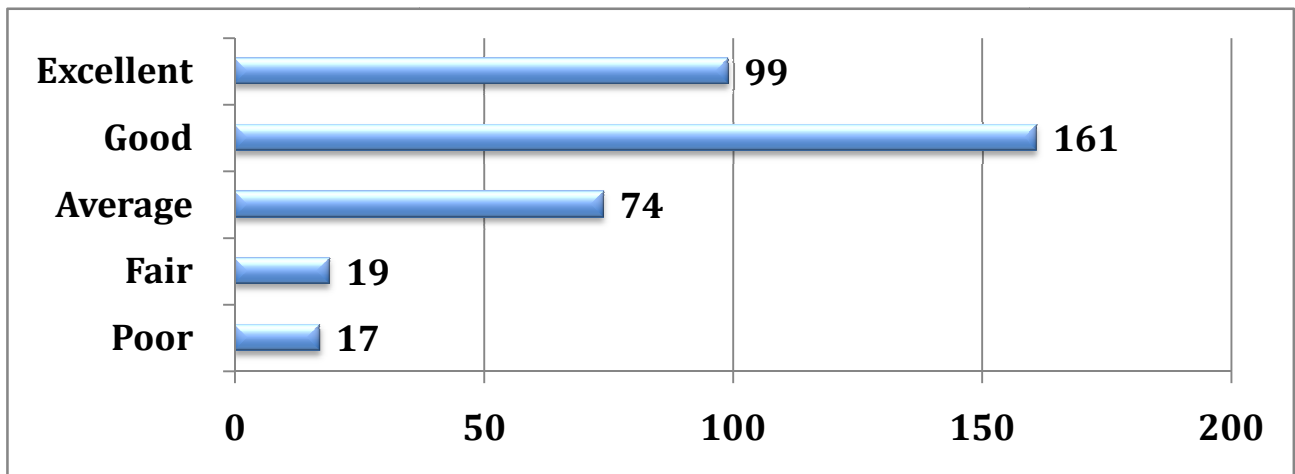
27. How was the Opening Session/Inspirational Program?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your Rating	0.9% (4)	3.9% (18)	10.8% (50)	36.8% (170)	25.8% (119)	21.9% (101)	462
	<i>answered question</i>						462
	<i>skipped question</i>						21

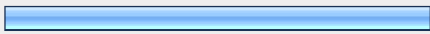
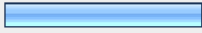


28. How did taking State Pictures go?

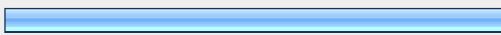

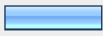
	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your Rating	3.7% (17)	4.1% (19)	16.1% (74)	35.1% (161)	21.6% (99)	19.4% (89)	459
	<i>answered question</i>						459
	<i>skipped question</i>						24



29. Should taking state pictures continue?

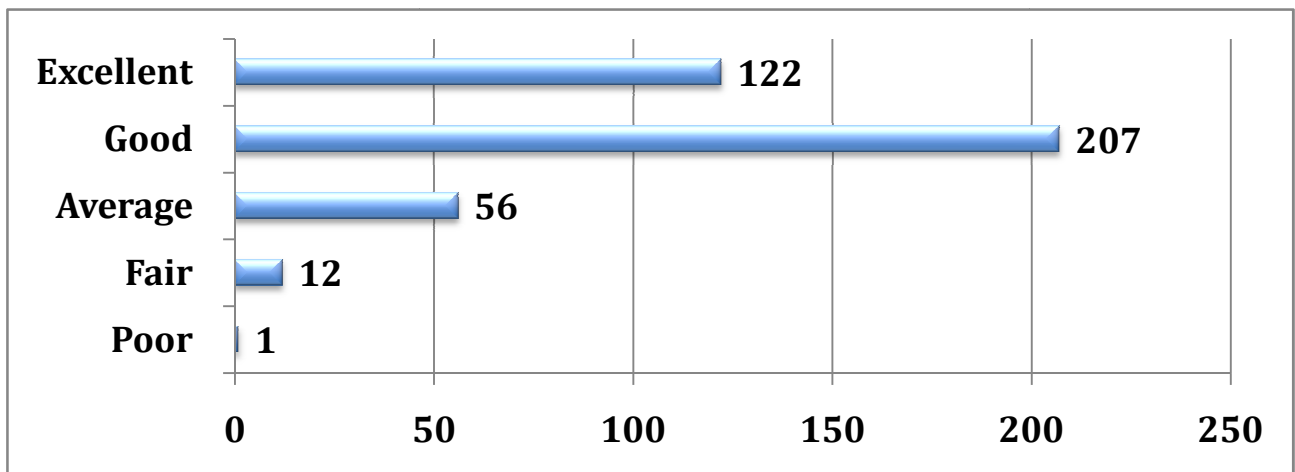
29. Should taking state pictures continue?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			68.4%	292
No			31.6%	135
	<i>answered question</i>			427
	<i>skipped question</i>			56

30. Did the AM/PIC Newsletter meet your meeting information needs?


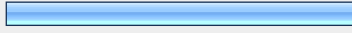


30. Did the AM/PIC Newsletter meet your meeting information needs?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			80.5%	372
No			4.1%	19
Didn't read it			15.4%	71
answered question				462
skipped question				21

31. How would you rate the AM/PIC Newsletter?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your Rating	0.2% (1)	2.6% (12)	12.3% (56)	45.3% (207)	26.7% (122)	12.9% (59)	457
answered question							457
skipped question							26

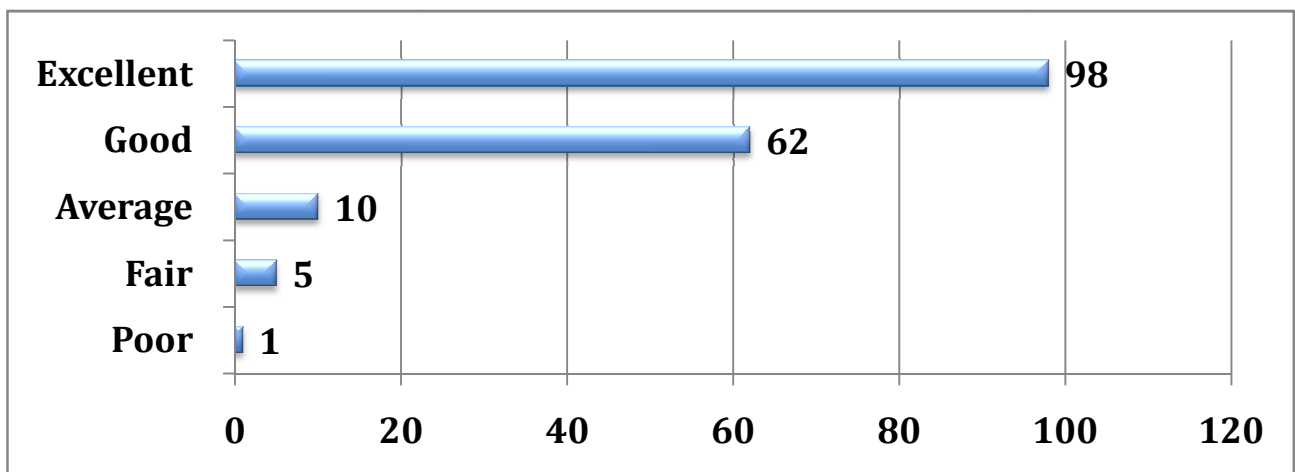


32. Did you use the AM/PIC Computer Technology Lab?

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Yes			37.3%	173
No			56.3%	261
Didn't know about it			5.4%	25
Couldn't find it			1.1%	5
<i>answered question</i>				464
<i>skipped question</i>				19

33. If used, how would you rate the AM/PIC Computer Technology Lab?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Response Count
Your Rating	0.3% (1)	1.4% (5)	2.7% (10)	16.9% (62)	26.8% (98)	51.9% (190)	366
Your comments							63
<i>answered question</i>							366
<i>skipped question</i>							117



COMMENTS:

Not familiar with Mac's

Sample response "not familiar with Mac's."

13 similar comments

Brought own computer

Sample response "brought my own computer to the meeting."

8 similar comments

Attendants very helpful

Sample response "attendants were very helpful."

6 similar comments

Used in the past

Sample response "I have used it in the past."

2 similar comments

Adequate

An important service that needs to continue.

Convenient location

Crucial part of meeting in this age. May need to expand in future.

Don't like apple computers, hard to use

Even though I didn't use it, I saw it and it was organized and run.

Good exposure to apple computers – frustrating at first

Having the meeting and pictures pulled up already was a good thing

I couldn't find it after Wednesday.

I did not like the "fire fox" system that NCSU uses.

I didn't have any trouble. It was never very busy when I was in there.

I knew it was there and where it was but not what it was for. Also, not sure I needed it.

I liked receiving the 1st newsletter at home before leaving for the conference. I love to read them, but missed out on two because I didn't see them.

I needed it on Wednesday evening and it was not open.

I used the hotel email service.

It was full most times I tried to use it.

It would be better to have expanded hours for this.

John was very helpful!

NACAA could do away with the lab, most everyone brings there laptop.

Need more PCs and less Apples

Newsletter was hard to find. Only found and read 2 of them.

Not enough privacy with computers too close together and people sitting back to back.

Not long enough hours, especially in the evenings when all the session are done.

Not needed anymore with laptops.

Only used to download pictures using Flickr

Open for long times

Plenty of computers and help, need more printers and paper

The computer lab keeps me in touch with the office back home and is extremely valuable. I appreciate not having to lug my laptop and worry about it's security all week.

This is really helpful so I didn't have to bring my computer.

Too many people were using the computers to do pictures. Should have a separate place for pictures. I just needed to get in and out to check emails

Took me a day or so to find it.

Used internet access in the room; encourage planners to host at locations with free internet and you may be able to eliminate the lab.

Used it several times, worked well, was able to get in

Very useful

34. At future meetings, how should AM/PIC information about the meeting be provided? (check all that apply)

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Printed AMPIC newsletter		90.6%	405
Email via access at AMPIC Computer Lab		19.9%	89
Email via access in motel room		34.0%	152
Email via wireless in conference rooms		17.2%	77
Email on cell phone device		6.9%	31
Text messages sent to cell phone device		7.2%	32
Don't use any of the above		3.1%	14
	Other technology or comments		43
	answered question		447
	skipped question		36

COMMENTS:

Newsletter

8 similar comments

Sample response "I think the newsletter works fine."

Bulletin Board

2 similar comments

Sample response "Bulletin Board is fine"

Not sure

2 similar comments

Same response "Not sure what information you are providing"

A poster at registration desk and other strategic locations.

Dedicated monitor in a main designated area

Didn't really read any info in the newsletter that was of value. Most of it was prepared before AM/PIC. Only need a couple of scrolling neon message boards for schedule or room changes, alerts.

Do we need this?

Don't go the texting or cell phone – I leave mine off as I do not have a national plan

Electronic board at hotel

Email in general

Everybody does not have all the cell phone stuff

Hotel kiosk and TV – monitors

I do not access email regularly while traveling, although I do carry my laptop. I find this meeting to be too crammed with events, programs or socialization to have the time to access email and it is nice to have that break from it as well.

I don't "do" technology at National Meeting!

I just don't want to go on line to get a news letter during the conference. I have three e-mail accounts but don't want to use them for a conference newsletter.

I think it is important to get something in the hands of people. Not everyone is going to be carrying the devices described above except for the cell devices. Too many different carriers and formats.

I usually bring a laptop, but can't always check email, facility wouldn't have enough computers for a large group, print works well when everyone frequents the same areas of a facility.

If you are talking about the one during the meeting, keep it on printed material.

If you start having wireless internet open to anyone in conference rooms, people will be rude and just work instead of listening to the presentations.

I'm unsure what information needs to be shared -- currently most is yesterday's news

Information on upcoming events should be provided to remind people of these activities

Intranet via motel room web access

More signage in the hotel

On NACAA webpage

Only have cell or text messages sent out if somebody requests or approves this ahead of time.

Post it on a large screen or board so people can read it when they walk by. Could be in the elevator (?)

Should have all our email addresses.

Stay away from cell phones for information. Spend enough time on them anyway.

Stay uncomplicated.

Unfortunately I missed some of the orientation meeting because I wasn't able to get to the conference until Monday. I didn't realize that the "Nutshell" was a daily newsletter until the last day of the event. They also weren't dated so it was hard to know exactly when things were going on (though I did get them after the fact)

Use a website to provide information. Update daily like a newsletter. Provide the like on programs and maybe even the backs of name tags.

Use motel/hotel internet service only if it is free to meeting attendees.

With wireless internet available in the hotel, I had no need for the computer lab

You could put it up on a screen in a couple of places.

35. What computer/communications technology would you like to have available at future NACAA AM/PICs?

Free Wireless Internet

84 similar comments

Sample response "Free Internet access in hotel rooms and common areas."

Computer Lab

43 similar comments

Sample response "The computer lab has been helpful at the meetings I have attended."

Computer Lab extended hours

2 similar comments

Sample response "Expanded hours like done in NC."

Microsoft Technology

2 similar comments

Sample response "Expanded hours like done in NC."

Text messages on cell phone

2 similar comments

Sample response "More cell phone updates."

Big screen for viewing posters electronically. Move away from the hardcopy poster system and go electronic.

E-mail accessibility is very important. However, the newsletter is replaced by e-mail, there would need to be many more computers available for participants access. This year, I had to wait for a computer nearly every time I went to the computer room.

Dedicated website for pictures.

GPS SUCCESS STORIES/TRAINING

When it was time to print boarding passes, the hotel provided access and a printer, so I suffered from no technology shortfalls.

I don't really know of any. Maybe a large screen/flat screen TV with any changing details would be nice if located in a central lobby.

Free Blackberries.

IPods.

Ideal when wireless is available at the conference center and in our hotel rooms at no additional charge. I appreciate this being the case this year - Did not appreciate that it was an additional charge for the hotel room in Grand Rapids.

Maybe a little more hands on activities with some of the newer technology. What's out there that can make our job easier.

Maybe I don't understand the concept of the conference, some professional improvement, yes, but I don't attend so I can keep on working!

Photo contest would encourage more people to submit pictures.

Possible PowerPoint programs on CD.

Polycom?

Speakers should wear microphones, adjust microphone according to speaker. Inspirational speakers should be able to move on the stage without a podium because they are not formal tight speeches.

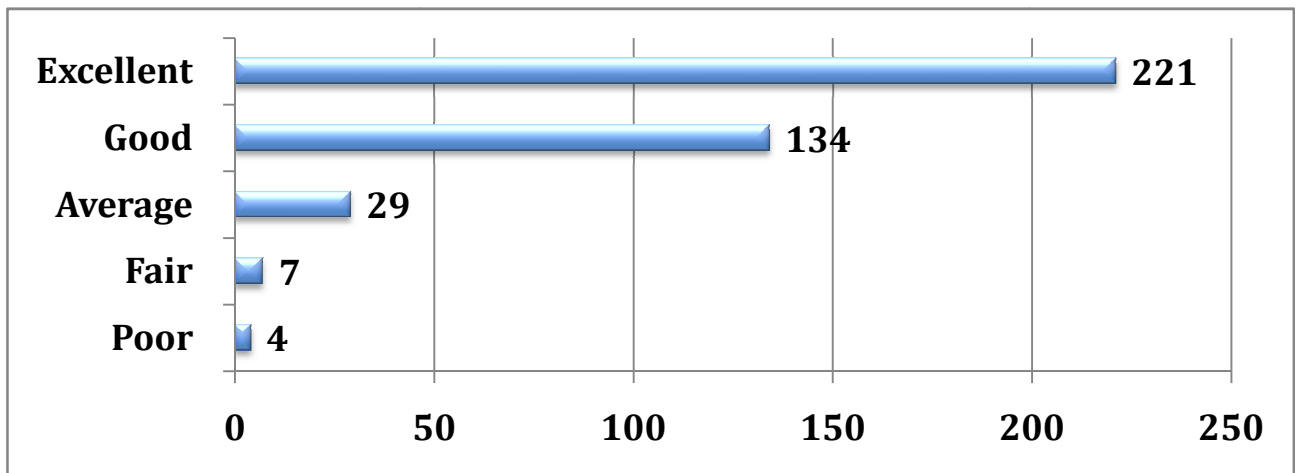
There can be too much technology sometimes. Possibly the hotel TV screen in the room mentioning the day's events and where to meet, rooms, times, etc. Possibly a hotel phone voice message system...Sons & Daughters, spouses, PIC sessions, etc...

Using survey tools (Survey Monkey and others).

Would like some more classes on technology.

36. Please rate the Sunday "Taste of Carolina" dinner.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	1.0% (4)	1.8% (7)	7.3% (29)	33.9% (134)	55.9% (221)	4.42	395
					Comments?		49
					<i>answered question</i>		395
					<i>skipped question</i>		89



COMMENTS:

- Food excellent** 14
Sample response "food excellent and moved people through fast enough"
- Missed it** 13
Sample response "missed it because of traffic/weather delays"
- Didn't attend** 6
Sample response "didn't attend"

A little beef never hurt anyone. Don't forget, not everyone is lactose tolerant.

Best coleslaw

Did not attend ice cream social. Too tired.

Food quality was very poor

Good but “institutionalized flavor” since served by hotel.

Great "serve yourself" format and the barbeque chicken tasted great and was super tender!

Great to have fresh veggies that were still green and crisp, great salad as well

Great vegetables and fruits and meats.

Most meals were more than needed

Next time give us a refresher...since we were provided lots of meals...

Ribs were great.

The ribs were excellent.

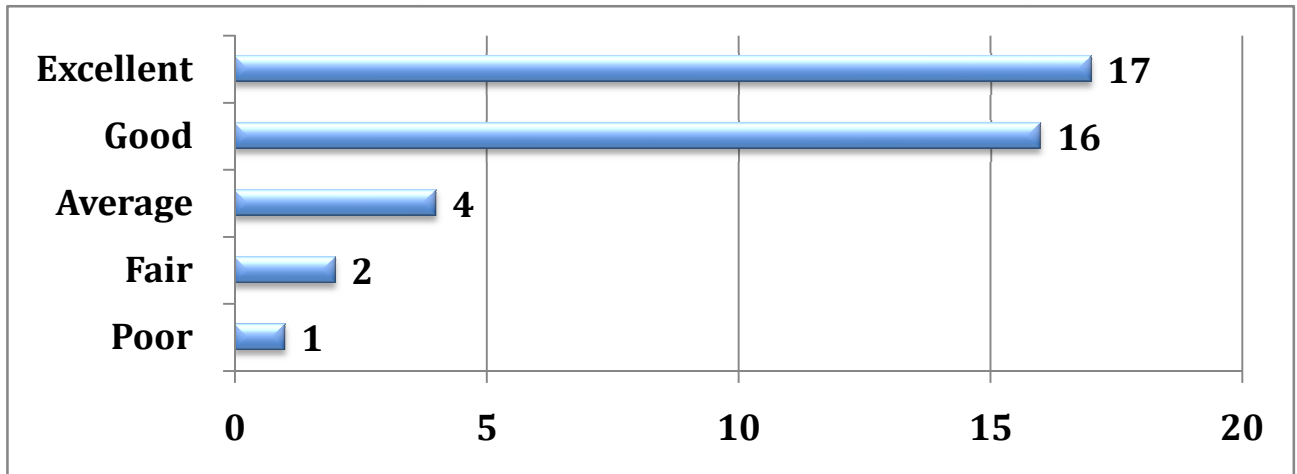
Salad, chicken, green beans, baked beans

The lines moved really fast.

We had chicken for too many lunches and dinners

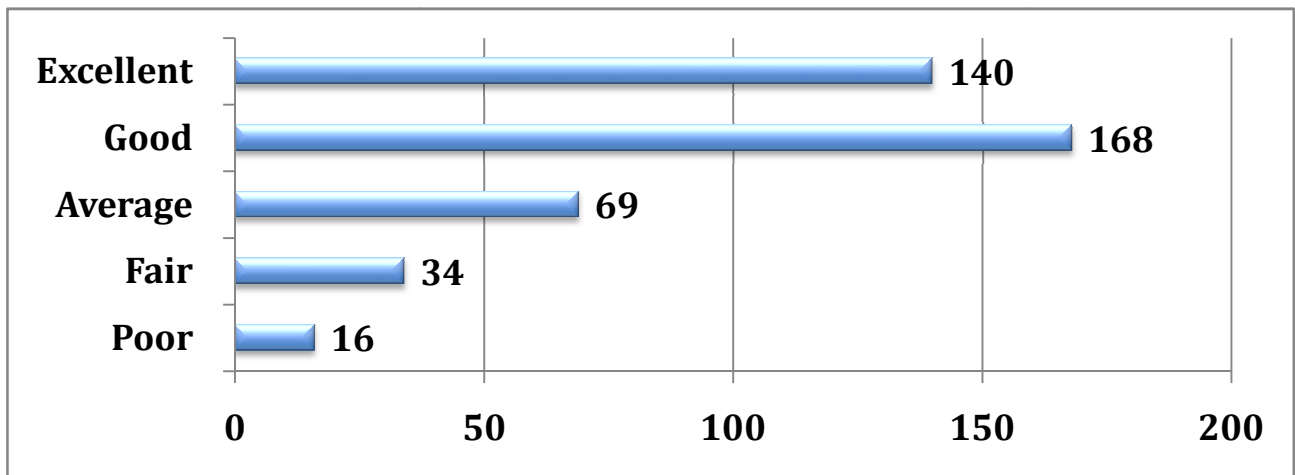
37. Please rate the Sunday night ice cream social.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.2% (1)	0.5% (2)	1.0% (4)	4.0% (16)	4.2% (17)	4.15	405
						<i>answered question</i>	405
						<i>skipped question</i>	79



38. Please rate the Monday "Got to Be NC" dinner.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	1.0% (16)	1.8% (34)	7.3% (69)	33.9% (168)	55.9% (140)	3.89	427
					Comments?		43
					<i>answered question</i>		427
					<i>skipped question</i>		57



COMMENTS:

Could not hear speaker 6
The speaker could not be heard"

Did not attend 5
Sample response "did not attend"

Food not so great 5
Sample response "Food was not great"

Sweet potatoes not cooked 4
Sweet potatoes not cooked and chicken not seasoned"

Dinner was great 4
Sample response "Dinner was great – preferred BBQ style!"

Coordinate to make sure same menu is not served at both meals

Didn't need a speaker or long introductions for this event.

Don't have speakers

Food OK, speakers very good

Food was the same and not up to the standard of Sunday evening

Good but "institutionalized flavor" since served by hotel

Great fruits and vegetables.

Had to be a cost savings and transportation from site to off-site back to site stresses many. Food quality wasn't up to the standards of the other meals.

I have had enough tea to last a lifetime for my taste.

I was craving a good glass of milk.

I was extremely disappointed in membership continuing to talk and ignoring the NCAT Chancellor and Commissioner of Ag. I thought it was horribly rude. I was ashamed of our members.

I wasn't happy with ice cream social because they ran out of drumsticks!

Introductions though important were not appropriate during eating

Long bus ride (wastes time) and only a fair meal in a crowded room.

Needed more space.

Nice to have a veggie that wasn't always coleslaw

Not quite as good as Sunday's dinner. Need some beef in there to make up for the chicken.

One of my least favorite experiences. Nice program offered by the Dept. of Ag there, but trying to talk to everyone while people were already leaving was obnoxious. Here again, a little beef would be nice.

Possibly too much chicken but, hey, everyone likes it and I ate my share!

Salad, chicken, green beans, baked beans, COLD corn bread

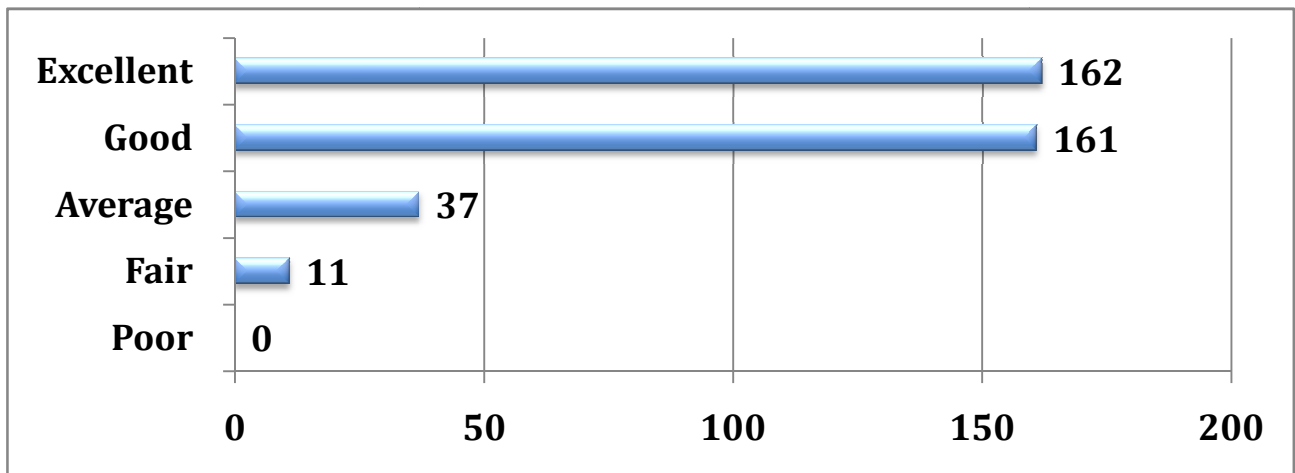
Skimpy portions, poor food quality, rushed in and rushed out

The event was nice. The caterer/food was ordinary.

Tremendous show of N.C. foods fit in nicely with the talent show.

39. Please rate the Monday "4-H Talent Revue."

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	3.0% (11)	10.0% (37)	43.4% (161)	43.7% (162)	4.28	371
					Comments?		65
					<i>answered question</i>		371
					<i>skipped question</i>		113



COMMENTS:

- Poor sound** **23 similar comments**
Sample response "Audio/mic system was terrible"
- Did not attend** **16 similar comments**
Sample response "did not attend"
- Always a highlight** **4 similar comments**
Sample response "Always one of the highlights of the conference"
- Too Long** **4 similar comments**
Sample response "To long, limit time for each act."
- One of the best** **2 similar comments**
Sample response "One of the best parts of the conference"

A 10! Supper!

Good diversity of talent

I don't know how to review it, but I really don't appreciate what some of the contestants are allowed to do during their performance. Pop culture may not be appropriate in this venue.

I don't like to see kids (or anyone) provocatively, but there were some talented singers, etc.

I loved the various talent - It truly made it a fun show.

I really enjoyed this, but it was a little long.

I was actually disappointed this year. The 4-Hers were talented, but the song choices were not good or what I would expect a 4-Her to sing in public at a special event.

Needed more group performances with the entire group, like the closing song

Outstanding program!!

Practicing for my presentation cute idea though

Quality of meat low

Saw only part of it.

Some great performers and I really like giving them an opportunity to perform but it was too long.

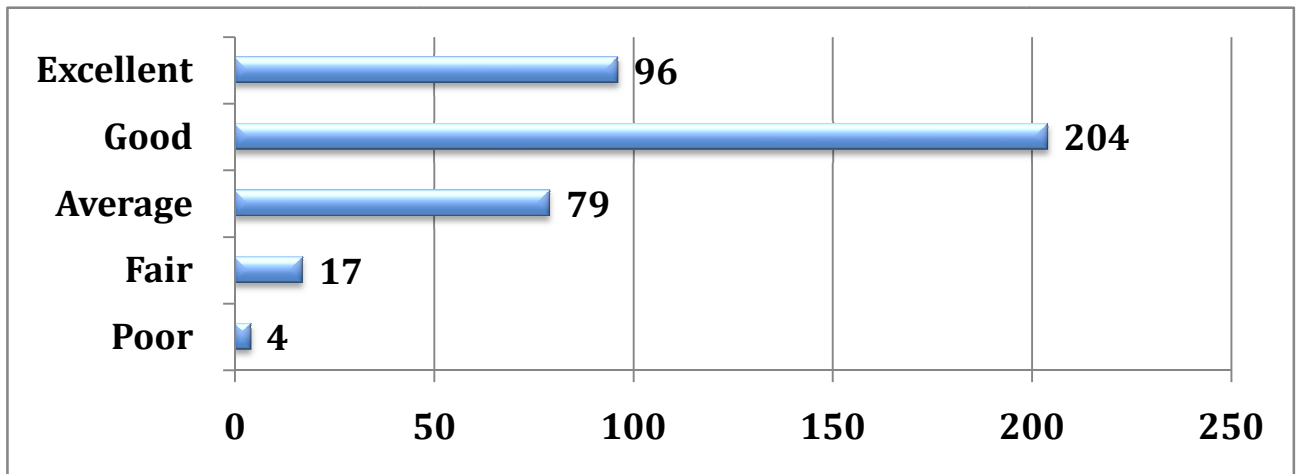
Some of the dancing acts were not appropriate for image 4H should project

The variety and quality of talent was excellent. Really liked the comedian.

This can be eliminated, to shorten the program/conference.

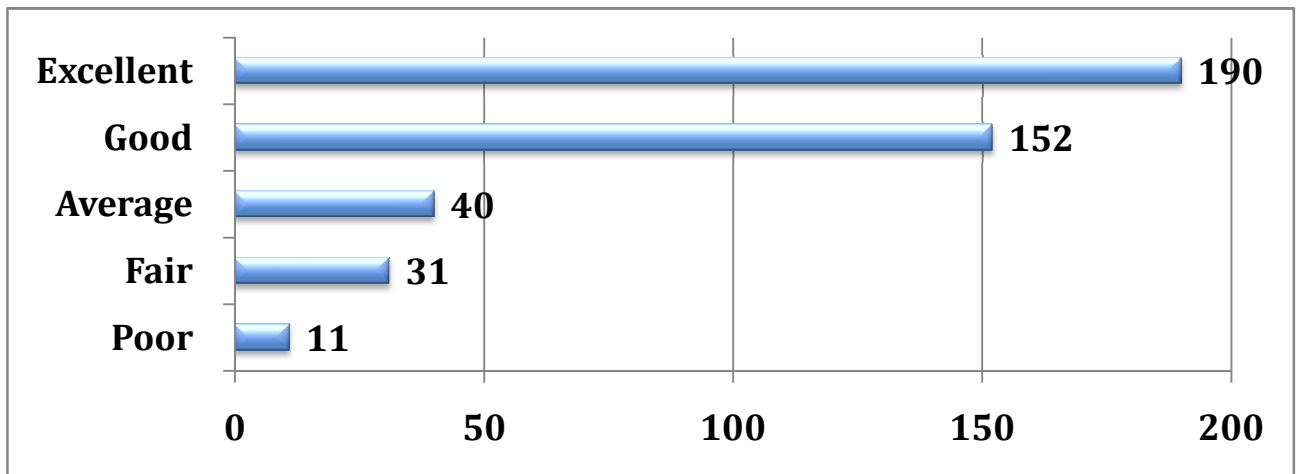
40. Please rate the Monday night ice cream social.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	1.0% (4)	4.3% (17)	19.8% (79)	51.0% (204)	24.0% (96)	3.93	400
						<i>answered question</i>	400
						<i>skipped question</i>	84



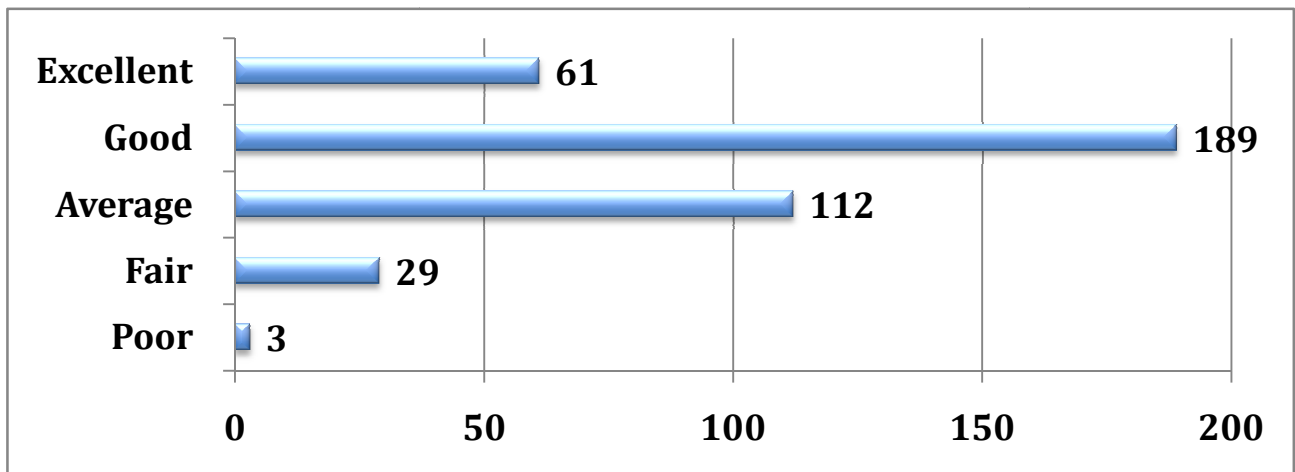
41. Please rate the Tuesday "State's Night In!!!."

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	2.6% (11)	7.3% (31)	9.4% (40)	35.8% (152)	44.8% (190)	4.13	424
	<i>answered question</i>						424
	<i>skipped question</i>						59



42. Please rate the Silent and Live Scholarship Auctions.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.8% (3)	7.4% (29)	28.4% (112)	48.0% (189)	15.5% (61)	3.70	394
						Comments?	81
						<i>answered question</i>	394
						<i>skipped question</i>	89



COMMENTS:

Too long

Sample response "It got a little long."

22 similar comments

Better PA System

Sample response "AV quality was terrible."

18 similar comments

Did not attend

Sample response "Did not attend."

6 similar comments

Need better quality of items

Sample response "Needs a better quality of items."

5 similar comments

Music too loud

Sample response "Music was TOO LOUD during state's night-in activity! We had a hard time trying to visit during the meal."

2 similar comments

A little disappointed in the selection of items, but it was still good.

About State Night In, some Florida table were taken by others

Auctioneers should be more familiar with items being auctioned. Several items could have brought much more if the auctioneers had taken the time to simply read what was on the sheet submitted. They really missed the boat by not telling the "story" behind several items.

Auctioneer spent too much time trying to train for second career as comedian. It doesn't seem to be working.

Do we need to place this much emphasis on fund raising during the annual meeting each year??

Enjoyed the auctions great fun

Gets a little dreary, but provides a time to visit.

How can you donate items?

I attend a lot of beef cattle auctions and one thing goes for all auctions, KEEP the pace MOVING. If we want a comedy routine, get one later. A little humor is ok, but not at the expense of progressing through the sale. There are some great items and some duds. The duds are just as damaging to the pace of the sale. More people will participate if their rear end doesn't give out due to the enormous length of time.

I didn't feel like there were a lot of items.

Improve the camera shots of items up for bid

It seemed like there were more things... at least more things that appealed to me!

Many of the donated items were more significant than the auctioneers thought they were. One GA agent brought a handmade bowl that had worm holes in it and the auctioneer said 'we got a wooden bowl with a hole in it' what a dumbass. NACAA can generate a hell of a lot more money by getting better auctioneers. GA alone will generate 1/3 of what NACAA will generate at it's AM/PIC auction.

More items, I know it is hard to do.

More organization in the layout of items and traffic flow

Need more donations and I will bring more next time, great event for a great cause

Need more participation and better products to bid on. It seems to be less of an emphasis as in the past.

Needed more selection of items... had too much wine

Nice quantity and quality and variety of items.

Not enough quality and variety of items.

Not my thing.

Poor turnout for bidders. Maybe we need to have less items for the live auction. Has the auction run it's course? What can be done in its place? Not sure. If there is an auction I plan to be there. It would be nice not to go so long.

Room was too large. People more inclined to be active participant in auction in a more a smaller room.

Scholarship committee needs to get more items for the live auction

Spent too much money due to my friends in Arizona. Ha ha, it all goes to a good cause.

State presidents should be bringing something from each state

States' Night in - there weren't enough tables to accommodate all states. Some agents had to sit at other state's tables.

States' Night In was too noisy.

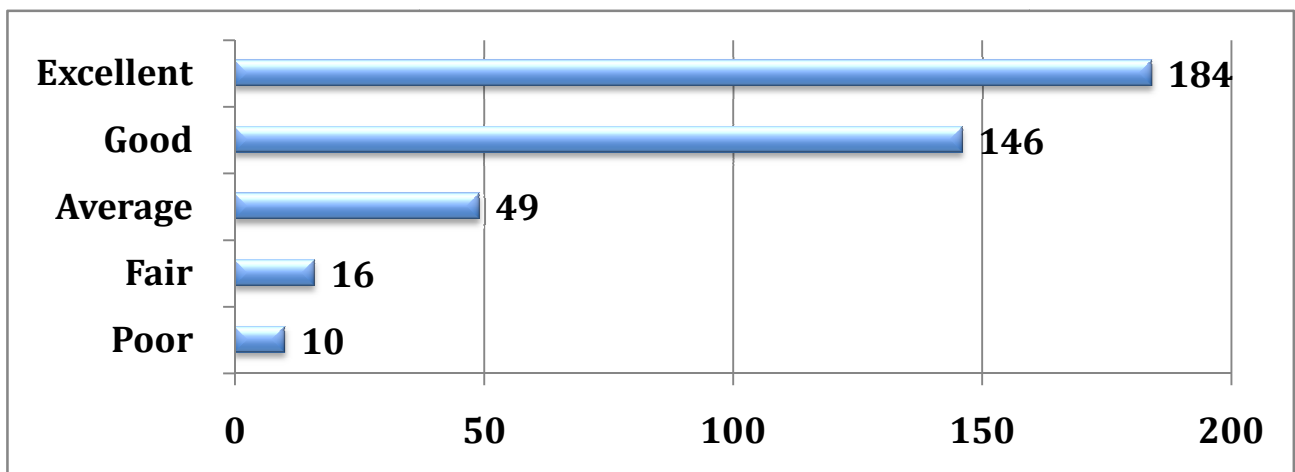
The auctioneers shouldn't pressure bidders to keep bidding. This inhibits others from joining in. It got to be too long and ridiculous the way they went on and on trying to bid items up.

We could have done state night out at the dining area of the mall.

What I could get was limited by having to fit it into my airplane luggage without getting nailed with an added fee!

43. Please rate the Wednesday "North Carolina Barbeque."

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	2.5% (10)	4.0% (16)	12.1% (49)	36.0% (146)	45.4% (184)	4.18	405
						Comments?	65
					<i>answered question</i>		405
					<i>skipped question</i>		78



COMMENTS:

BBQ not good

Sample response "Barbeque wasn't that great"

13 similar comments

Excellent meal

Sample response "Excellent, some of the best food ever!! Gained several pounds"

10 similar comments

Did not attend

Sample response "Did not attend"

8 similar comments

Good entertainment

Sample response "Good entertainment, ok food"

6 similar comments

Excellent Beer

Sample response "Draft beer was excellent"

5 similar comments

Barney

Sample response ""Barney"" was a great addition – good idea"

5 similar comments**Very Good**

Sample response "very good"

2 similar comments

A little slow

A little too far to travel just for a meal

Enjoyed having fruit with all the protein had been eating

Free beer

Good Job!!!

Good pork, anyone know how to smoke some Beef ribs?

I'm not a fan of pulled pork barbecue. I ate the pork off the pit outdoors and drank from the beer booth outdoors. I went inside only to get fresh fruit.

Liked the fresh fruit for dessert

Location good, we really do have better BBQ in NC than what was there that night.

Loved the band. That was a really well run function too. I thoroughly enjoyed this portion.

My experience

My tour bus broke down, so I did not get to experience the whole deal at the Fair grounds, but the good NC staff brought some to the hotel so I did get to try the food.

NA

Needed alternative meat, do not pork because of religious beliefs

Not "real" barbeque but OK

Not my favorite style of BBQ.

Pork outside was 100% better than what was being served inside.

Pulled pork outside was great --- expected that for the meal inside,

Should be able to return to hotel after tours

The overall effect was good, the barbecue was a "let down" given the reputation of the area for good barbecue

There were not enough buses to get back to the hotel, and people got grouchy.

Too much noise.

Unfortunately the cater left something to be desired.

Varietal beer a nice addition.

Very well organized.

Was difficult to find your friends and regional seating. Should still have State's night out.

Was tired of chicken by that time. Few options to eat.

WAY too greasy.

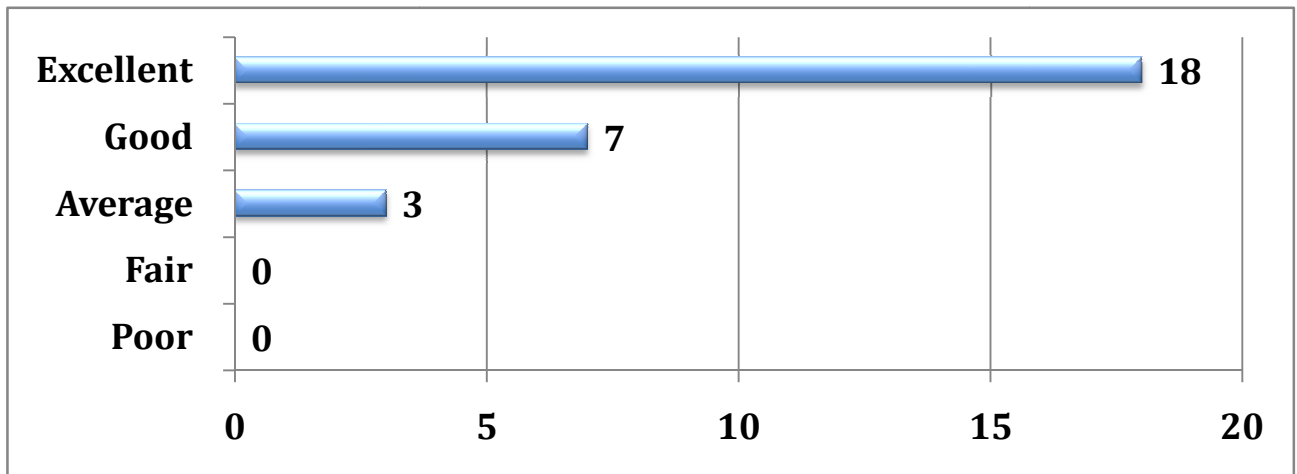
What about eastern style?

Wonderful experience following the tours

Would have liked to have gone to the motel prior instead of straight from the professional development tours as I wanted to be with my family that evening (they were not registered for the conference) but the buses went straight there. I didn't find this out until 10 minutes before we left the motel that morning!

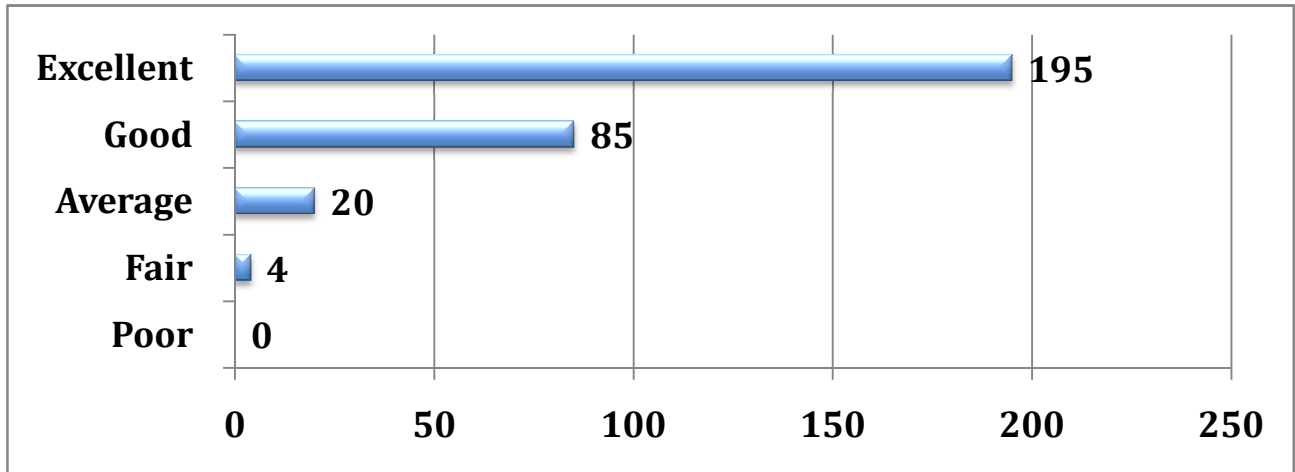
44. If you attended the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International Prayer Breakfast, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.7% (3)	25.0% (7)	64.3% (18)	4.54	28
<i>answered question</i>							28
<i>skipped question</i>							455



45. Please rate the Thursday "Annual Banquet."

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	1.3% (4)	6.6% (20)	28.0% (85)	64.1% (195)	4.55	304
					Comments?		80
					<i>answered question</i>		304
					<i>skipped question</i>		179



COMMENTS:

Did not attend

Sample response "Did not attend"

18 similar comments

PA system

Sample response "Again speaker systems were not good"

12 similar comments

Excellent dinner

Sample response "Best food of the week and the wine at the table was great"

20 similar comments

Too much food

Sample response "Too much food per person. Lots of wasted food."

2 similar comments

A little lengthy. Thought they did a lot of introductions/recognitions.

Add the AA to the program because there were only about 2/3 of what we used to have and we could do both which I think would be much more impressive to the AA winners. Have all the VIP including the head table seated before the DSA and AA are ushered in. Much of the preliminary to the banquet was done before the head table was seated.

Best ever attended

Could provide easier access to other beverages, tea coke etc.

Could we have a meal without alcohol.

Enjoyed the wine

Had to leave early

I appreciated the extra recognition provided to the DSA winners by the Head table and the obvious attempt to limit unnecessary and extended clapping

I like that people seem willing to dress either casually or formally and both are OK.

I liked the way the DSA's were led into the banquet room. Making the DSA winners feel special was needed.

I urge the planners to focus more on the DSA recipients @ this event & less on the recognition of the national officers.

Interesting, but a little too much pomp and circumstance for me.

Liked having past officers and others seated before AA and DSA winners entered

Liked the head table lining the way for the DSA recipients

Line up was a little disorganized.

Moved quickly and really highlighted the DSA's

No alcohol at the tables in the future

People commented that the meat portion was way too big. There was a lot of wastage.

Program was perfect, food could be better

Short and sweet, but to the point

Short and to the point. I loved it.

States night in was too congested and food service was too slow for the number of people.

The banquet was excellent but a lot of folks had left by Thursday evening and some of the rest of us wish we could have left. The banquet could be held in place of the States-night-in affair or one of the other meals. It would have been better attended.

The march in was a good change. The chunk of beef we had for dinner was too big and too dry.

The program should be entirely devoted to the DSA recipients. Leave the farewell speeches and gift giving to the final general session or the President's Reception.

The smiley faces photos should have included many more photos and activities. Most attendees like to see a lot of their friends at the other activities and it seemed like this portion of the program was cut short. Only one song was played during the showing of the photos other states have it running for about 3 songs in length.

Too long

Very nice banquet. Speeches too long. The wine glasses were a nice touch.

We finally had some BEEF!

Well served, and excellent beef

46. Please rank the tour you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Tour 1 : Foothills Nursery Crop and American Heritage	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	87.5% (7)	4.88	8
Tour 2: Samples of Sampson	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	42.9% (3)	57.1% (4)	4.57	7
Tour 3: The Biltmore Estate	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.8% (3)	84.2% (16)	4.84	19
Tour 4: Tobacco Road: From Farm to Factory	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (14)	5.00	14
Tour 5: Carolina Cotton	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	33.3% (4)	66.7% (8)	4.67	12
Tour 6: Beef, Antique Tractors, Tomatoes, Exotic Animals and Racing	0.0% (0)	6.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (3)	73.3% (11)	4.60	15
Tour 7: Trains, Food and Nutrition Research, Wine and Fresh Produce	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	60.0% (6)	4.40	10
Tour 8: Farms, History, and Red headed Boys Named Opie	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	23.5% (4)	29.4% (5)	47.1% (8)	4.24	17
Tour 9: Beef Cattle and Specialty Markets	0.0% (0)	5.6% (1)	11.1% (2)	5.6% (1)	77.8% (14)	4.56	18
Tour 10: World's Largest Sweet Potato Operation and Cucumbers	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	75.0% (6)	4.75	8
Tour 11: Sustainable Agriculture	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	35.3% (6)	64.7% (11)	4.65	17
Tour 13: Central Piedmont Beef & Dairy	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	6.7% (1)	33.3% (5)	60.0% (9)	4.53	15
Tour 14: Farming on the Urban Edge	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	70.0% (7)	4.70	10

Tour 16: Balloons, Dairy and Wine	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	40.0% (4)	60.0% (6)	4.60	10
Tour 17: Piedmont Dairy, Orchard and History	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	5.3% (1)	15.8% (3)	78.9% (15)	4.74	19
Tour 18: Sandhills Agri-tourism	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	20.0% (2)	70.0% (7)	4.60	10
Tour 20: Southern Forestry and Wildlife	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	28.6% (2)	71.4% (5)	4.71	7
Tour 21: J.C. Raulston Arboretum, Industry and Nursery	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.0% (3)	85.0% (17)	4.85	20
Tour 22: Appalachian Agriculture	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	39.1% (9)	60.9% (14)	4.61	23
Tour 23: Piedmont Livestock	0.0% (0)	7.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	35.7% (5)	57.1% (8)	4.43	14
Tour 24: Gardens of Greensboro (1/2 day tour)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (2)	80.0% (8)	4.80	10
Tour 25: Horses, Horses, and more Horses	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	23.1% (3)	76.9% (10)	4.77	13
Tour 26: Fast Cars and Fine Wines	5.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	33.3% (6)	61.1% (11)	4.44	18
Tour 27: Davie County Agriculture	0.0% (0)	8.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (3)	66.7% (8)	4.50	12
Tour 28: Foothills Tree Fruit and Winery	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (5)	5.00	5
Tour 29: Christmas Trees and the Blue Ridge Mountains	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	28.6% (2)	71.4% (5)	4.71	7
Tour 30: Landscape Gardening, Garden Centers and Nurseries	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	50.0% (4)	25.0% (2)	4.00	8
Tour 31: Think Like an Entrepreneur	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	72.7% (8)	4.55	11
Tour 32: Flowers and Football	0.0% (0)	16.7% (2)	8.3% (1)	8.3% (1)	66.7% (8)	4.25	12

Tour 33: Racing on Tobacco Road	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	19.0% (4)	76.2% (16)	4.67	21
						Tour comments?	125

COMMENTS:

Tour 1: Foothills Nursery Crop and American Heritage

Our tour had a great balance and everyone in my group found something they were interested in.

The bus hosts, driver and site hosts were great! Extra kudos to the bus driver for getting us out of a tight spot!

Tour 2: Samples of Sampson

Would like to have seen and been in more fields.

Went to a few farms but had to ask to go to the field and see actual crops growing, that was the best part of the tour. Otherwise we stood around in empty sheds and packing lines and didn't see much of anything.

Tour 3: The Biltmore Estate

Excellent tour

6 similar comments

Sample response "Thanks for the opportunity. It was well-organized. The tour guides were outstanding."

Tour 4: Tobacco Road: From Farm to Factory

Great tour guides and stops.

Excellent tour guides.

Tremendous view of the NASCAR and tobacco industry, a very informative experience.

Tour 5: Carolina Cotton

A little too spread out and time on the bus but otherwise very informative and comprehensive

Great tour - have a new appreciation for cotton, would have liked to visit a farm

Long bus ride to dinner made for long day on road.

Our tour guide, Trey, did an excellent job. Very well organized.

Tour 6: Beef, Antique Tractors, Tomatoes, Exotic Animals and Racing

Beef?!?! Not a realistic operation.

Feeding the animals was great! It was a good mix of items.

Great variety tour.

Not exactly what I thought it was going to be but pleasantly surprised.

Tour 7: Trains, Food and Nutrition Research, Wine and Fresh Produce

Interesting, not too long, I heard a lot of other people that were pleased with theirs.

Liked breakfast on the go.

Loved train museum and Old Stone Winery was excellent. Tour of Research Park under construction was waste of time and speaker for the park was irritating (it was a Dole commercial).

One of the very best tours I have attended. Museum was excellent!! Learned a great deal that I will take home and use.

Our tour was cut short, missing the farmers market, I went later on to the market. If we had gone as part of the tour I would have rated the tour much higher.

Tour 8: Farms, History, and Red headed Boys Named Opie

Excellent and enjoyable

3 similar comments

Sample response "This was a very enjoyable tour & the staff did an EXCELLENT job of hosting those of us on the tour."

Most enjoyable was discussion with local producers concerning his issues.

Tour 9: Beef Cattle and Specialty Markets

Excellent tour, great hosts

3

Sample response "I really enjoyed the tour, our host was awesome."

I would have liked to had more time at the lunch stop to be able to find out more about the freezer beef operation. The second afternoon stop was questionable as to it's relevance.

Make sure all tours have a good PA system, even if the tour leaders and presenters don't think it is needed. It really makes a difference
Saw and discussed very little cattle subjects

Tour folks handled the bus breakdown pretty well. It might have taken the driver too long to say we needed a new bus. We weren't that far away from Greensborough.

Would have liked to see more beef cattle, but crops were interesting.

Tour 10: World's Largest Sweet Potato Operation and Cucumbers

Very well run. On time. Really educational. Billy Little did a super job.

Tour 11: Sustainable Agriculture

Great variety of stops and very informative tour guides.

Obtained several ideas for the future.

Very educational, NC staff did a great job at stops and will traveling between stops.

Tour 13: Central Piedmont Beef & Dairy

Our bus broke down, but the NC agents handled it very well, and the entire bus seemed to think so as well. I really enjoyed getting out and seeing some country. Our agent on the bus was very good to tell us some of the facts about his county. Good tour.

Great tour guides and hosts. Well prepared.

Tour 14: Farming on the Urban Edge

Well done.

Tour 16: Balloons, Dairy and Wine

No comments.

Tour 17: Piedmont Dairy, Orchard and History

Best tour ever

2 similar comments

Sample response "Probably one of the best tours that I have ever attended."

Restored village was a great stop.

Absolutely loved my tour! Good mix.

I was very impressed with the tour organization--providing breakfast as we boarded the bus was impressive down to the coffee cups!

Liked having the contact info for thank you's. More time doing and less just talking.

Breakfast was good.

Tour 18: Sandhills Agri-tourism

Basic but met some great people.

Karen did an excellent job on the tour.

Tour 20: Southern Forestry and Wildlife

Packed a lot into one day. Fantastic tours and fun to get ice cream- would have like to hear more/walk around at refuge- also hear more about "needle" baling/harvesting.

Tour 21: J.C. Raulston Arboretum, Industry and Nursery

Fantastic!

I would have liked to see a tour of research facilities at the Research Triangle Park.

The Bayer stop was not extremely informative.

Excellent tour hosts.

I've placed an order with the nursery we visited. Great plants!

It was a good variety of organic, commercial, retail, research and gardens.

Wish I could have been in more than one place.

Tour 22: Appalachian Agriculture

Best part of the entire conference.

Good tour and good hosts. Better speaker system on bus.

Very interesting and educational.

Somewhat disappointed that we did not go to the large Fraser Fir Farms. Very little was discussed and taught on how to grow these trees. Would have enjoyed a formal presentation of growing Christmas Trees. Also having to walk up very steep hill to see the mountain apples was hard on most people.

We were short of time due to some stops taking too long.

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm was tops! Other stops were good.

I loved the tour, and had so much fun.

Great effort and just the right amount of diversity to keep the tour interesting.

Tour 23: Piedmont Livestock

On two tour stops, we just stood in the hot sun and listened to someone talk. We saw few animals!

Tour guides from NC were super!

Great tour, good food, comfortable buses.

Liked the informal structure of our tour.

Great to visit with folks do direct marketing.

Include more activities. Avoid just standing in one spot and talking. Make a point of providing ideas for use in home county.

Tour 24: Gardens of Greensboro (½ day tour)

I appreciated how each tour stop related to cooperative extension programming.

Tour 25: Horses, Horses, and more Horses

Breakfast on bus was a good idea!

Tour 26: Fast Cars and Fine Wines

Our tour guides were great & the tours great as well.

Nice tour of the race industry, great tours of the vineyards - interesting differences in growing tech.

The RCR part was fabulous. The wineries were great too.

Great tour with the wine vineyards.

One of the best tours I have attended at an AM/PIC!

Tour 27: Davie County Agriculture

We liked seeing the small farms.

We saw a lot of different ag and the pace was laid back and easy.

I got stung by a wasp.

Some of the stops did not share enough information.

Liked seeing 'common' agriculture; good transportation, hosts, and tour guides.

Tour 28: Foothills Tree Fruit and Winery

No comments.

Tour 29: Christmas Trees and the Blue Ridge Mountains

Great tour. Outstanding **2**

Tour could have been coordinated better with more to see; got back too early!

Tour 30: Landscape Gardening, Garden Centers and Nurseries

Liked the farmer's market but not much else specific to NC- kind of generic.

Stops were informative, but probably had one too many.

Tour 31: Think Like an Entrepreneur

Great tour guide **3 similar comments**

Sample response "Tour guides were great!"

We were rationed the water and juice, it turned out to be enough, but I was concerned about doing this in the heat.

Tour 32: Flowers and Football

Great tour guide **2 similar comments**

Sample response "Enthusiastic tour guide."

Excellent tour, enjoyed it very much.

Not what I expected.

Would have like to heard more about the economic impact of Agriculture on the counties that we toured. The tour was well planned and was educational.

Tour 33: Racing on Tobacco Road

Good in-depth - made you think about impacts of industry growth and social issues.

Great Tour!

Would liked to have organized guide at some stops but recognize this was not available.

Anything I would suggest to improve was not NACAA's fault.

It was just right -- good variety of stops, drive to and from was good. Interaction and verbal discussion by guides good. Agenda schedule and time was kept promptly throughout the day.

Too much standing around and listening to someone just talk about what they do.

Excellent tour and tour guides. Stayed on time.

47. What would help improve future NACAA AM/PIC tours?

Keep as is. Tours excellent.

32 similar comments

Sample response "Keep 'em like they are. Great variety. Great tour guides."

Shorter tours

7 similar comments

Sample response "Shorter, 9-3 or 4."

Less travel on bus

7 similar comments

Sample response "Fewer stops, less driving in between."

Multiple tour hosts

6 similar comments

Sample response "Our tour had all 3 county's agents on the bus and added to the local flavor greatly."

More time at each stop

5 similar comments

Sample response "Make sure there is enough time to get in all the activities planned."

Better tour descriptions

4 similar comments

Sample response "Better descriptions of tours: map, times, amount of walking, and stop details."

Include tour maps

3 similar comments

Sample response "Provide maps of the routes to participants."

½ day tours

3 similar comments

Sample response "1/2 day format."

Demonstration of farm practices

2 similar comments

Sample response "A demonstration of practices followed by the farm."

Expand tours to 2 days

2 similar comments

Sample response "Our tour had all 3 county's agents on the bus and added to the local flavor greatly."

A better balance of types of tours. Have the touristy attractions for those that want to see them. Have the farming or ranching tours that show how "real" people are taking care of everyday business, not the "big money people" with the showcase operations.

A better breakfast option could help.

Be sure and get good buses for the tours. Our bus was old and not in the best of shape, and then it broke down which did not surprise me, but it was still enjoyable. I would really try and make sure the bus company does not sneak an old bus by with the other nice and new buses

Better rest stop if possible

Breakfast on the bus was not a good idea

Buses were excellent. I came away thinking that it was a privilege and a blessing to gain an insight into an area from people who know and love their region. This is an expensive part of any meeting, but if there is a way to expand any portion, this is the one I would add an additional half-day to.

Continue offering variety of tours to select from and the pick up your breakfast on the way to the bus was great. Always have tour leaders pass out the contact list with addresses of those we visit.

Continue the heavy support of the sponsoring state extension educators.

Fewer tours with a winery stuck in the middle of other tours.

Getting to do more than one tour would be great. Maybe repeat the tours in a full day and a Getting to these meetings is a big expense and once there having the chance to see as much of the state/region as possible should be considered, regardless of how long the drive. If you're taking the day to travel anyway, leaving at 5 AM or 6 AM should be an option to get to more distant locations if getting back in time for the meal is the problem. Don't restrict the chance to visit parts of a given state just because the bus schedule might have to be adjusted.

Anyone/everyone can sleep on a bus!

Great tour, but coffee on bus, not a good idea. Maybe it could be served while waiting for tour.

Have a back up bus on call and don't wait one hour trying to fix one before you call the back up.

Have a non-sausage breakfast option. Oatmeal bars?

Have at least a couple of tour options that are a bit more kid friendly. Nothing on the entire list remotely interested my children so we opted to take our own "tour" as a family.

Have farm presenter answer specific questions provided in advance so they do less rambling and more effective talking. Give tour participants this same list of questions so they can take notes if they want. Small children can be quite disruptive on these tours and I suggest children under 12 not be allowed to go on the PI tours.

Have someone tell about agriculture and other points of interest during travel to stops

Having knowledgeable tour guide on bus and stops with something to see and hosts that are prepared are the key... like on the tour I attended.

Host on bus discussing surrounding sites and items of interest during travel.

I had trouble registering for the tours, so I didn't get my first choice of tours. I still like my tour a lot, however it would have been nice to combine some intense beef herds with the lesser intense ones were, so essentially to have both tour groups be able to overlap and each get to see some things. I don't know if that was possible-just a thought.

I like tours that give a sampling of AG in the region instead of just a hort, livestock or crop tour.

I thought we spent too much time at some sites and not enough at others...maybe trying to pack in too much??

It's always good to have historical stops blended into the tours, maybe even some dedicated to them.

Make them entertaining. Tours are supposed to be FUN and educational, but we don't won't to develop a nutrient management plan on tour...

Making sure I get my first choice....maybe some tours need two busses.

More narration to the entire group, not just visits with select individuals.

More on Wildlife/fisheries.

Offer decaffe coffee!!!!

Offer more teachable moments and short lectures rather than just sight-seeing.

Open up the popular tours for more folks. Remind the tour guides that will have children and spouses on these tours, so plan appropriately.

Please use portable PA system.

Provide a list of dos and don'ts to participants, kind of a request list. Some participants asked too many disruptive question to company personnel/host which interfered with my learning experience. A gentle reminder list for appropriate behavior will be great.

Provide tour tickets with the registration packet. Or else have registration personnel stress the need to pick up the tickets.

Recruit a few first timers at AM/PIC to help plan future meetings. We need to keep up with the times.

Short web casts previews of "what you will see" on the tour that could accompany the registration information.

Showcase the region.

Split group into 2 smaller groups so everyone can see and hear.

The NC and Oregon videos were great.

Tour hosts could give more commentary of the state, area, ag, issues, etc.

Variety of stops providing more diversification of things for tour participants to see and experience.

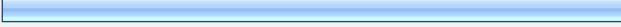
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Yes		100.0%	414
<i>answered question</i>			414
<i>skipped question</i>			69

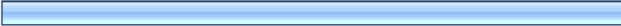
49. Are you a LIFE MEMBER?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	31
<i>answered question</i>			31
<i>skipped question</i>			452


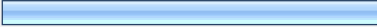
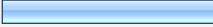
50. Are you a SPOUSE?

50. Are you a SPOUSE?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			100.0%	14
			<i>answered question</i>	14
			<i>skipped question</i>	469

51. Are you a SON or DAUGHTER?

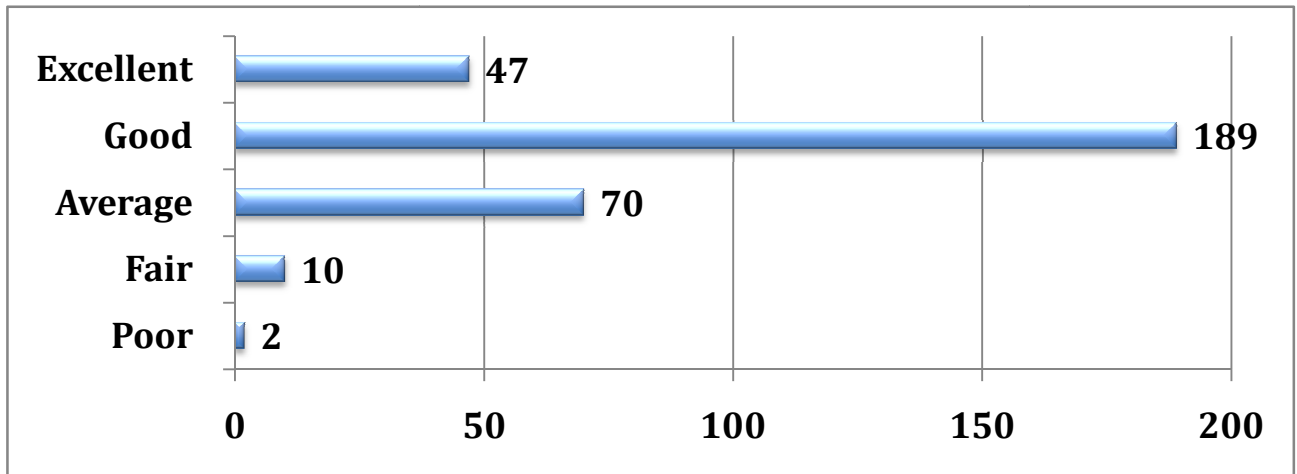
51. Are you a SON or DAUGHTER?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			100.0%	2
			<i>answered question</i>	2
			<i>skipped question</i>	481

52. If you attended the Delegate's Breakfast, how was it?

52. If you attended the Delegate's Breakfast, how was it?			Response Percent	Response Count
Poor			0.0%	0
Fair			0.0%	0
Average			5.5%	5
Good			60.4%	55
Excellent			34.1%	31
			<i>answered question</i>	91
			<i>skipped question</i>	392

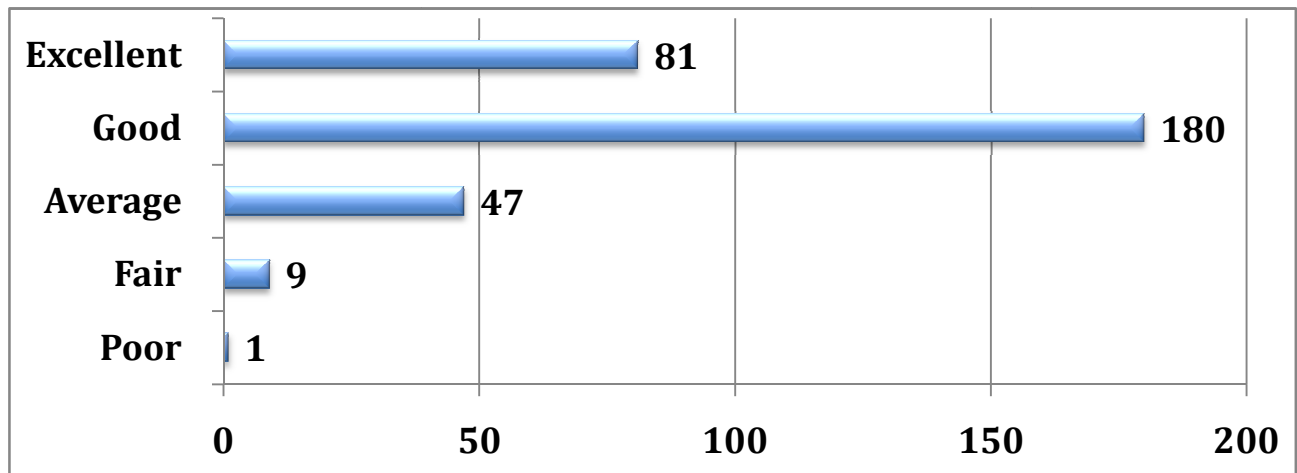
53. Please rate the Monday General Session.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.6% (2)	3.1% (10)	22.0% (70)	59.4% (189)	14.8% (47)	3.85	318
	<i>answered question</i>						318
	<i>skipped question</i>						165



54. How was the General Session Keynote Speaker?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.3% (1)	2.8% (9)	14.8% (47)	56.6% (180)	25.5% (81)	4.04	318
					Comments?		32
					<i>answered question</i>		318



COMMENTS:

Difficult to hear, poor sound system

15 similar comments

Sample response "Speaker system very poor, hard to hear."

Excellent speaker

6 similar comments

Sample response "Ralph Otto was excellent...with some thought provoking info."

Left the session

2 similar comments

Sample response "Could not sit through whole thing."

Great Door Prizes.

I don't get very excited about any keynote/capnote speaker...

If this was supposed to be collien hefferan, then the substitution was not as good, but okay....give us the names...I don't have the program in front of me.

Need a speaker who is motivational and entertaining.

The hall of Fame inductions at this session was great, I enjoyed hearing the awardees' comments, and it appeared less rushed than at the banquet.

Too long.

55. Please rate the Trade Talk Concurrent Session you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Animal Science	0.0% (0)	5.2% (5)	12.4% (12)	52.6% (51)	29.9% (29)	4.07	97
Horticulture	0.0% (0)	2.8% (2)	12.7% (9)	52.1% (37)	32.4% (23)	4.14	71
Crop Science/Agronomy 1 (Monsanto/Specialty/Dow/Qualiso)	0.0% (0)	1.6% (1)	15.9% (10)	60.3% (38)	22.2% (14)	4.03	63
Crop Science/Agronomy 2 (Soybean/Pennington/PERC)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	18.8% (3)	56.3% (9)	25.0% (4)	4.06	16
Comments?							19
answered question							240
skipped question							243

COMMENTS:

Like a commercial

7 similar comments

Sample response "I don't like these; seem like commercials for products."

Not able to attend

5 similar comments

Sample response "I was not able to attend."

Like trade talks

4 similar comments

Sample response "Very informative... Bayer scientists did a great job."

Want more depth

3 similar comments



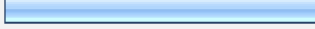
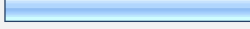
Sample response "I would like to have more discussion on emerging animal disease knowledge."

Lunch was fair.




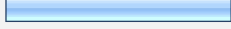
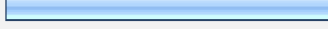
Same old thing.

So glad you have included horticulture now!

56. If you attended the Pride Luncheon, how was it?

56. If you attended the Pride Luncheon, how was it?			Response Percent	Response Count
Poor			0.0%	0
Fair			2.1%	1
Average			8.3%	4
Good			50.0%	24
Excellent			39.6%	19
			answered question	48
			skipped question	435

57. If you attended the First Time Attendee Luncheon, how was it?

57. If you attended the First Time Attendee Luncheon, how was it?			Response Percent	Response Count
Poor			2.0%	1
Fair			6.0%	3
Average			4.0%	2
Good			36.0%	18
Excellent			52.0%	26
			answered question	50
			skipped question	433

58. If you attended a Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheon, please rate the one you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Crop Production (Blackbird Management)	0.0% (0)	4.3% (1)	13.0% (3)	65.2% (15)	17.4% (4)	3.96	23
Farm and Ranch Management (Market and Economic)	0.0% (0)	6.5% (4)	14.5% (9)	56.5% (35)	22.6% (14)	3.95	62
Landscape Horticulture (Master Gardener Water Conservation)	0.0% (0)	2.6% (1)	5.3% (2)	44.7% (17)	47.4% (18)	4.37	38
4-H and Youth (Agriculture Reality Store)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (2)	44.4% (8)	44.4% (8)	4.33	18
	<i>answered question</i>						139
	<i>skipped question</i>						344

59. If you attended an Educational Luncheon Seminar, please rate the one you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Expanding Markets for Local Farm Products	0.0% (0)	3.6% (2)	10.7% (6)	53.6% (30)	32.1% (18)	4.14	56
Current Status of Anthelmintic Resistance in Cattle	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (3)	34.1% (14)	58.5% (24)	4.51	41
Invasive Species Biology, Management, Regulations & Economics	3.2% (1)	12.9% (4)	25.8% (8)	29.0% (9)	29.0% (9)	3.68	31
Producing High Quality, High Yielding Crops	3.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	6.1% (2)	51.5% (17)	39.4% (13)	4.24	33
	<i>answered question</i>						159
	<i>skipped question</i>						324

60. If you attended the Meet the Authors Poster Session, how was it?

60. If you attended the Meet the Authors Poster Session, how was it?			Response Percent	Response Count
Poor			9.4%	8
Fair			5.9%	5
Average			12.9%	11
Good			52.9%	45
Excellent			18.8%	16
			<i>answered question</i>	85
			<i>skipped question</i>	398

61. Please rate the Committee Workshop you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
How to Host an AM/PIC	0.0% (0)	3.3% (1)	13.3% (4)	40.0% (12)	43.3% (13)	4.23	30
Communications	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	16.7% (3)	61.1% (11)	22.2% (4)	4.06	18
Extension Programs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	53.8% (7)	30.8% (4)	4.15	13
4-H and Youth	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	22.2% (2)	44.4% (4)	33.3% (3)	4.11	9
Professional Excellence	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	33.3% (4)	58.3% (7)	8.3% (1)	3.75	12
Public Relations	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	3.88	8
Recognition and Awards	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	45.5% (5)	54.5% (6)	4.55	11
Scholarship	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	81.8% (9)	18.2% (2)	4.18	11
Agronomy and Pest Management	4.5% (1)	4.5% (1)	22.7% (5)	36.4% (8)	31.8% (7)	3.86	22
Agricultural Economics and Community	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	17.6% (3)	52.9% (9)	29.4% (5)	4.12	17
Animal Science	0.0% (0)	3.1% (1)	9.4% (3)	28.1% (9)	59.4% (19)	4.44	32
Natural Resources/Aquaculture	33.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	16.7% (1)	16.7% (1)	33.3% (2)	3.17	6
Horticulture and Turf Grass	0.0% (0)	3.6% (1)	7.1% (2)	57.1% (16)	32.1% (9)	4.18	28
Public Relations and Agricultural	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (1)	42.9% (3)	42.9% (3)	4.29	7
Early Career Development	6.7% (1)	13.3% (2)	6.7% (1)	33.3% (5)	40.0% (6)	3.87	15
Administrative Skills Development	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	70.0% (7)	20.0% (2)	4.10	10
Teaching and Educational Technologies	6.7% (1)	6.7% (1)	6.7% (1)	26.7% (4)	53.3% (8)	4.13	15
					Comments?		17
					answered question		235
					skipped question		248

COMMENTS:

Need more time

2 similar comments

Sample response "Needed more time, 2 hours."

As a first timer I was lost during the meeting. We were told as first timers to attend a meeting and become a part of one of the groups. I went to the meeting and had no idea what they were talking about.

Great topics, I learned a lot!

I serve on several committees so we should have time to attend more than one.

It would be helpful to make it clear in pre-meeting information that anyone can attend these meetings.

Many first timers attended and had great ideas.

More description of what each is, how to access.

More people should be encouraged to participate in these committees.

Natural Resource Committee Chairs didn't even know if they were still going to be chairs next year or what was going on. Seemed disorganized.

The committees name has been changed to Ag. Issues and Public Relations.

The technology session was very good.

This is an important part of the meeting if you are a state chair or vice chair, but may not pertain to all attendees.

This was the only meeting that I attended where seating was inadequate. I am glad it was well attended. Excellent information.

Topics weren't things that I was very interested in

Very well run meeting.

62. Please rate the Regional Meeting and Candidate Presentation you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Southern	0.0% (0)	0.7% (1)	12.3% (17)	56.5% (78)	30.4% (42)	4.17	138
North Central	0.0% (0)	3.1% (2)	18.5% (12)	53.8% (35)	24.6% (16)	4.00	65
Northeast	0.0% (0)	2.7% (1)	8.1% (3)	54.1% (20)	35.1% (13)	4.22	37
Western	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (3)	51.9% (14)	37.0% (10)	4.26	27
Comments?							14
<i>answered question</i>							264
<i>skipped question</i>							219

COMMENTS:

Need more time

2 similar comments

Sample response "Very rushed."

Attended a portion of all the regional meetings and complement the Regional Directors on a job well done!

Boring!

Business flowed without any problems

Candidate for office, attended all for brief moment

Directors did a good job of starting on time and keeping the meeting moving. We need to do away with meeting the candidates at regional meetings.

Have presidents or their appointee prepare a one-page, written report of what is happening in their state and post it online before coming to the meeting. We don't need printed copies, but a three-sentence report does not tell you much.

I believe that devoting so much time to politics and housekeeping is discouraging to younger members who do not have an appreciation for the traditions of this organization.

Our regional direction and vice-director do an excellent job.

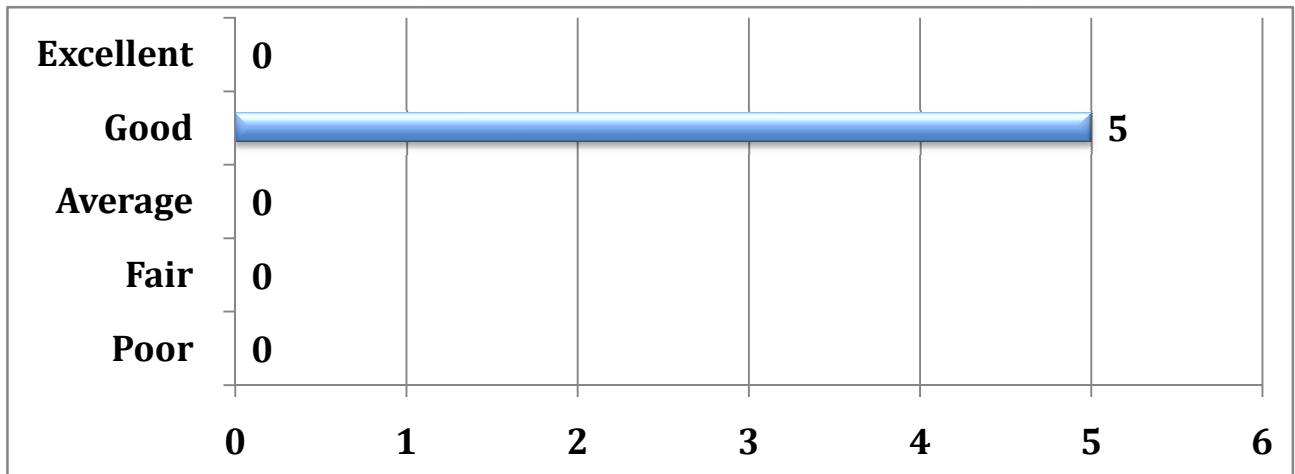
Some times we need more time.

This should be more of a social event with refreshments (including alcoholic) so that people can talk to each other and discuss programs and possible collaborations.

We always have fun - this year was more of a venting session re: administration/budget problems for all.

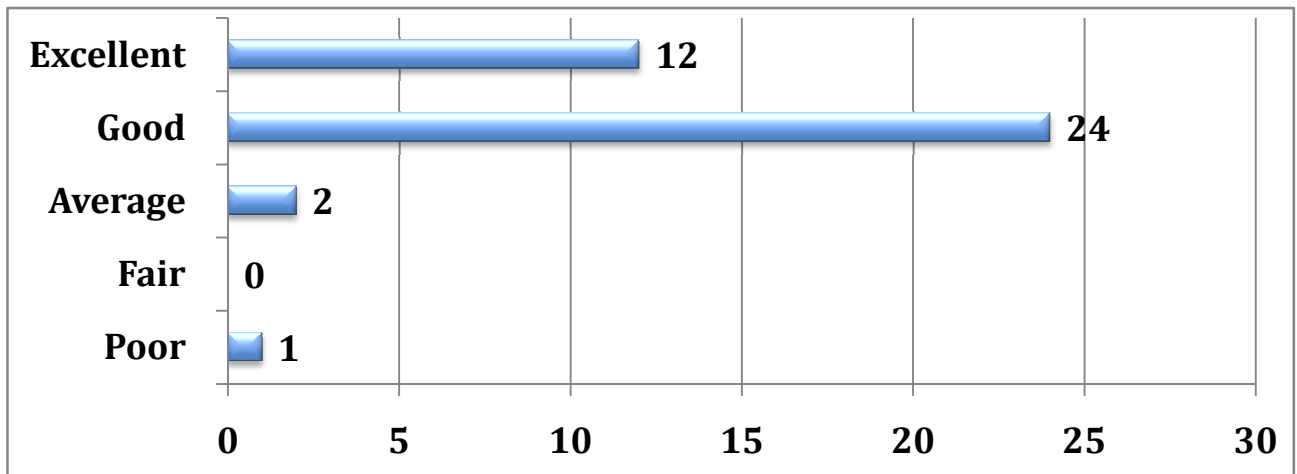
63. If you attended the Administrator’s Breakfast, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (5)	0.0% (0)	4.00	5
<i>answered question</i>							5
<i>skipped question</i>							478



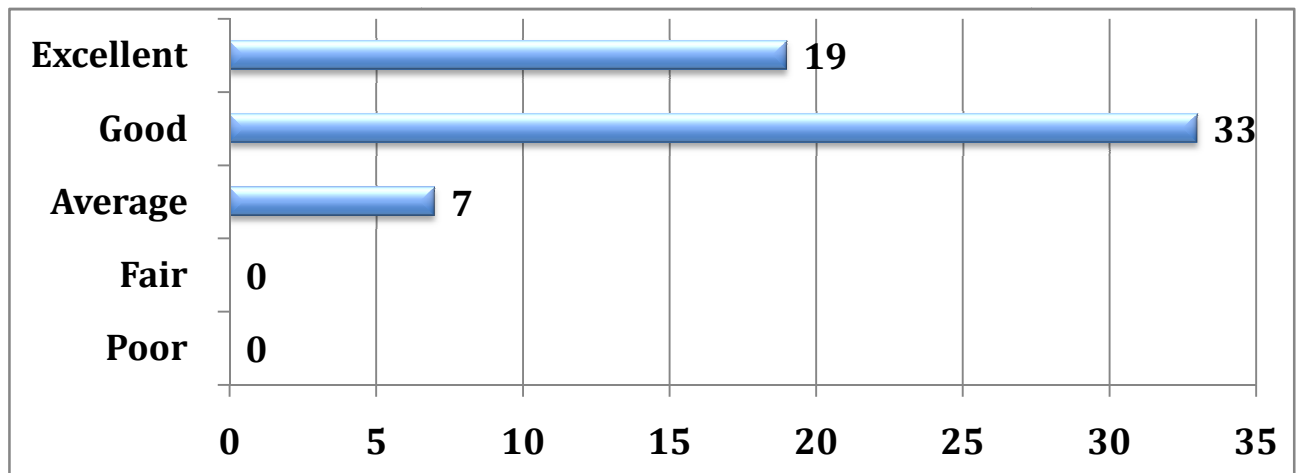
64. If you attended the Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	2.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	5.1% (2)	61.5% (24)	30.8% (12)	4.18	39
						<i>answered question</i>	39
						<i>skipped question</i>	444



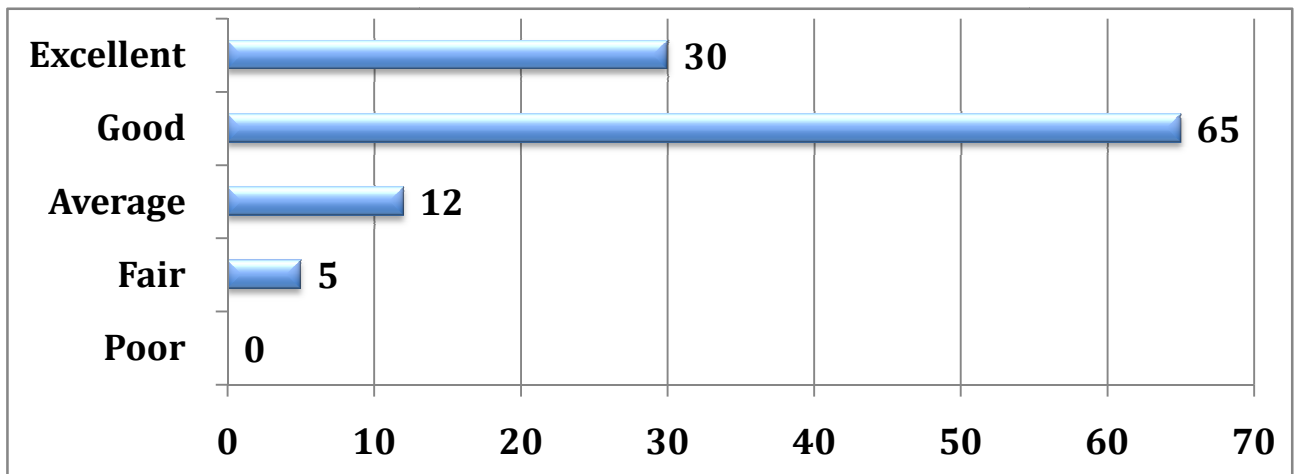
65. If you attended the Poster Session Award Breakfast, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11.9% (7)	55.9% (33)	32.2% (19)	4.20	59
						<i>answered question</i>	59
						<i>skipped question</i>	424



66. If you attended, please rate the Delegate Session.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	4.5% (5)	10.7% (12)	58.0% (65)	26.8% (30)	4.07	112
						<i>answered question</i>	112
						<i>skipped question</i>	371



67. Please rate the Extension Development Council Seminar you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Administrative Skills Workshop	3.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.8% (1)	65.4% (17)	26.9% (7)	4.12	26
Early Career Development Workshop	0.0% (0)	8.3% (2)	20.8% (5)	54.2% (13)	16.7% (4)	3.79	24
Teaching and Education Technologies Workshop	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.9% (7)	45.5% (20)	38.6% (17)	4.23	44
Public Relations and Ag Issues Workshop	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.7% (9)	51.4% (18)	22.9% (8)	3.97	35
					Comments?		8
					answered question		122
					skipped question		361

COMMENTS:

Great session

2 similar comments

Sample response "My session was great! Keep on doing things like this."

No speaker

2 similar comments

Sample response "Speaker did not show in Administrative Skills Workshop."

I wanted to attend an Admin. Skills Workshop on Master Gardeners, but the speaker didn't show up. I'm not rating NC poorly because it wasn't their fault. I give the poor mark to the speaker. I was really looking forward to that session and he didn't show up or even notify anybody he wasn't going to make it.

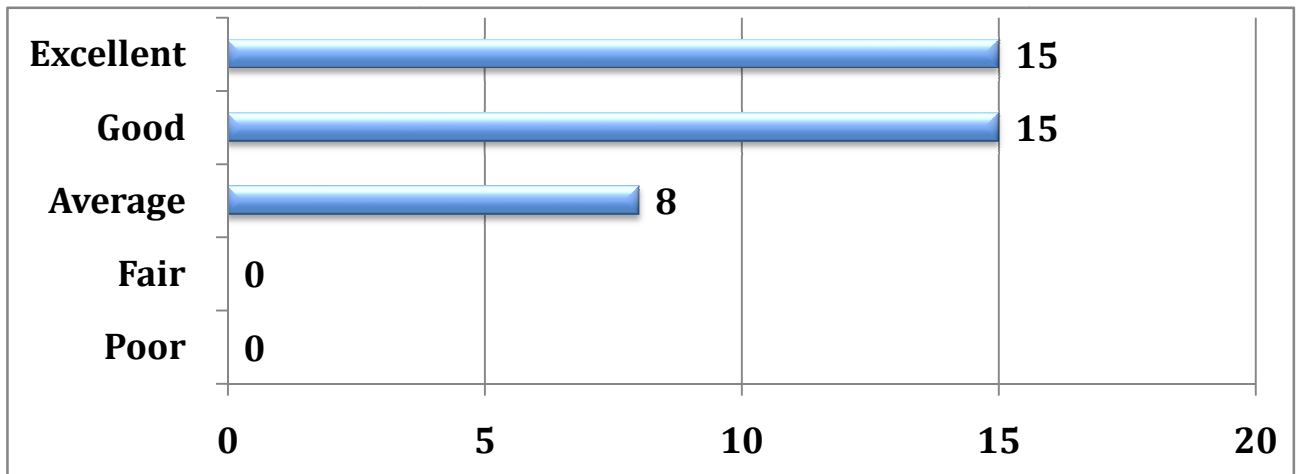
None were interesting or useful.

The AA Award breakfast could have gone a lot quicker if they had participants line up prior to getting their award, or it could have been done with the Awards Dinner and not added too much time (preferred).

The second speaker was more for CED's and not for early career.

68. If you attended the State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	21.1% (8)	39.5% (15)	39.5% (15)	4.18	38
					<i>answered question</i>		38
							<i>skipped question</i> 445



69. Please rate the Search for Excellence Luncheon and Awards Program, if you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Livestock Production	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (6)	47.6% (20)	38.1% (16)	4.24	42
Remote Sensing and Precision Agriculture	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	23.8% (5)	57.1% (12)	19.0% (4)	3.95	21
Young, Beginning or Small Farms/Rancher	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9.1% (2)	40.9% (9)	50.0% (11)	4.41	22
						Comments?	2
						answered question	82
						skipped question	401

COMMENTS:


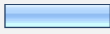
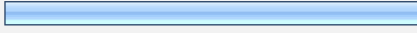

None were interesting or useful.

The program was great, food not so much.

70. If you attended a Tuesday Educational Luncheon Seminar, please rate the one you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Youth Resources Galore	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.5% (2)	21.1% (4)	68.4% (13)	4.58	19
Problems Associated with Application of Pesticides	0.0% (0)	6.5% (3)	15.2% (7)	52.2% (24)	26.1% (12)	3.98	46
SARE-funded Research on Tomato Disease Resistance	0.0% (0)	2.3% (1)	2.3% (1)	41.9% (18)	53.5% (23)	4.47	43
						answered question	108
						skipped question	375

71. If you attended the JCEP Seminar, Be an Agent of Change, how was it?

71. If you attended the JCEP Seminar, Be an Agent of Change, how was it?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Poor		11.1%	2
Fair		0.0%	0
Average		16.7%	3
Good		66.7%	12
Excellent		5.6%	1
		<i>answered question</i>	18
		<i>skipped question</i>	465

72. Please rate any of the Professional Improvement Council Seminars you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Agronomy and Pest Management I	2.0% (1)	4.0% (2)	16.0% (8)	50.0% (25)	28.0% (14)	3.98	50
Agronomy and Pest Management II	0.0% (0)	2.9% (1)	17.1% (6)	48.6% (17)	31.4% (11)	4.09	35
Ag Economics I	0.0% (0)	2.3% (1)	11.6% (5)	44.2% (19)	41.9% (18)	4.26	43
Ag Economics II	0.0% (0)	3.0% (1)	27.3% (9)	42.4% (14)	27.3% (9)	3.94	33
Animal Science I	0.0% (0)	2.0% (1)	12.0% (6)	64.0% (32)	22.0% (11)	4.06	50
Animal Science II	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	16.4% (9)	49.1% (27)	34.5% (19)	4.18	55
Natural Resources/Aquaculture/Sea Grant I	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (2)	50.0% (5)	30.0% (3)	4.10	10
Natural Resources/Aquaculture/Sea Grant II	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (2)	5.00	2
Horticulture and Turf Grass	0.0% (0)	2.0% (1)	4.1% (2)	55.1% (27)	38.8% (19)	4.31	49
Lawns and Landscapes	5.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (4)	40.0% (8)	35.0% (7)	4.00	20
Fruits, Vegetables and More	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	6.7% (1)	53.3% (8)	40.0% (6)	4.33	15

Comments?	10
<i>answered question</i>	225
<i>skipped question</i>	258

COMMENTS:

Animal Science 1& 2 were not close by, so you had to run to catch the presentation you wanted to see

I remember titles/topics, I can't remember what heading the sessions were in. Seating was quite tight in a couple that I was in, quality was good.

I think the entire program could be improved by allowing volunteer, 15-minute, presentations by members, research and extension papers, if you will. This would make it a much more appealing, professional meeting.

It varied depending on the individual presentation.

It would be nice to have more information out about these options before the conference.

More time for each presentation would be good.

Some of these, as stated before, were too basic in their content.

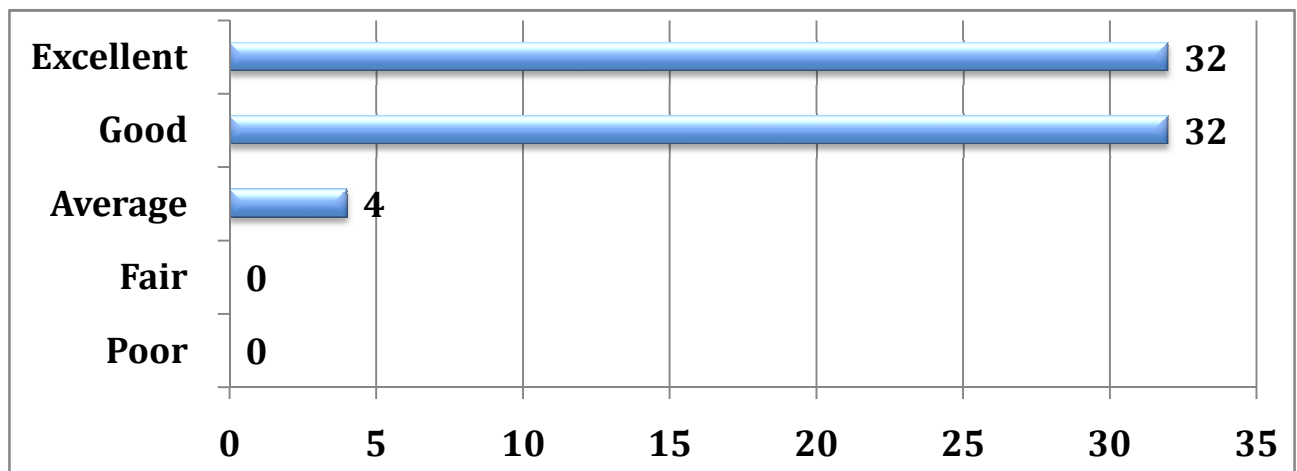
There wasn't as much in the agronomy area that interested me this year.

Topics were not very interesting to me.

Well organized, well run, well moderated, excellent sessions - enjoyed the many choices - best ever.

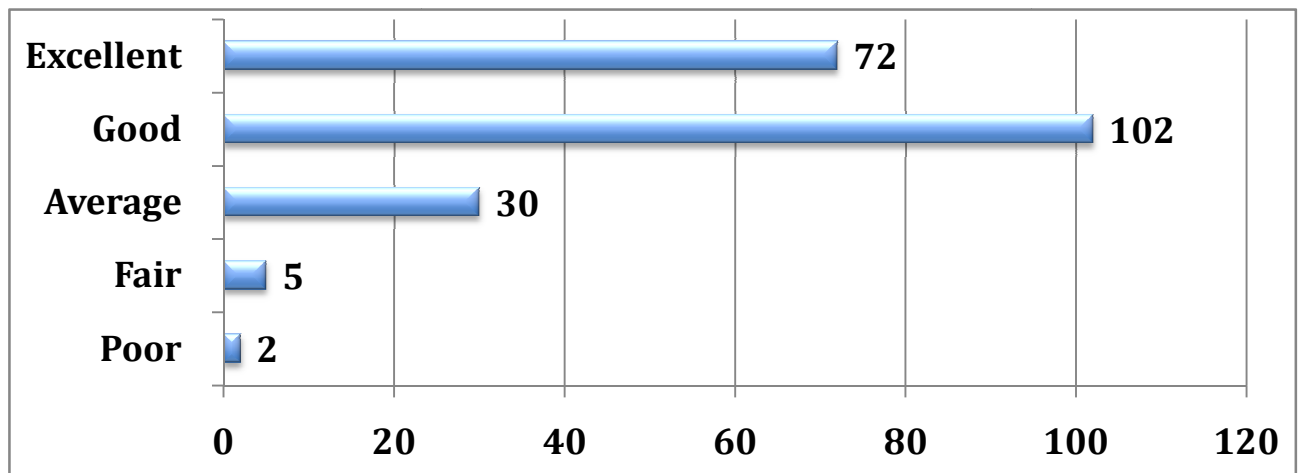
73. If you attended the national Committee Members Breakfast, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	5.9% (4)	47.1% (32)	47.1% (32)	4.41	68
	<i>answered question</i>						68
	<i>skipped question</i>						415



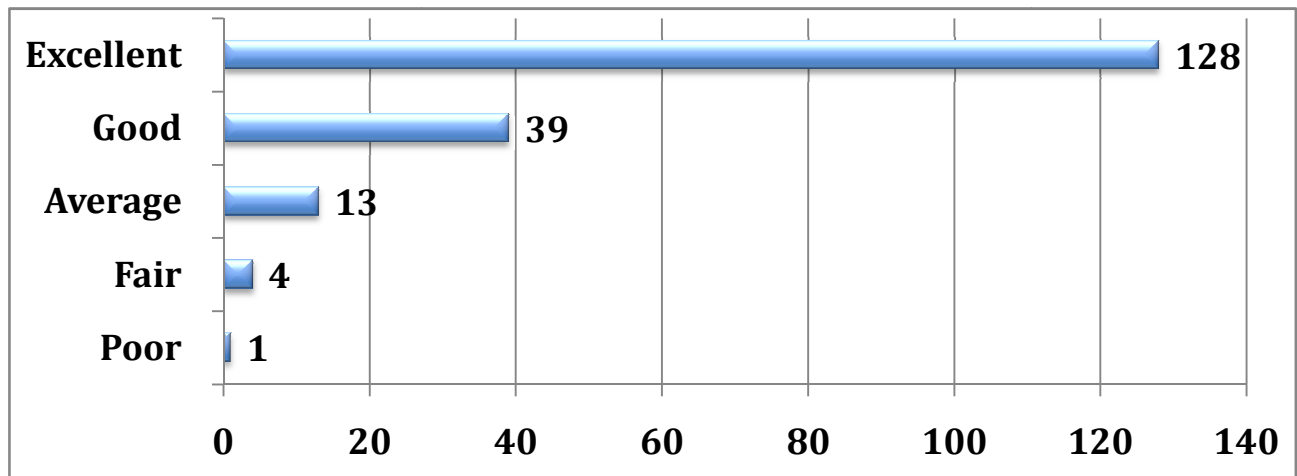
74. If you attended, please rate the Thursday General Session.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.9% (2)	2.4% (5)	14.2% (30)	48.3% (102)	34.1% (72)	4.12	211
	<i>answered question</i>						211
	<i>skipped question</i>						272



75. If you attended the Capstone Speech, how was Dr. James Johnson?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.5% (1)	2.2% (4)	7.0% (13)	21.1% (39)	69.2% (128)	4.56	185
					Comments?		35
					answered question		185
					skipped question		298



COMMENTS:

Excellent speaker

20 similar comments

Sample response "Best speaker at this AMPIC."

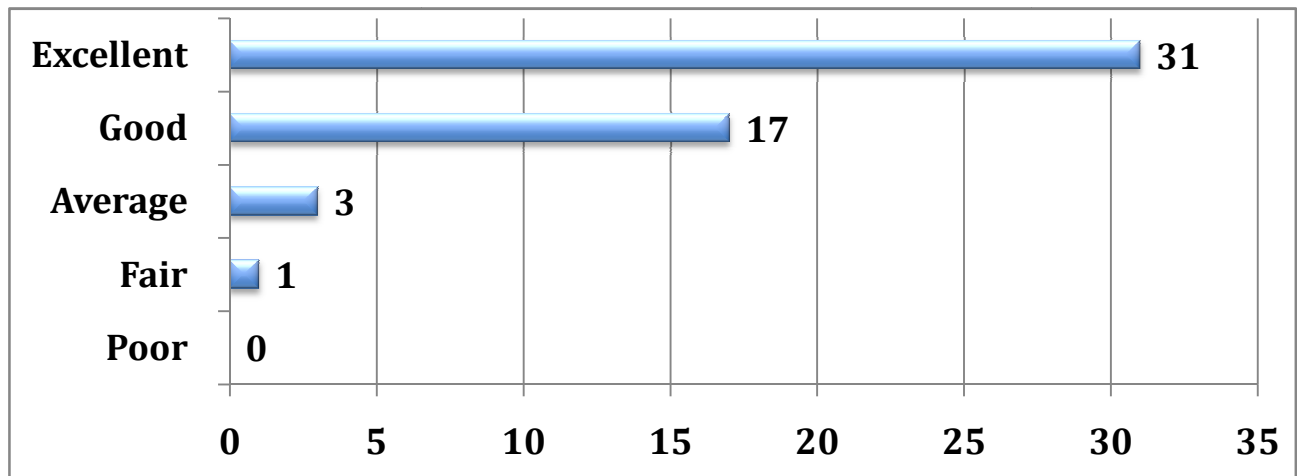
Sound system problem

13 similar comments

Sample response "Speaker system problems made it difficult to hear."

76. If you attended the How the World is Changing workshop, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	1.9% (1)	5.8% (3)	32.7% (17)	59.6% (31)	4.50	52
						Comments?	6
	<i>answered question</i>						52
	<i>skipped question</i>						431



COMMENTS:

Again the speaker system was not good.

Didn't really know we could.

Dr. Johnson's perception of the world was brilliant.

Would like more on this speaker.

77. If you attended a Super Seminar Luncheon, please rate the session you attended.

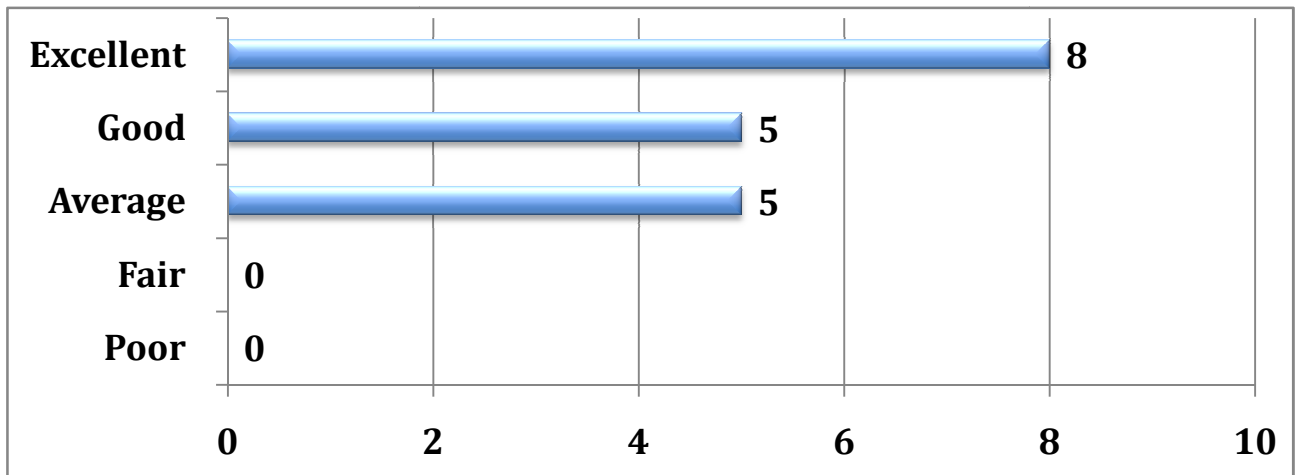
77. If you attended a Super Seminar Luncheon, please rate the session you attended.							
	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
A. Sustainable Agriculture	0.0% (0)	1.6% (1)	19.4% (12)	43.5% (27)	35.5% (22)	4.13	62
B. Extension Disaster Education Network	4.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	16.0% (4)	56.0% (14)	24.0% (6)	3.96	25
C. Urban Water Quality Issues	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (2)	35.0% (7)	55.0% (11)	4.45	20
<i>answered question</i>							107
<i>skipped question</i>							376

78. If you attended a Thursday Educational Luncheon Seminar, please rate the session you attended.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Fibrowatt-Alternative Litter Management	0.0% (0)	3.1% (1)	6.3% (2)	43.8% (14)	46.9% (15)	4.34	32
Improving Nitrogen Efficiency in Urea-based Fertilizer Products	2.3% (1)	6.8% (3)	13.6% (6)	47.7% (21)	29.5% (13)	3.95	44
<i>answered question</i>							76
<i>skipped question</i>							407

79. If you attended the Teaching and education Technologies Session on Web 2.0, how was it?

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	27.8% (5)	27.8% (5)	44.4% (8)	4.17	18
						Comments?	3
					<i>answered question</i>		18
					<i>skipped question</i>		465



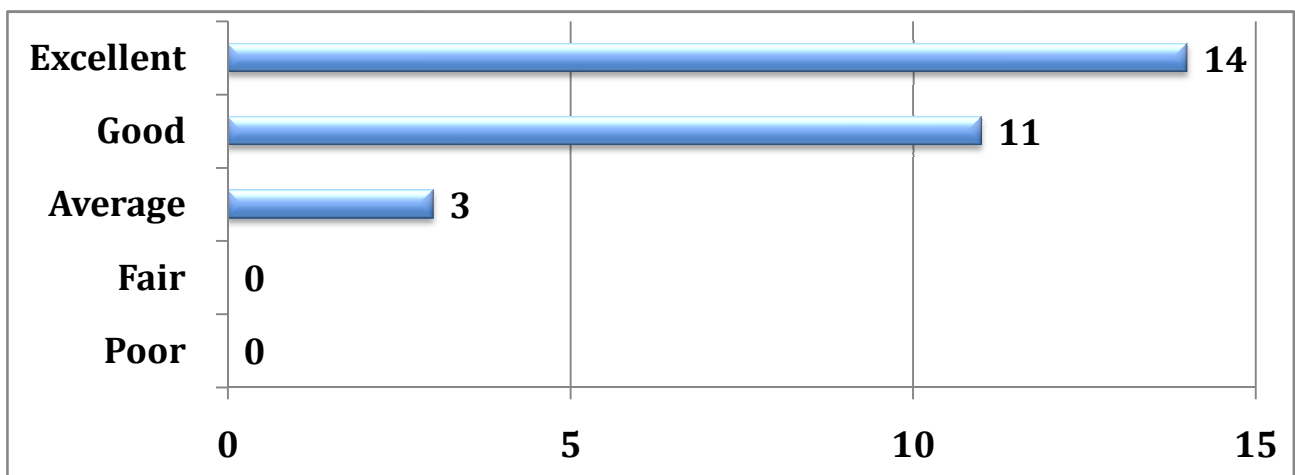
COMMENTS:

I heard great comments about this class but I did not actually attend.

This session alone was worth my trip!

80. Please rate the Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room. (Life Members)

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.7% (3)	39.3% (11)	50.0% (14)	4.39	28
						Comments?	3
						answered question	28
						skipped question	455







COMMENTS:

Did not attend.

Did not seek it out.

Didn't make to the hospitality room.

81. Please rate the Life Members Business Meeting, how was it?

81. If you attended the Life Members Business Meeting, how was it?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Poor		0.0%	0
Fair		4.2%	1
Average		12.5%	3
Good		58.3%	14
Excellent		25.0%	6
	Comments?		3
	answered question		24
	skipped question		459

COMMENTS:

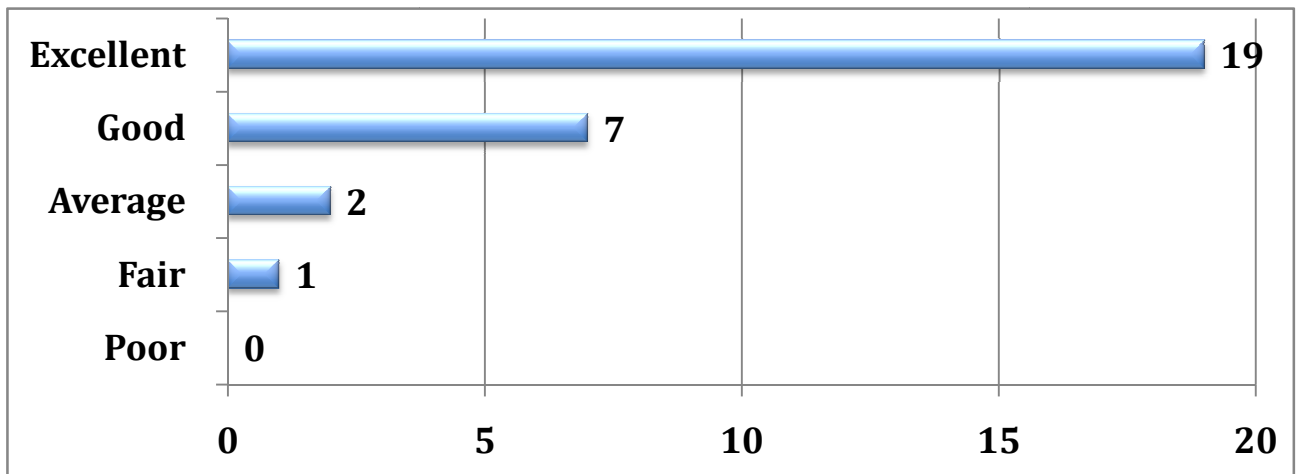
Did not attend.

Poor attendance.

Short and sweet.

82. Please rate the Life Member Breakfast

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	24.1% (7)	65.5% (19)	4.52	29
					Comments?		1
					<i>answered question</i>		29
					<i>skipped question</i>		454



COMMENTS:

Buffet would be better, so late arrivals do not have to scramble to be fed.

83. Please rate the Life Member and Life Member Spouse Tour you went on.

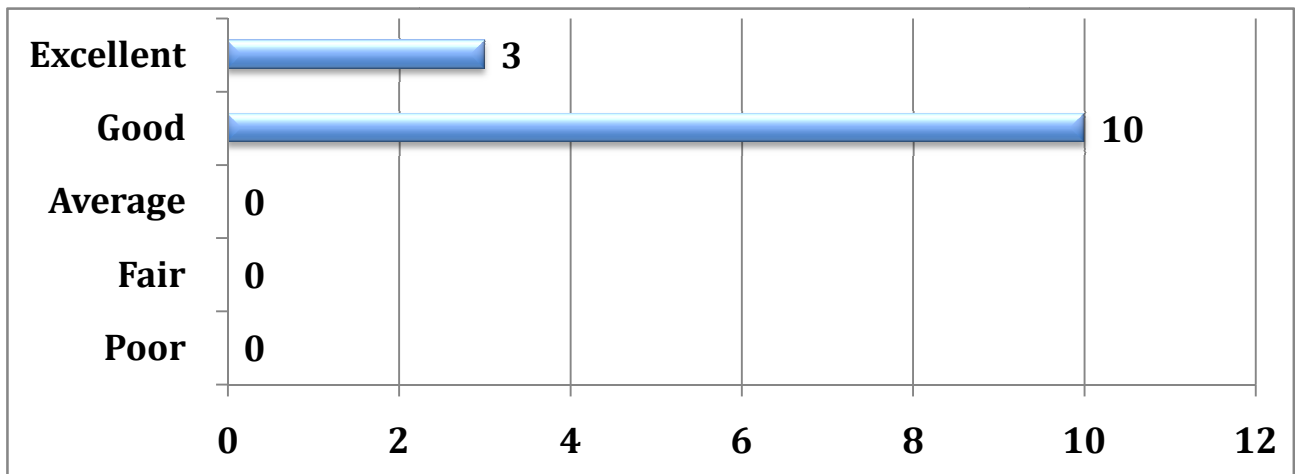
83. Please rate the Life Member and Life Member Spouse Tour you went on.							
	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Tour 1&2 - RCR Racing/Childress Vineyards/Timberlake Gallery	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (2)	80.0% (8)	4.80	10
Tour 3 - Old Salem/Tanglewood Extension Arboretum	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	40.0% (2)	60.0% (3)	4.60	5
Tour 4 - Mt. Airy, NC	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	50.0% (4)	3.75	8
Tour 5 - Seagrove Pottery/Southern Supreme Bakery	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	33.3% (1)	33.3% (1)	33.3% (1)	4.00	3
						Comments?	1
						answered question	25
						skipped question	458

COMMENTS:

Had hoped to see pottery being made.

84. Please rate the Thursday Travelogue.

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	76.9% (10)	23.1% (3)	4.23	13
	Comments?						4
	<i>answered question</i>						13
	<i>skipped question</i>						470



COMMENTS:

Did not attend

2 similar comments

Sample response "Did not attend."

First speaker did very well, second got too long winded but overall very good

85. How could the Life Member's Program be improved?

Good now

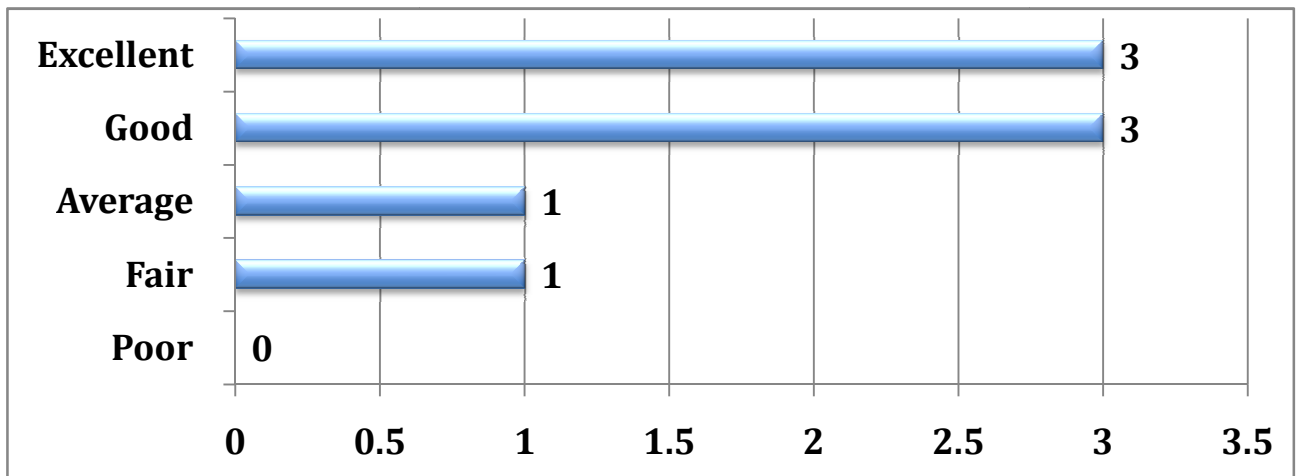
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Sample response "Just follow NC's lead--they did a great job."

SHORTER TOURS.

**86. Please rate the Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room.
(Spouses)**

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Your rating	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	37.5% (3)	37.5% (3)	4.00	8
						Comments?	1
					answered question		8
					skipped question		475



COMMENTS:

It was very out of the way and hard to get to.

87. Please rate the Monday Spouses Tour you went on.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Response Count
Tour 1 - For the China Collector	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (1)	75.0% (3)	4
Tour 2 - Greensboro's Downtown History	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
Tour 4 - The Biltmore Estate	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Tour 5 - A Tour of Mayberry	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
Tour 6 - It's Furniture Galore	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
Tour 10 - The North Carolina Zoo	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
					Comments?	3
					answered question	5
					skipped question	478

COMMENTS:

I didn't go. I worked the registration desk!

I was disappointed my first choice was cancelled.

We took the tour to Winston-Salem and loved the tour guides, the food and being able to wander around Old Salem.

88. Please rate the Tuesday morning Spouses Workshop you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Response Count
1 - Gourmet Mushrooms on a Small Scale	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
2 - North Carolina's Lunch Basket	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (1)	50.0% (1)	2
3 - Butterfly Gardening	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
4 - Antique Road Show	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	1
5 - War Between the States	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1
6 - Container Gardening	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
7 - Folded Moravian Star	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	1
8 - Cooking Outdoors	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
					Comments?	4
					answered question	6
					skipped question	477

COMMENTS:

Did not attend a Tuesday morning workshop.

I didn't go. I worked the registration desk.

Overslept and missed my workshop.

Well prepared and well-guided. (7-Folded Moravian Star)

89. Please rate the Tuesday afternoon Spouses Workshop you attended.

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	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Response Count
9 - Families Eating Smart, Moving More	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
10 - North Carolina Lunch Basket	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	1
11 - Shagging on the Boulevard	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	1
12 - Skin Care and Beauty Tips	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1
13 - Backyard Wine Making	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
14 - Painting for Fun	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
15 - Folded Moravian Star	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
16 - Cooking Outdoors	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
17 - Basic Survival, Being Personally Prepared	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
					Comments?	3
					answered question	3
					skipped question	480

COMMENTS:

I didn't attend.

My daughters had blast, helping Mom find the right make-up. (12 – Skin Care and Beauty Tips)

Was excellent but needed a meeting room without carpet. (11-Shagging on the Boulevard)

90. Please rate the Thursday morning Spouses Workshop you attended.

90. Please rate the Thursday morning Spouses Workshop you attended.						
	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Response Count
18 - Cooking with Herbs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
19 - Making Memories with Photography	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1
20 - Gifts by Nature	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
21 - Skin Care and Beauty Tips	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
22 - Basic Knitting 101	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1
23 - Self Defense for Men and Women	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0
					Comments?	4
					answered question	2
					skipped question	481

COMMENTS:

Did not attend

Sample response "Did not attend."

3 similar comments

Did not attend any Spouse programs as I am also an Extension Educator in Community Development and a County Extension Director.

Would have loved to have more printouts of info. (19 - Making Memories with Photography)

91. How could the Spouse's Program be improved?

Can't think of anything, the program was excellent!

Nothing - I think it was good to not have the Thursday afternoon workshops. Many people don't go anyway.

92. How would you rate the Sunday "Get Acquainted Party"?

Response	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	0.0%	0
Just Okay	0.0%	0
Not Bad	0.0%	0
Good	0.0%	0
The Best	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		0
<i>skipped question</i>		483

93. What did you think of the Monday tour you went on?

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	Poor	Just Okay	Not Bad	Good	The Best	Rating Average	Response Count
Hanging Rock State Park	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
New River State Park	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Comments?							0
answered question							0
skipped question							483

94. What did you think of the Tuesday tour you went on?

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	Poor	Just Okay	Not Bad	Good	The Best	Rating Average	Response Count
Race Day	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Carowinds	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Comments?							0
answered question							0
skipped question							483

95. What did you think of the Thursday tour you went on?

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	Poor	Just Okay	Not Bad	Good	The Best	Rating Average	Response Count
Beach Tour	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Emerald Point Tour	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Comments?							0
answered question							0
skipped question							483

96. How were the Thursday evening activities?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	0.0%	0
Just Okay	0.0%	0
Not Bad	0.0%	0
Good	0.0%	0
The Best	0.0%	0
	Comments?	0
	<i>answered question</i>	0
	<i>skipped question</i>	483

97. How could the Sons and Daughter's Program be improved?

	Response Count
	0
	<i>answered question</i> 0
	<i>skipped question</i> 483

98. For sessions you rated "Poor" or "Fair," how could they have been improved?

Poster session scheduling

4 similar comments

Sample response "Meet the Poster Author was held at the same time as the educational luncheons."

Poor auditorium sound system

3 similar comments

Sample response "Audio at the sessions in the large auditoriums was extremely poor."

Better organization

3 similar comments

Sample response "Organized better."

More relevant to work

3 similar comments

Sample response "Need to be more relevant to my work or interests."

More subject depth

2 similar comments

Sample response "More informative subject matter - I don't need a "101 presentation."

At the meet the poster author session only a few of the authors were there and no one else. If there is going to be a session like this, it needs to be scheduled when others will be there. In another year I would not be with my poster I would go to another session.

My spouse's tour of downtown did not have water on board and they didn't get to drink anything until lunch.

It was most unfortunate that the VIP function on Saturday night was not held. A great opportunity to recognize and thank sponsors, local and national guests, national committee members, past officers/directors, etc. was missed,

Better handouts and hands-on- When doing technology, need hands on experience, not lecture format.

Better meals during lunch.

Clear points for innovative programming ideas.

Content or speaker skills.

EDEN-- speakers were deadly; boring and READ from PowerPoint slides. Insufficient seating for some presentations (tiny rooms), HUGE rooms for others (animal science).

General sessions too long.

Get an original thought.

I am a company representative, so a lot of this survey doesn't pertain to me.

I don't remember listing any as Poor or Fair.

I really feel that whoever was in charge of the 4H talent review did not prepare for the program. This person obviously had not viewed any of the past programs or did not care to do a good job. I really feel there was a lack of effort on the part of this person.

I would go back to states night out.

Maybe I just expected more and didn't get it.

More planning of topics.

More time for Q & A

More time for speakers and out of the box ideas

Move meet the authors for poster session to another time slot when members are not in meal or meeting. I had to give up my meal ticket to stand by my poster and not one member came to visit other than neighboring authors.

Mr. Cummins was not professional in the delegate session. My hats-off to President Miller for handling himself professionally in spite of the disrespectful position that he was put in.

NACAA needs to look into the possibility of having a session were all candidates come in and speak to the entire group. We do not need all these nomination speeches and seconding speeches.

Need more dynamics.

Presenters need to be more prepared.

PRIDE Luncheon didn't seem important by having a giant sub sandwich also Larry Morehead didn't seem to care about making it important. Too off the cuff and not encouraging more folks to participate.

Speaker for the SARE was toooo gung ho plus he talked as if he had an axe to grind with Extension.

State's Night In is a good idea, but keep it possible for people to visit.

The delegate session should have included a discussion of the 2013 galaxy. I think NACAA holding our AM/PIC with galaxy will be the end of NACAA. I will not attend galaxy if it held when kids are in school. I am a member of NACAA for the prof imp. plus the social and networking aspects. If we completely combine with galaxy, I think it will dilute us too much and I will just attend organizational conferences for agronomy or weed science.

The only area that could have been improved was food; however, most understand that preparing food for 1000+ people is difficult.

The room that our talk was in was so cold I had a hard time listening.

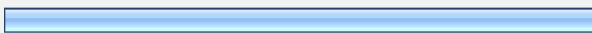

The session on invasive species didn't tell us anything new.

The silent auction and live auction were boring - the quality and quantity of the products were worse than I ever remember - and the auctioneers and ring men were not excited and promoting extra bidding.

There were several times when I missed things because start time was different than what was printed in the program. Hosts need to make every effort to adhere to the printed program.

We need to be careful that the agenda for Sunday night doesn't get too full. We didn't need both the Clovers and Company and the General, just one or the other. Nothing I attended was rated low because I got something out of it, but I didn't find something I wanted for all the educational opportunities.

99. If you had sons or daughters attend this AM/PIC, was their safety adequate during the conference?

99. If you had sons or daughters attend this AMPIC, was their safety adequate during the conference?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			94.9%	56
No			5.1%	3
Comments?				5
			answered question	59
			skipped question	424

COMMENTS:


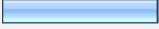
Elizabeth Ayers was an awesome leader- Lowes Motor Speedway tour.

I liked the freedom of the stickers on the older kids.




The youth did not have as much fun as in past years, mainly due to the way they were treated. Hosts/volunteers need to realize these are not 4-H youth that are here for training...These youth are paying customers who have paid \$160 each for the tours and theme parks they are attending.

They needed a few more chaperones on Thursday evening.

100. Please indicate your gender.

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Male			75.3%	342
Female			24.7%	112
			answered question	454
			skipped question	29

101. I attended as a _____.

101. I attended as a _____.			Response Percent	Response Count
Active Member			91.3%	407
Life Member			7.0%	31
Spouse			1.8%	8
Son or Daughter			0.0%	0
			answered question	446
			skipped question	37

102. If you are an active life member, how many years have or were you an Extension Agent (educator)?

