

Please pay special attention to the details below as the meeting location has changed.
Registration will be ONLINE ONLY and is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions!

2021 Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference
Marriott Plaza Hotel & Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas

WHEN: April 7-9, 2021

WHERE: Lodging: Marriott Plaza San Antonio, 555 South Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205

Meeting Space: Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX, Room TBD

LODGING: Room rates are available for single/double, triple, and quad. The PNC group rate of \$139/night is available for single or double occupancy. Triple and/or quad occupancy rates are available. The cutoff date for reservations under the PNC room block is **March 26, 2021**. **Call-in reservations** can be made by calling 1-800-228-9290, stating the property - Marriott Plaza – San Antonio, and requesting the The Plains Nutrition Council 2021 room block. The local number is 210-229-1000 and reservations can be made by calling and requesting PNC block rooms. **There is also a direct link to the reservation block posted on the CONFERENCE REGISTRATION website page.**

<https://theplainsnutritioncouncil.com/>

We have a defined room block that should cover all possible attendees. All are encouraged to reserve rooms as soon as possible. The room block is first come first serve. We cannot guarantee rooms on-site beyond the cutoff date or beyond the blocked room count. There are several other properties are within walking distance.

In the recent past, we have had individuals and groups booking rooms in the block in advance of the cutoff date, then cancelling the reservations after the cutoff date. This has resulted in some attendees not having access to rooms on-site and PNC not filling the contracted block. Please help by not overbooking rooms or booking rooms if attendance is uncertain.

TRAVEL: San Antonio is serviced by the major airline companies. There is no shuttle service provided by the conference hotel. Downtown airport shuttles and taxi service run throughout the day.

REGISTRATION FEE: REGISTRATION IS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY. Registration is \$50 for Professional Members (dues must be paid prior to or in conjunction with registration) by **March 26, 2021**. ***There is no registration fee or dues for graduate students BUT ALL STUDENTS NEED TO REGISTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE.***

*** The Executive Committee will notify the membership if additional registration spots remain open.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Please pay membership dues on the website (**MEMBERSHIP DUES webpage**). This is separate of the registration process (**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION webpage**).

GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION AND LUNCHEON: See accompanying information about the graduate student competition posters. The graduate student luncheon will begin at 11:30 AM on Thursday, April 8.

ARPAS CEUs: This conference is approved for CEUs for ARPAS members.

PROFESSIONAL COURTESY: The Spring Conference is a success because it is a great place to gain some useful knowledge, network with other professionals in the industry, catch up with friends, and make business contacts. We do not wish to stifle these activities. However, some have expressed concerns about the amount of “cold-calling” that occurs at the conference. Please respect the time of those attending the conference. On behalf of those concerned, thanks for your consideration .

The pre-conference symposium is planned far in advance by each sponsor. Sponsorship of the pre-conference symposium includes the sponsorship of the reception Wednesday evening. **Please refrain from reserving meeting spaces for public attendance during the time of Wednesday’s and Thursday’s evening receptions. This will allow the PNC participants every opportunity to attend the appropriate sponsored reception.**

LET’S ALL THANK OUR 2020-21 SPONSORS!

Thursday Evening Reception	Sweet Bran & Ramp
Graduate Student Poster Competition	Cargill Animal Nutrition
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GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

Sponsored by Cargill Animal Nutrition

This year PNC is proud to have Cargill Animal Nutrition as the benefactor for the Graduate Student Research Poster Session. Posters will be evaluated by a panel of PNC members. The foundation will provide an award for the top five posters including the overall top poster. We encourage students to submit work even though it may be redundant with sectional or national meetings. **If the student is under travel restrictions due to COVID-19 there will be a virtual poster option available. The student will be contacted directly with specific instructions to present virtually.**

An abstract and poster must be submitted in advance and will be placed in the proceedings. The abstract needs to be in Arial 12 pt font, 1-inch margins all around, single spaced, no key words, title, authors, institutions at top, and max 1 page. The formatting and technical standards (except length) should follow the guidelines for abstracts submitted to the American Society of Animal Science meetings. Along with abstract, submit a copy of the poster in a reduced form. The abstract needs to be in MW WORD and the poster in PPT. NO PDF files. The advanced copy of the actual poster is used by the panel evaluating the presentations and will be included in jump drive provided by Merck Animal Health; therefore, it must be legible. Poster format will need to fit a 4' X 6' poster board and content needs to be similar to ASAS guidelines.

- **Both the abstract and the copy of the poster MUST BE SUBMITTED (RECEIVED) BY 11:59 PM CST ON MARCH 21, 2021** to Dr. Casey Maxwell. These must be submitted electronically to casey.maxwell@cactusfeeders.com.
- **ABSTRACTS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE** (based on date and time stamp of the email) **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**. THERE WILL BE NO TIME EXTENSIONS AND NO CORRECTIONS OR RESUBMISSIONS.
- **LIMIT of 1 POSTER PRESENTATION PER STUDENT**
- **DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS, NO MORE THAN 32 POSTERS CAN BE DISPLAYED. IN THE EVENT THAT MORE THAN 32 ARE SUBMITTED, THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE WHICH POSTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR DISPLAY AND THE STUDENT(S) WILL BE NOTIFIED.**
- **ANY POSTERS THAT DO NOT FIT THE POSTER DISPLAY BOARDS WILL NOT BE DISPLAYED AND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COMPETITION.**
- **THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY ABSTRACTS** based upon inappropriate content or other issues.
- If the abstract has been published previously, please provide a citation for the publication.
- ***Push pins and tacks are not provided by PNC.***

Posters will be setup Thursday morning at 7 AM before the conference begins. Posters can be taken down after 10:30 AM on Friday.

GRADUATE STUDENT LUNCHEON

A sponsored luncheon will be available for *all graduate students* that attend the Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 AM on April 8, 2020. ***If you are plan on attending the luncheon, please RSVP through the online registration process.***

The 2021 Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas

Schedule of events (tentative)

Wednesday, April 7 – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Evening Reception, sponsored by *Huvepharma*

Thursday April 8 – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

7:00 AM PNC Spring Conference badge table opens – **NO ONSITE REGISTRATION**

7:00 AM Graduate student poster set-up

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference, Opening session

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM View graduate student poster presentations

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM Graduate student luncheon

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Speaker luncheon

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Reception, sponsored by *RAMP – Cargill Sweet Bran*

Friday April 9 – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

7:00AM – 11:00 AM View graduate poster presentations

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM Plains Nutrition Council Business Meeting

8:15 AM – 12:00 PM Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference, Closing session