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Dear NCOSAFP Members,

As we return home and settle back into our daily responsibilities following our Annual Meeting in Rogers, Arkansas, I want to personally thank each of you who joined us and helped make this year's conference such a success.

It was a privilege for Arkansas to serve as your host. While months of planning went into the meeting, what ultimately made the week special was the participation, fellowship, and willingness of our members, partners, speakers, sponsors, and guests to share their time, knowledge, and experiences. I hope you returned home with useful information, renewed relationships, new friendships, and perhaps a greater appreciation for Arkansas and its agricultural heritage.

I especially want to thank everyone who contributed to the program, participated in our tours and presentations, supported the conference through sponsorships and donations, or simply stepped in wherever help was needed. An event like this is truly a team effort, and your contributions did not go unnoticed.

As I begin my term as President of NARRC, I am honored by the opportunity to serve that organization. The relationships among our members are one of NARRC's and NCOSAFP's greatest strengths. Although our individual programs and states may operate differently, we share many of the same challenges and a common commitment to supporting agriculture, rural communities, and the people we serve.

During the coming year, I hope we will continue strengthening those relationships, exchanging ideas and experiences, and finding practical ways to support one another. I encourage each of you to remain engaged, share your expertise, ask questions, and bring forward new ideas. Our organization is strongest when its members are actively involved.

On a personal note, thank you for the kindness and encouragement extended to me throughout the conference. I look forward to working alongside each of you during the year ahead.

For those who traveled to Arkansas, thank you for making the trip and allowing us the opportunity to welcome you to our home state. We sincerely enjoyed having you and hope you left with some great memories of Northwest Arkansas.

Warmest regards,

Chris Lampkin
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