

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

Be sure to complete both sides of the registration form. **All forms must be received with payment by August 30, 2001.** Mail to: NASDA 2001 c/o Jason Aldous, Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food & Markets, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2901. For questions, you can call (802) 828-3829; fax (802) 828-3831 or e-mail jason@agr.state.vt.us. Information will also be available on the NASDA website at www.nasda.org. You can also register online at www.kellysolutions.com/NASDA.

Accommodations

The hotel for NASDA 2001 is the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont, Tel: (800) 325-3535; fax: (802) 865-6670; e-mail: sheraton_vermont@sheraton.com. **Housing reservations must be received by the Sheraton by August 11, 2001.** Additional information about the Sheraton and a handy business reply envelope can be found in the left-hand side of your registration packet. Please make sure to mention "NASDA 2001 Annual Meeting" if making reservations by telephone. The Sheraton is located just a short drive from Burlington International Airport and less than a five-minute drive from beautiful downtown Burlington.

Transportation

While in Vermont, your transportation needs for all events will be provided by shuttle or motorcoach. If travelling by car, the Sheraton can be reached by taking Exit 14-W off Interstate 89. The Sheraton will be your first right-hand turn after exiting the off ramp. If travelling by plane, the Burlington International Airport is the state's largest airport and is only a short drive to the Sheraton. Please make sure to indicate your flight number and arrival time on your registration form so that one of our drivers may meet you to take you to the hotel. If you are making travel arrangements other than those described above, please call (802) 828-3829 for additional information.

Clothing

All events are casual or business casual. Tuesday night's banquet requires business attire. Remember to pack comfortable walking shoes for the tours.

Weather

Late September is a beautiful time of year in Vermont. Average daytime temperatures generally range from the low 60s to the low 70s and evening temperatures range anywhere from the low 40s to low 50s. There is an expression in Vermont, however that "if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute," so it is best to plan for all contingencies. It may be a little chilly on Sunday evening for the Sunset Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain, so a slightly heavier jacket might be advisable.

Religious Services

There are many houses of worship a short distance from the Sheraton, accessible by taxi or by car. Please see an attendant at the front desk of the Sheraton for a list.