

National Plant Board - 100th Annual Meeting
July 26 – July 30, 2026
The Westin at Old Town
400 Courthouse Square - Alexandria, Virginia 22314

SUNDAY
July 26, 2026

Time	Topic
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration <i>Inventors Foyer</i>
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	National Plant Board – Board of Directors Meeting <i>Edison EFG <u>or</u> Hopkins Board Room</i>
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception <i>Edison DABC</i>

MONDAY
July 27, 2026

Time	Topic
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration <i>Inventors Foyer</i>
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (provided) <i>Edison DABC</i>
MONDAY MORNING: Breakout Sessions 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	USDA – APHIS, PPQ Team Meeting USDA-APHIS, PPQ Only <i>Edison ABC</i>
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CAPS and HIS Meetings <i>Wright (CAPS) and Carver (HIS)</i>
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Department of Homeland Security, Customs & Border Protection Meeting Customs & Border Protection Only <i>Edison EFG</i>
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	National Plant Board Huddle – Expectations for This Year’s Meeting National Plant Board Members Only <i>Edison D</i>
8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	National Plant Board Regional Breakouts Regional Members Only EPB – Whitney CPB – Bella SPB – Banneker WPB – Curie
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Foyer ABC</i>
10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	USDA-APHIS, PPQ Team Meeting (cont’d)
10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Customs and Border Protection Breakout (cont’d)
10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CAPS and HIS Meeting (cont’d)
10:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	National Plant Board Regional Breakouts (cont’d)
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	National Plant Board Regional Break-Out Reports and Discussion National Plant Board Members Only <i>Edison D</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Provided) <i>Edison EFG</i>

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Facilitator – David Gianino, VA

Edison DABC

1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Welcome/Opening Remarks <i>Piera Siegert, National Plant Board President, State Entomologist, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food</i>
1:10 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.	Introduction of Attendees and NPB Roll Call <i>Kenny Naylor, National Plant Board Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Consumer Protection Services, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry</i>
1:25 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.	Host Welcome and Housekeeping <i>David Gianino, Program Manager, Office of Plant Industry Services, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</i>
1:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Welcome <i>Katie Frazier, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry</i>
1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	State of the National Plant Board <i>Piera Siegert, National Plant Board President, State Entomologist, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food</i>
2:10 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	United States Department of Agriculture Welcome to Washington DC <i>Dudley Hoskins, Under Secretary, USDA Marketing and Regulatory Services</i>
2:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Remarks from USDA – Plant Protection and Quarantine <i>Matt Rhoads, Acting Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Afternoon Break <i>Foyer ABC</i>
3:10 p.m.	CAPS and HIS Attendees Exit to Concurrence Session – return for group picture <i>Wright (CAPS) and Banneker (HIS)</i>
3:10 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Group Participation Polling
3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Remarks from Customs & Border Protection <i>Timothy Lacasse, Acting Executive Director, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison, US Department of Homeland Security, Customs & Border Protection</i>
3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Remarks from the United States Forest Service <i>S. Sky Stephens, Ph.D., National Entomologist, United States Forest Service</i>
4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	Current Topics in National Association State Departments of Agriculture <i>Ted McKinney, CEO, NASDA & Patrick Wade, Director of Public Policy, NASDA</i>
4:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Washington, DC Horticultural Story – Importing Cherry Trees <i>Lisa Kohl, USDA-APHIS PPQ, Japan Trade Director</i>
4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Final Comments – Announcements
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Resolutions Committee Meeting <i>Regional and NPB Vice Presidents – Open to all NPB Members Hopkins Board Room</i>

4:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	CAPS and HIS Meet to discuss and summarize report out (Wednesday) <i>Wright</i>
Dinner on Your Own	

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TUESDAY
July 28, 2026

Time	Topic
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration <i>Inventors Foyer</i>
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Mentor and Mentee Breakfast Breakout Session – INVITATION ONLY <i>Hosted by Mentoring Committee Chair, Mia Kirk, AK SPRO Wright</i>
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (provided) <i>Edison EFG</i>
TUESDAY MORNING Facilitator – TBD <i>Edison DABC</i>	
8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.	2nd Day Welcome
8:10 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Agricultural Communications – Spreading our Message <i>Jennifer Holton, Chief Emergency Communications Officer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development,</i>
8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	North American Plant Protection Organization Operational Report <i>Javier Trujillo, Ph.D. Chief Scientist, NAPPO</i>
8:50 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Spongy Moth Program Partner Update <i>Joy Goforth, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, STS Board Member</i>
9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Spotted Lanternfly – National Strategy Update <i>Melinda Sullivan, National Policy Manager, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	AmericanHort – Industry Update <i>Kamron Newberry, Regulatory & Trade Policy Coordinator, AmericanHort,</i>
9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Foyer ABC</i>
10:10 a.m. -10:20 a.m.	Door Prizes
10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Canadian Food Inspection Agency Updates <i>Gregory Wolff, Executive Director, Plant Protection Division, CFIA</i>
10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Technology Tools for Inspecting Imports for Pests <i>Jacob Rodler, Senior Agriculture Operations Manager, Customs and Border Protection</i>
11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Export Services Updates <i>Jessica Mahalingappa, Associate Deputy Administrator of International Phytosanitary Management and Standards Programs, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Two Spotted Cotton Leaf Hopper Impact Outlook <i>Stephen Lavallee, National Policy Manager, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Question and Answer – online audience polling

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Provided) <i>Edison EFG</i>
TUESDAY AFTERNOON Facilitator – TBD <i>Edison DABC</i>	
1:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Pest Response Updates (10 mins. each) <i>ALB Progress Towards Eradication – Courtney Fulks, Ohio Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Pasture Mealy Bug New Pest Alert – Awinash Bhatkar, Texas Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Yellow Legged Hornet Outlook – Steven Long, Clemson University</i> <i>European Cherry Fruit Fly – Chris Logue, New York Department of Ag. and Markets</i> <i>Viruses in Nursery Stock, Working on a Harmonized Regulatory Approach – Mark Abrahamson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture</i> Q & A
2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Stakeholder Panel (10 mins. each) <i>National Cotton Council of America – Chad Brewer, PhD, VP of Technical Services</i> <i>National Potato Council – Kam Quarles, CEO, National Potato Council</i> <i>California Citrus Mutual – Jacob Villagomez, Director of Governmental Affairs</i> <i>The Nature Conservancy – Leigh Greenwood, Director Forest Pest & Pathogen Program</i> Q & A
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Afternoon Break <i>Foyer ABC</i>
3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Door Prizes
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Updates from US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs <i>Ed Messina, Esq. Director, Office of Pesticide Programs</i>
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	New Tools and Tech for Plant Health in Agriculture <i>Dr. Scott Shearer, Professor and Chair of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering, The Ohio State University</i>
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Artificial Intelligence Applications for Plant Health <i>Todd Gilligan, Lab Director, USDA-APHIS PPQ & Kellyn Babbitt, Assistant Director for Phytosanitary Advanced Analytics, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn
Dinner on your own	

WEDNESDAY

July 29, 2026

Time	Topic
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7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration <i>Inventors Foyer</i>
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided) <i>Edison DABC</i>
WEDNESDAY MORNING Facilitator – TBD <i>Edison DABC</i>	
8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	Recognition of Retirees
8:10 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	National Plant Board History Talk <i>Dr. Wayne Dixon, Retired Florida Department of Agriculture</i>
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	New World Screwworm – Biosecurity, Vector Monitoring, Entomological Support <i>Michael Schmoyer, Ph.D., APHIS Associate Administrator RDML, New World Screwworm Directorate Representative (Virtual)</i> <i>Roy Hamblin, Customs and Border Protection, Senior Agriculture Operations Manager</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Biological Control Successes and Continued Work <i>Ron Weeks, National Policy Manager, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i> <i>Dan Bean, Biocontrol Program Manager, Colorado Department of Agriculture</i>
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Dynamic Within-Season Trends in Thermal Accumulation in the Northeastern US <i>Kerissa Fuccillo Battle, Translational Ecologist, Community Greenways Collaborative.</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Foyer ABC</i>
10:20 a.m. -10:30 a.m.	Door Prizes
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Proposed Don't Pack a Pest Rebranding <i>Abbey Powell, Program Manager, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	National Clean Plant Network Updates <i>Jennifer Nicholson, NCPN Coordinator, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
11:20 a.m. – 11:40 p.m.	What is the Future of Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC)? <i>Brian Kuhn, SPRO, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection - SANC Governing Board Chair</i>
11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CAPS & HIS Report out to NPB Meeting <i>Matt Howle, State Survey Coordinator, Department of Plant Industry-Clemson University & Sarah Gettys, Nursery Program Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture</i>
12:00 p.m.	Announcements: Info about tour, banquet, next day agenda <i>David Gianino, SPRO, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</i>
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Pick up Boxed Lunch (provided) <i>Edison EFG</i>
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON: Tour and Banquet <i>Mount Vernon: Home of George Washington, America's First President</i> <i>3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121</i>	

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Load buses in Front of Hotel
1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Travel to Mt. Vernon - <u>Buses Depart at 1:00 pm.</u> <i>15-20 minutes to Mount Vernon</i>
1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Welcome to Mount Vernon – Unload Buses – Group Photo
1:50 p.m.	Mansion Tour <i>All attendees will gather outside of Washington’s Mansion for a 2 o’clock tour. The group will be broken into three separate groups to appropriately move through the mansion. Everyone needs to line up outside the mansion at 1:50pm.</i>
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Guided Garden Tour (two groups of 60 max) <i>Learn from Historians and Landscape staff how plants were protected from insects and diseases in the past and how they approach managing plants in modern times, given the pressures of invasive species.</i>
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Explore the Grounds and Mansion (Self-Guided)
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Banquet & Award Ceremony (Dinner Provided) <i>Mount Vernon Inn and Restaurant</i>
7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.	Load buses (at 7:00pm) and return to hotel

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THURSDAY

July 30, 2026

Time	Topic
7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration <i>Foyer ABC</i>
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided) <i>Edison EFG</i>
THURSDAY MORNING: Plenary Session Facilitator: TBD <i>Edison DABC</i> 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	Final Day Announcements
8:10 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	NPB – PPQ Strategic Alliance Update: Background and Strategic Initiative Review <i>Background and Introductions – Tracy Svalina USDA-APHIS PPQ State Liaison, Piera Siegert, National Plant Board President, State Entomologist, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food</i> <i>Citrus Nursery Stock Protocol Task Force – Rosalee Knipp, SPRO MO; Tracy Svalina USDA-APHIS PPQ State Liaison</i> <i>PPA 7721 Program Review – Mark Abrahamson, SPRO MN and Keith Colpetzer, National Operations Manager, USDA- APHIS PPQ</i> <i>Open Discussion and Questions for 2026 and 2027 Projects – Online Audience Poll</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Invasive Plant Regulations – Advances in Breeding for Sterility <i>Speaker TBD</i>
9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	NPB Alternative Regulation Committee Updates <i>David Gianino, SPRO, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, ARC Committee Chair</i>
9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Questions and Final Discussions
10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Invitation to 2027 National Plant Board Meeting <i>Steven Long, Assistant Director, Department of Plant Industry, Clemson University, SPRO</i>
10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Closing Remarks – Conclusion of 2026 NPB Annual Meeting <i>Piera Siegert, National Plant Board President, State Entomologist, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Foyer ABC</i>

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<u>(For HIS and CAPS attendees ONLY)</u> Tour Entomology Department, Collection, and PPQ NIS Lab <i>Floyd W. Shockley, Ph.D., F.R.E.S.</i> <i>Collections Manager, Entomology, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History</i> Lunch on your own. Transportation on your own.	
	Lunch (on your own)	
	<u>Entomology Tour</u>	<u>PPQ NIS Tour</u>
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	National Plant Board Business Meeting NPB Members Only <i>Edison DABC</i>	
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	NPB BOD, CBP and PPQ Leadership Meeting NPB Board of Directors and PPQ Management Team Only <i>Bell</i>	

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