



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Colorado Department of Agriculture cordially invites you to attend and participate in the 2011 National Plant Board Meeting in Denver, Colorado from Sunday through Thursday August 7th through 11th, 2011. Meeting dates for the General Session are Monday to Thursday August 8 - 11th, 2011. The deadline for returning registration forms is July 8th, 2011. See the draft agenda for the educational, informative program planned for safeguarding agriculture.

MEETING REGISTRATION

Complete the registration form and return it no later than July 8, 2011. Registration is \$485.00 if received by July 8th or \$535.00 after July 8th. Guest registration is \$160. One-day attendance registration is available for \$160.00. Registration forms should be mailed or faxed to the Colorado Department of Agriculture (information provided below). Checks should be made payable to "National Plant Board - CO". Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted with mailed, faxed, or on-site registrations.

REGISTRATION MAILING ADDRESS:

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ACCOMMODATIONS

The meeting will be held at The Curtis – A Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80202. Guests must make their own reservations by either calling (800) 525-6651 and referencing the National Plant Board rate or on the web, go to www.thecurtis.com and choose your dates of stay it will then direct you to put in a Convention code – NPB - if you enter that code it will pull up the group rate and information. The hotel room rate for the conference is \$131.00, plus current state and local taxes of 14.85%. The reservation deadline is July 8, 2011. After this date, rooms not booked will be released. At that point, rooms may be more expensive or unavailable. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY!!!** Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Individual reservations must be canceled at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to arrival date and cancellation number must be obtained by guest or a one night charge will be applied. The Curtis is part of the Hilton Honors program.

LOCATION

The Curtis Hotel is located in downtown Denver only two blocks from Larimer Square and the 16th Street Pedestrian Mall. Shopping, dining, entertainment and the cultural scene are all right here in our pedestrian-friendly city. In addition, Elitch Gardens, downtown Denver's theme park, features more than 50 rides and amusements. For more information on nearby attractions visit the following website: <http://www.denver.org/>.

Dining ideas can be found at:
www.denver.org/dining-nightlife.

MEALS

Meals included with registration are:

Breakfast – Monday through Thursday (this is for one person in the hotel restaurant as part of your room fee)

Lunch – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday***

Dinner – Tuesday*** and Wednesday

*** A choice of three different options will be offered for the banquet dinner on Tuesday, and four different choices will be offered for the field trip lunch on Wednesday. Please ensure that choices are clearly marked on the registration form.

TRANSPORTATION

Denver International Airport is 25 miles from the Curtis Hotel. Suggested transportation from the airport to the hotel is through SuperShuttle; advance reservations are highly recommended and can be made by contacting <http://www.supershuttle.com/en/DENAirportShuttleDenver.html>

Rates are \$17.00 per person one way. Alternate ground transportation includes taxi which is approximately \$55.00 each way. Parking at the hotel is also available at a rate of \$8.00 per day for self parking. Parking vouchers for this reduced are available at the conference registration desk during the conference.

FIELD TRIP

Included in the registration is a field trip on Wednesday, August 10th. The first stop will be in the Denver metro area to view trees infected with thousand cankers disease. The second stop is in Summit County to view mountain pine beetle damage. We will then proceed to Breckenridge for dinner. Breckenridge is at 9500 feet elevation and the mountains can be chilly, so bring a jacket. We will arrive back at the hotel at about 9 pm.

EXHIBITS

Limited exhibit space will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please indicate your needs (table, electricity, etc.) on the Registration Form.

WEATHER AND ATTIRE

The arid conditions bring only 8 to 15 inches of annual precipitation and locals wake up to more than 300 days of sunshine a year. The average August temperature is 86 degrees Fahrenheit and it typically cools down to the low 50s at night. Afternoon showers are common in August. Dress is casual - so make sure to be comfortable.

We look forward to your attendance at our annual meeting! Please contact us if you have any questions.

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