

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

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

**MONDAY**  
July 27, 2026

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

**MONDAY AFTERNOON**

Facilitator – David Gianino, VA

*Edison DABC*

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

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

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**TUESDAY**  
July 28, 2026

Time	Topic
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> <i>Inventors Foyer</i>
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Mentor and Mentee Breakfast Breakout Session – INVITATION ONLY</b> <i>Hosted by Mentoring Committee Chair, Mia Kirk, AK SPRO Wright</i>
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast (provided)</b> <i>Edison EFG</i>
<b>TUESDAY MORNING</b> Facilitator – TBD <i>Edison DABC</i>	
8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Day Announcements</b>
8:10 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	<b>Agricultural Communications – Spreading our Message</b> <i>Speaker from Communication Officers for State Departments of Agriculture - TBD</i>
8:40 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>North American Plant Protection Organization Operational Update</b> <i>Javier Trujillo, Ph.D. Chief Scientist, NAPPO</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	<b>Spongy Moth Program Partner Update</b> <i>Joy Goforth, North Caroline Department of Agriculture, STS Board Member</i>
9:20 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	<b>Spotted Lanternfly – National Strategy Update</b> <i>Melinda Sullivan, National Policy Manager, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>AmericanHort – Industry Update</b> <i>Kamron Newberry, Regulatory &amp; Trade Policy Coordinator, AmericanHort,</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Break</b> <i>Foyer ABC</i>
10:30 a.m. -10:40 a.m.	<b>Door Prizes and/or Group Participation Polling</b>
10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Canadian Food Inspection Agency Updates</b> <i>Gregory Wolff, Executive Director, Plant Protection Division, CFIA</i>
11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Export Services Updates</b> <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.	<b>Two Spotted Cotton Leaf Hopper Impact Outlook</b> <i>USDA PPQ Speaker - TBD</i>
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Question and Answer</b>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch (Provided)</b> <i>Edison EFG</i>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY AFTERNOON</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Facilitator – TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edison DABC</i></p>	
<b>1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Pest Response Updates (10 mins. each)</b></p> <p><i>Fruit Fly Situation Report – NPB Speaker(s) TBD</i></p> <p><i>ALB New Finds and Progress Towards Eradication – NPB Speaker(s) TBD</i></p> <p><i>Box Tree Moth Update and Compliance Shipping – NPB Speaker(s) TBD</i></p> <p><i>Yellow Legged Hornet Outlook – Steven Long, Clemson University</i></p> <p><i>European Cherry Fruit Fly – Chris Logue, SPRO New York Department of Ag. and Markets</i></p>
<b>2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Industry Panel (10 mins. each)</b></p> <p><i>National Cotton Council of America – Chad Brewer, PhD, VP of Technical Services</i></p> <p><i>Potato Industry Representative – Kam Quarles, CEO, National Potato Council</i></p> <p><i>Forest Products Industry Representative - TBD</i></p> <p><i>Citrus Industry Representative - TBD</i></p>
<b>2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Afternoon Break</b></p> <p><i>Foyer ABC</i></p>
<b>3:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Technology Tools for Inspecting Imports for Pests</b></p> <p><i>Jacob Rodler, Senior Agriculture Operations Manager, Customs and Border Protection</i></p>
<b>3:50 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.</b>	<p><b>New Tools and Tech for Plant Health in Agriculture</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Scott Shearer, Professor and Chair of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering, The Ohio State University</i></p>
<b>4:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Artificial Intelligence Applications for Plant Health</b></p> <p><i>Kellyn Babbitt, Assistant Director for Phytosanitary Advanced Analytics, USDA APHIS PPQ</i></p>
<b>4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Discussion: Facilitators</b></p>
<p><b>Dinner on your own</b></p>	

**WEDNESDAY**

July 29, 2026

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7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> <i>Inventors Foyer</i>
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast (Provided)</b> <i>Edison DABC</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY MORNING</b> Facilitator – TBD <i>Edison DABC</i>	
8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	<b>Recognition of Retirees</b>
8:10 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Plant Board History Talk</b> <i>Dr. Wayne Dixon, Retired Florida Department of Agriculture</i>
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>New World Screw Worm – Biosecurity, Vector Monitoring, Entomological Support</b> <i>Roy Hamblin, Operations Manager, Customs and Border Protection &amp; Nicole Russo USDA-APHIS PPQ, Associate Deputy Administrator for Emergency and Domestic Programs</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Biological Control Success and Continued Work</b> <i>Ignacio Baez, Staff Scientist USDA-APHIS PPQ &amp; Dan Bean, Biocontrol Program Manager, Colorado Department of Agriculture</i>
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Dynamic Within-Season Trends in Thermal Accumulation in the Northeastern US</b> <i>Kerissa Fuccillo Battle, Translational Ecologist, Community Greenways Collaborative.</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Break</b> <i>Foyer ABC</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Don't Pack a Pest Rebranding</b> <i>TBD - USDA-APHIS PPQ Legislative and Public Affairs</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	<b>National Clean Plant Network Updates</b> <i>Jennifer Nicholson, NCPN Coordinator, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i>
11:20 a.m. – 11:40 p.m.	<b>What is the Future of Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC)?</b> <i>Brian Kuhn, SPRO, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection - SANC Governing Board Chair</i>
11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>CAPS &amp; HIS Report out to NPB Meeting</b> <i>Matt Howle, State Survey Coordinator, Department of Plant Industry-Clemson University &amp; Sarah Gettys, Nursery Program Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture</i>
12:00 p.m.	<b>Announcements: Info about tour, banquet, next day agenda</b> <i>David Gianino, SRPO, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</i>
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	<b>Pick up Boxed Lunch (provided)</b> <i>Edison EFG</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON: Tour and Banquet</b> <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.	<b>Load buses in Front of Hotel</b>
1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	<b>Travel to Mt. Vernon - <u>Buses Depart at 1:00 pm.</u></b> <i>15-20 minutes to Mount Vernon</i>

<b>1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome to Mount Vernon – Unload Buses</b>
<b>1:50 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Mansion Tour</b></p> <p><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></p>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Guided Garden Tour (two groups of 60 max)</b></p> <p><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></p>
<b>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Explore the Grounds and Mansion (Self-Guided)</b>
<b>5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Banquet &amp; Award Ceremony (Dinner Provided)</b></p> <p><i>Mount Vernon Inn and Restaurant</i></p>
<b>7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Load buses (at 7:00pm) and return to hotel</b>

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**THURSDAY**

July 30, 2026

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b> <i>Foyer ABC</i>
<b>7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast (Provided)</b> <i>Edison EFG</i>
<b>THURSDAY MORNING: Plenary Session</b> Facilitator: TBD <i>Edison DABC</i> 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Final Day Announcements</b>
<b>8:10 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>NPB – PPQ Strategic Alliance Update: Background and Strategic Initiative Review</b>  <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, &amp; 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, Specialist USDA- APHIS PPQ</i>  <i>Open Discussion and Questions for 2026 and 2027 Projects</i>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Open Topic – TBD</b> <i>Speaker TBD</i>
<b>9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.</b>	<b>NPB Alternative Regulation Committee Updates</b> <i>David Gianino, SPRO, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, ARC Committee Chair</i>
<b>9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Final Discussion / Questions</b>
<b>10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Invitation to 2027 National Plant Board Meeting</b> <i>Steven Long, Assistant Director, Department of Plant Industry, Clemson University, SPRO</i>
<b>10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks – Conclusion of 2026 NPB Annual Meeting</b> <i>Piera Siegert, National Plant Board President, State Entomologist, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, &amp; Food</i>
<b>10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Break</b> <i>Foyer ABC</i>

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b><u>(For HIS and CAPS attendees ONLY)</u></b> <b>Tour Entomology Department, Collection, and PPQ NIS Lab</b> <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.	
	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>	
	<b><u>Entomology Tour</u></b>	<b><u>PPQ NIS Tour</u></b>
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>National Plant Board Business Meeting</b> NPB Members Only <i>Edison DABC</i>	
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>	
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>NPB BOD, CBP and PPQ Leadership Meeting</b> NPB Board of Directors and PPQ Management Team Only <i>Bell</i>	

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