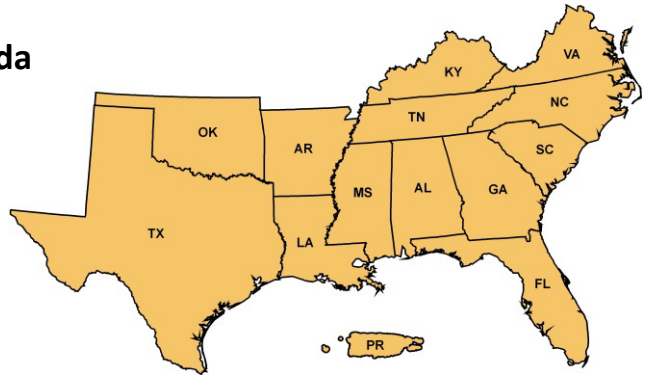


2024 Southern Plant Board Meeting Agenda

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Marriott City Center
Lexington, Kentucky
May 6-9, 2024



Monday, May 6

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Registration (The Kentuckian Hub)

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Southern Plant Board Reception (Infinity Rooftop Restaurant & Bar)
Light hors d'oeuvres

Dinner (on your own)

Tuesday, May 7

(Sessions will be held in Ballroom ABC unless otherwise noted)

7:00 – 8:00 am

Breakfast (provided) (Ballroom D & E)
Registration (The Kentuckian Hub)

8:00 – 8:15 am

Southern Plant Board Opening Session

- **Call to Order:** Dr. Awinash Bhatkar, Texas Department of Agriculture
- **Roll Call:** David Gianino, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- **General Meeting Announcements:** Joe Collins, University of Kentucky

8:15 – 8:30 am

Opening Comments

SPB President, Awinash Bhatkar, Texas Department of Agriculture

8:30 – 9:30 am

Agency Reports

- **National Plant Board,**
Mia Kirk, NPB President, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture
- **USDA-APHIS-PPQ Update**
Carlos Martinez, Associate Deputy Administrator, Field Operations, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
- **Customs and Border Protection,**
Eunett James-Mack, DHS-U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- **Horticultural Inspection Society – Southern Chapter**
John Rochelle, HISSC President, Tennessee Department of Agriculture

9:30 – 10:00 am	Welcome to Kentucky, Dr. Jonathan Larson, Department of Entomology University of Kentucky
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break, Coffee / Door Prizes (Ballroom Pre-Function)
10:15 – 10:35 am	<i>P. ramorum</i> Update Erin Stiers, Field Operations Director, District 5, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
10:35 – 10:55 am	Don't Move...Past the Low Hanging Fruit – New Opportunities for Effective Firewood Outreach Laurel Downs, Forest Health Conservation Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy
10:55 – 11:15 am	Detection and response to <i>Thrips parvispinus</i> Greg Hodges Ph.D., Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Mary Reed, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
11:15 – 11:45 am	Building a Citizen Science Program: Is the Juice worth the Squeeze? Carl Harper, University of Kentucky
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch (provided) (Ballroom D & E)
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Box Tree Moth: Nursery Observations and Quarantine Compliance Dan Kenny <u>OR</u> Courtney Fulks, Ohio Department of Agriculture
1:30 – 5:00 pm	CAPS Breakout Sessions (SSCs and PSSs) (Lexington AB)
1:30 – 2:00 pm	State Reports – AL, AR, FL, GA, (6-8 minutes w/ 2-3 slides)
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Citrus Program States Update Dr. Greg Hodges, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Dr. Awinash Bhatkar, Texas Department of Agriculture Mike Evans, Georgia Department of Agriculture Christel Stewart, Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries Tina Peltier, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Break, Snack / Door Prizes (Ballroom Pre-Function)
3:00 – 3:30 pm	State Reports – KY, LA, MS, NC, OK (6-8 minutes w/ 2-3 Slides)
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Fruit Fly Outbreak Response (2023-24) Shaharra Usnick, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
4:00 – 4:30 pm	State Reports Cont. – PR, SC, TN, TX, VA (6-8 minutes w/ 2-3 Slides)

4:30 – 4:50 pm **SASI's: What are they and why are they important?**
Tracy Svalina, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

Dinner (on your own)

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 – 8:00 am **Breakfast (provided)** (Ballroom D & E)
Registration (The Kentuckian Hub)

8:00 – 8:35 am **Multi-state Surveys Roundtable**
Brad Danner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Katherine Kilbourne, Tennessee Department of Agriculture
SSC, participating state (**Vascular Streak Disease: VA, SC**)
SSC, participating state (**Cotton Seed Bug: OK, FL**)

8:35 – 8:55 am **Working Together: Pest Committees (USDA/CBP/STATE) Collaboration**
Alana Wild, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

8:55 – 9:15 am **Greater Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative**
Dennis Martin, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

9:15 – 9:25 am **CAPS Breakout Session Report,**
Brad Danner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

9:25 – 9:45 am **PPA Update**
Lindsey Thiessen, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

9:45 – 10:00 am **Break, Coffee / Door Prizes** (Ballroom Pre-Function)

10:00 – 10:20 am **Cooperative Agreements Update**
Carrie Croy-Owen, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

10:20 – 11:20 am **Yellow Legged Hornet Update**
David Williams, Georgia Department of Agriculture
Brad Cavin, Clemson University

11:20 – 11:45 pm **Bourbon Starts Here: Forest to Bottle**
Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky

12:00 – 6:00 pm **Bluegrass Tour**
Pick up boxed lunch (provided) while boarding the bus (12:00)
Explore some of Kentucky's most prized agricultural and cultural/historical/medicinal commodities.

Dinner (on your own)

Thursday, May 9

7:00 – 8:00 am **Breakfast (provided)** (Ballroom D & E)

8:00 – 12:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**

- SPB Business Meeting (Ballroom ABC)
- CBP Breakout Session (The Drake)
- APHIS PPQ Breakout Session (Lexington B)
- CAPS Breakout Session (Lexington A)

10:00 – 10:15 am **Break, Coffee** (Ballroom Pre-Function)

10:15am – 12:00pm **Conclude Breakout Sessions/Adjournment**

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