



Horticultural Inspection Society  
Eastern Chapter

# EASTERN PLANT BOARD

## 98<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

### Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain

60 Battery St., Burlington, VT 05401

#### MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024

Time	Topic
	Travel
5:00–7:00 PM	Registration
7:00–9:00 PM	<b>Reception</b> (light hors d'oeuvres and drinks) – Lake Champlain Salon

#### TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2024

Time	Topic
7:00–8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast (provided)</b> – Prefunction
8:00–8:15 AM	<b>Housekeeping, Welcome</b> – Adirondack AB
	<b>BREAK OUT SESSIONS</b>
8:15–10:00 AM	<b>EPB Members only</b> – Adirondack AB
	<b>APHIS, PPQ Meeting–PPQ Lead</b> – Montpelier B
	<b>CBP Meeting, CBP Lead</b> – Montpelier C
	<b>HIS Meeting</b> – Adirondack C
	<b>CAPS Meeting</b> – Adirondack D
10:00–10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30–12:00	<b>EPB Members only</b> – Adirondack AB
	<b>APHIS, PPQ Meeting–PPQ Lead</b> – Montpelier B
	<b>CBP Meeting, CBP Lead</b> – Montpelier C
	<b>HIS Meeting</b> – Adirondack C
	<b>CAPS Meeting</b> – Adirondack D
12:00–1:30	<b>Lunch</b> (on your own)
	<b>JOINT WELCOME SESSION</b> Adirondack AB <i>Moderator: Joe Zoltowski, New Jersey Department of Agriculture</i>
1:30–1:40	<b>EPB Welcome</b> Gary Fish, Eastern Plant Board President Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
1:40–2:00	<b>Vermont State Welcome</b> Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets

2:00-2:20	<b>View from the National Plant Board</b> Piera Siegert, National Plant Board Vice President New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
2:20-2:40	<b>PPQ Field Operations Update</b> Carlos Martinez, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
2:40-3:00	<b>Customs and Border Protection Update</b> Kevin Harriger, Executive Director Office of Field Operations, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison, US Department of Homeland Security, Customs & Border Protection
3:00-3:15	<b>BREAK</b> Door Prizes
3:15-3:45	<b>Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA) National and Regional Update</b> Dominique Pelletier, National Manager, Forestry Section, Plant Protection Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
3:45-4:05	<b>US Forest Service Update</b> Michael Bohne, USDA FS Forest Health Group Leader, Durham, NH Field Office
4:05 - 4:25	<b>Risk Based Sampling at Ports of Entry (RBS POE) Program</b> Bruce Cheong, Senior Agriculture Operations Manager, Systems Integration & Data Analytics, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
4:25-5:00	<b>Sugar Maple – Maple Industry Health Update</b> Mark Isselhardt, University of Vermont Extension Maple Specialist
<b>Dinner on your own</b>	

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2024**

Time	Topic
7:00-8:00	Breakfast (provided) – Prefunction
<b>EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING – Pest Updates</b> Adirondack AB <i>Moderator: Vicki Smith, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station</i>	
8:00-8:45	<b>Box Tree Moth – Panel Discussion</b> Chris Logue, Director, Division Plant Industry, NY Agriculture and Markets Taryn LaScola, Director, Division of Crop & Pest Services, MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources Russ Bulluck, National Operations Manager, USDA, APHIS, PPQ Scott Pfister, Lab Director Forest Pest Methods Lab Patricia McAllister, National Manager, Horticulture Section, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
8:45-9:05	<b>Elm Zigzag Sawfly Program Update</b> Lawrence Barringer, Entomologist, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
9:05-9:25	<b>Yellow Legged Hornet (<i>Vespa velutina</i>) Update</b> Kim Dean, SC State Plant Health Director, USDA APHIS PPQ
9:25-9:45	<b>PCIT – What's new with PCIT?</b> Christian Dellis, Deputy Director, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
9:45-10:05	<b>European/Spanish Slug (<i>Arion vulgaris</i>)</b> Ryan Vazquez, National Operations Manager, USDA APHIS, PPQ
10:05-10:20	<b>BREAK</b> Door Prizes

10:20–11:00	<p align="center"><b>Rose Mosaic Virus – The 2023 Spring Interruption</b></p> <p align="center">Deborah Hayes, Nursery Inspector, Maryland Dept. of Agriculture          Jamie Legg, Quarantine Program Manager, Arizona Dept. of Agriculture          Dr. David Byrne, Professor, Texas A&amp;M University</p>
11:00-12:00	<p align="center"><b>USDA and CFIA</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Pest Issues – What are the regulatory outcomes of new pest detections?</b></p> <p align="center">Nichole Carrier, Pest Survey Specialist, USDA APHIS PPQ          Bruno Gallant, Senior Legislative Officer, Invasive Alien Species &amp; Domestic Plant Programs Section, Canadian Food Inspection Agency</p>
12:00	<b>Lunch on your own</b>
1:00–5:00	<b>Field Trips</b> <b>ECHO Science Center OR Shelburne Farms OR Natural History Tour</b>
7:00	<b>Banquet, Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain, Lake Champlain Salon</b>

**THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
7:00–8:00	Breakfast (provided) – Prefunction
<b>EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING</b> Adirondack AB <i>Moderator: Chris Logue, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets</i>	
8:00–8:20	<b>EPB Members on NPB Committee Updates</b> (NCC, P. ramorum, Cooperative Agreement, SANC, and others)
8:20–8:40	<b>EAB Biocontrol Update</b> Nicole Sawallich, Biological Science Technician, USDA APHIS PPQ
8:40-9:00	<b>CBP, PPQ and the States – How do we work together on port detections? – Local Level</b> Rachel Nyce, ME State Plant Health Director, USDA APHIS PPQ Baljeet Kaur, Agriculture Operation Manager, CBP Gary Fish, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
9:00-9:20	<b>PPA 7721 Update – What’s new with the program?</b> Glorimar Marrero, Assistant National Policy Manager, USDA APHIS PPQ
9:20-9:40	<b>Sea Container Initiative</b> Wendy Beltz, Field Operations Director, USDA APHIS PPQ
9:40–10:00	<b>Flighted Spongy Moth Complex</b> Dr. Yunke Wu, Cooperative Biological Scientist, Forest Pest Methods Lab, USDA APHIS PPQ
10:00–10:20	<b>Jumping Worms Update</b> Dr. Josef Gorres, Associate Professor, University of Vermont
10:20–10:35	<b>Ginseng</b> Judy Rosovsky, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets Doug Zahno, US Customs and Border Protection
10:35–10:50	<b>BREAK</b> Door Prizes
10:50–11:10	<b>HIS Report (joint)</b>
11:10–11:30	<b>CAPS Report (joint)</b>
11:30–12:00	<b>EPB Meeting/Wrap Up, Members only</b>