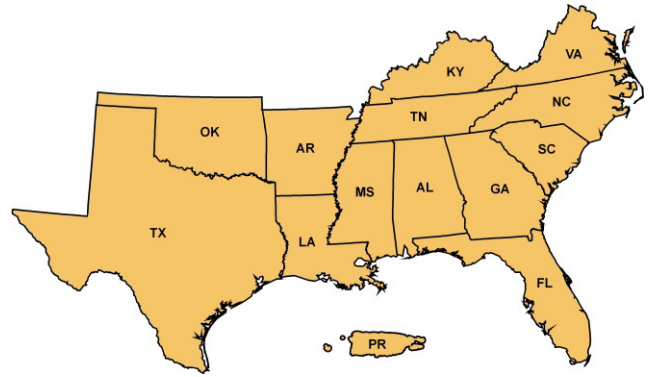


# 2024 Southern Plant Board Meeting Agenda

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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)

### 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) – Light hors d'oeuvres

**Dinner (on your own)**

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	<b>Welcome to Kentucky,</b> Dr. Jonathan Larson, Department of Entomology University of Kentucky
10:00 – 10:15 am	<b>Break, Coffee / Door Prizes (Ballroom Pre-Function)</b>
10:15 – 10:35 am	<b><i>P. ramorum</i> Update</b> Erin Stiers, Field Operations Director, District 5, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
10:35 – 10:55 am	<b>Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus</b> USDA-APHIS-PPQ
10:55 – 11:15 am	<b>Detection and response to <i>Thrips parvispinus</i></b> 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	<b>Imported Fire Ant Program Update &amp; Quarantine Expansion</b> Ryan Vazquez, National Operations Manager USDA-APHIS-PPQ
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch (provided) (Ballroom D &amp; E)</b>
1:00 – 1:30 pm	<b>Box Tree Moth: Nursery Observations and Quarantine Compliance</b> Dan Kenny <u>OR</u> Courtney Fulks, Ohio Department of Agriculture
1:30 – 5:00 pm	<b>CAPS Breakout Sessions (SSCs and PSSs) (Lexington AB)</b>
1:30 – 2:00 pm	<b>State Reports – AL, AR, FL, GA, (6-8 minutes w/ 2-3 slides)</b>
2:00 – 2:45 pm	<b>Citrus Program States Update</b> Dr. Greg Hodges, Dr. Awinash Bhatkar, Mike Evans, Christel Stewart, Tina Peltier Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Texas Department of Agriculture Georgia Department of Agriculture Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<b>Break, Snack / Door Prizes (Ballroom Pre-Function)</b>
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<b>State Reports – LA, KY, MS, NC, OK (6-8 minutes w/ 2-3 Slides)</b>
3:30 – 4:00 pm	<b>Fruit Fly Outbreak Response (2023-24)</b> 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 – 8:20 am **Building a Citizen Science Program: Is the Juice worth the Squeeze?**  
Carl Harper, University of Kentucky

8:20 – 8:55 am **Multi-state Surveys Round-table**  
Brad Danner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Katherine Kilbourne, Tennessee Department of Agriculture  
SSC, participating state (**VSD: VA, SC**)  
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8:55 – 9:15 am **Working Together: Pest Committees (USDA/CBP/STATE) Collaboration**  
Alana Wild, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

9:15 – 9:45 am **Greater Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative and Don't Pack a Pest,**  
Dennis Martin, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

9:45 – 9:55 am **Break, Coffee / Door Prizes** (Ballroom Pre-Function)

9:55 – 10:05 am **CAPS Breakout Session Report,**  
Brad Danner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

10:05 – 10:25 am **PPA Update**  
Lindsey Thiessen, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

10:25 – 10:45 am **Cooperative Agreements Update**  
Carrie Croy-Owen, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

10:45 – 11:40 am **Yellow Legged Hornet Update**  
David Williams, Georgia Department of Agriculture  
Brad Cavin, Clemson University

11:40 am – 12:00 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 (12-12:30)  
Explore some of Kentucky's most prized agricultural and cultural/historical 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 Lafayette [16 seats])
- APHIS PPQ Breakout Session (Lexington B [30 seats])
- CAPS Breakout Session (Lexington A [30 seats])

10:00 – 10:15 am

**Break, Coffee** (Ballroom Pre-Function)

10:15am – 12:00pm

**Conclude Breakout Sessions/Adjournment**