

2025 Southern Plant Board Meeting Agenda



Monday, May 12

- 4:00 – 7:00 pm **Registration** (Alcove outside Platform A)
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm **Southern Plant Board Reception** (tentative)
- Dinner (on your own)**

Tuesday, May 13 (General Session Rooms will be in Platform C D)

Session moderator: TBD

- 7:00 – 8:00 am **Breakfast (provided)** (Platform A B)
Registration (Alcove outside Platform A)
- 8:00 – 8:15 am **Southern Plant Board Opening Session**
- **Call to Order:** Dr. Awinash Bhatkar, TX Dept of Ag
 - **Roll Call:** David Gianino, VA Dept of Ag and Consumer Services
 - **General Meeting Announcements:** Joy Goforth, NC Dept of Ag and Consumer Services
- 8:15 – 8:30 am **Opening Comments**
- SPB President, Dr. Awinash Bhatkar, TX Dept of Ag
- 8:30 – 9:30 am **Agency Reports**
- **National Plant Board,**
Piera Siegert NPB Vice President, NH Dept of Ag, Markets, and Food
 - **Customs and Border Protection,**
(TBD)
 - **Horticultural Inspection Society – Southern Chapter**
HISSC, (TBD)
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Welcome to North Carolina,**
TBD
- 10:00 – 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:15 – 10:35 am **Yellow Legged Hornet Update**
Mike Evans, Georgia Department of Agriculture
Steven Long, Clemson Department of Plant Industry
- 10:35 – 10:55 am **Port of Wilmington**

Aaron Brott,
Sr. Director, Key Client & Trade Development
North Carolina Ports

- 10:55 – 11:15 am **Venus Fly Trap and NC Plant Conservation Program**
Julian Wilson, N C Department of Ag
- 11:15 – 11:45 am **How to get a K9 Program Started in Your State.**
Chad Taylor, Jackie Fredieu, Joy Goforth, NC Dept of Ag and Consumer Services
Anni Self TN Dept of Ag
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch (provided)** (Platform A B)
Session moderator: TBD
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm **Box Tree Moth Update**
David Gianino, VA Dept of Ag and Consumer Services
- 1:30 – 5:00 pm **CAPS Breakout Sessions (SSCs)** (Atlantic)
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm **State Reports – AL & AR** (15 minutes w/slides)
 - Regulatory updates
 - New Pest Finds
 - Noteworthy numbers or Personnel changes
 - Other items of significance
- 2:00 – 2:35 pm **North Carolina Witchweed Program,**
Jarred Driscoll, N C Department Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 2:35 – 2:45 pm **State Reports – KY & LA** (15 minutes w/slides)
 - Regulatory updates
 - New Pest Finds
 - Noteworthy numbers or Personnel changes
 - Other items of significance
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm **State Reports – FL & GA** (15 minutes w/slides)
 - Regulatory updates
 - New Pest Finds
 - Noteworthy numbers or Personnel changes
 - Other items of significance
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm **Citrus Program Updates**
Dr. Greg Hodges/Dr. Trevor Smith, FL Dept. of Ag & Consumer Services
Dr. Awinash Bhatkar, TX Dept. of Ag
Mike Evans, GA Dept. of Ag
Christel Stewart, AL Dept. of Ag & Industries
Tina Peltier, LA Dept. of Ag & Forestry
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm **State Reports Cont.** – MS & NC (15 minutes w/slides)

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Dinner (on your own)

Wednesday, May 14

7:00 – 8:00 am **Breakfast (provided)** (Platform A & B)
Registration (Alcove outside Platform A)

Session moderator: TBD

8:00 – 8:30 am **State Reports – OK & SC** (15 minutes w/slides)

- Regulatory updates
- New Pest Finds
- Noteworthy numbers or Personnel changes
- Other items of significance

8:30 – 8:45 am **State Nursery Inspection**
Joe Collins

8:45 – 9:15 am **State Reports – TN & TX** (15 minutes w/slides)

- Regulatory updates
- New Pest Finds
- Noteworthy numbers or Personnel changes
- Other items of significance

9:15 – 9:25 am ALB Steven Long or Federal Invasive Species Advisory Committee

9:25 – 9:40 am **State Reports – VA** (15 minutes w/slides)

- Regulatory updates
- New Pest Finds
- Noteworthy numbers or Personnel changes
- Other items of significance

9:40 – 10:00 am **Break**

10:00 – 12:00 am Joint CAPS and SPRO meeting; What are we going to do in our current situation?

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Local Tour**

Dinner (on your own)

Thursday, May 9

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast (provided)** (Platform A & B)

8:00 am -12:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**

- SPB Business Meeting (Parlour)
- CBP Breakout Session (Platform)
- CAPS Breakout Session (Platform D)

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

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

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