



Horticultural Inspection Society
Eastern Chapter

EPB CAPS ANNUAL MEETING

100th ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Liberty Mountain Resort

78 Country Club Trail, Carroll Valley, PA, 17320

MONDAY April 6, 2026

Time	Topic
	Travel
5:00–7:00 PM	Registration - Gallery
7:00–9:00 PM	Reception (light hors d'oeuvres and drinks) – Gallery

TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026

Time	Topic
7:00–8:00 AM	Breakfast (TBA) – TBA
8:00–8:15 AM	Housekeeping, Welcome – Mike Hutchinson, PA Department of Agriculture
	BREAK OUT SESSIONS – CAPS Meeting in Millstone B
8:15-9:30 AM	CAPS Welcome and State Updates – Moderated by Cynthia Kwolek, CAPS State Survey Coordinators to participate on behalf of their states.
9:30-9:45 AM	CAPS Program Updates – Darrell Bays, CAPS National Operations Manager, USDA
9:45-10:00 AM	CAPS Information Systems Update (CAPSIS) – Bonnie Dietrich, Program Coordinator, Purdue University
10:00–10:30 AM	Break – Door prizes
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Box Tree Moth Update and Lessons Learned – Jamilyn Woodside, State Survey Coordinator, NY State Dept of Agriculture and Markets and Monica Coskie, Invasive Pest Inspector, MA Dept of Agriculture.
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Yellow Legged Hornet Update and Response Methods – Caroline O’Dowd Oatley, Invasive Species Program Coordinator, Clemson University
11:30 – 12:00 AM	Newly Introduced and Spreading Lepidoptera – Jason Dombroskie, Senior Extension Associate, Department of Entomology, Cornell University CALS
12:00–1:00	Lunch (provided) – Overlook
	JOINT WELCOME SESSION Overlook <i>Moderator: Gary Fish</i>

1:00–1:10	EPB Welcome Kim Rice, Eastern Plant Board President Maryland Department of Agriculture
1:10-1:30	Pennsylvania State Welcome Russell Redding, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
1:30-1:50	View from the National Plant Board Piera Siegert, National Plant Board President New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
2:00-2:20	Customs and Border Protection Update David Ng, Senior Agriculture Operations Manager, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs & Border Protection
2:20-2:40	PPQ Field Operations Update Acting ADA, possibly Nicole Russo, pending approval
2:40-3:00	Canadian Food and Inspection Agency Update Dominique Pelletier, National Manager, Forestry Section, Plant Protection Division Canadian Food Inspection Agency Government of Canada
3:00-3:15	BREAK Door Prizes
3:15-3:45	Mollusk Updates Update on snails and slugs of greatest regulatory concern – Francisco Borrero and Morgan Bullis PA and NJ responses to snail infestations – Mike Hutchinson and Saul Vaiciunas
3:45-4:15	When collaboration works best: A successful eradication story Matt Travis – Federal overview of collaborative work Plum pox eradication: PA history and response - Ruth Welliver, former PA Bureau of Plant Industry Director; NY response – Chris Logue, Director, NY Division of Plant Industry
4:15-4:45	SANC Survey Results and Update Dana Rhodes, former PA Plant Protection Division Chief/SPRO; SANC auditor
4:45-5:15	SPHD/SPRO meeting Panel and group discussion of planning for service disruptions
Dinner on your own	

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2025

Time	Topic
7:00–8:00	Breakfast (TBA) – TBA
EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING – Forestry Issues Overlook <i>Moderator: TBA</i>	
8:00–9:00 AM	Spongy Moth and Other Hardwood Pests Panel Jonathan Geyer - Hardwood Council Industry Perspective on hardwood pest problems in EPB Possibly Angel Saavedra – Forest Service Perspective Rosa Yoo – PA perspective
9:00–9:20	Forest Service Update including laurel wilt Angel Saavedra, Regional Plant Pathologist, US Forest Service
9:20-9:40	SLF -Update on 5 year plan and future plans

	possibly Brianna Flonc, SLF NOM, pending approval
9:40-10:00	SITC Update Possibly Anthony Cullen, SITC NOM, pending approval
10:00-10:15	NPDN Update – Sara May, Plant Clinic Director
10:15-10:30	BREAK Door Prizes
10:30–10:50	Emerging pests Two-spotted cotton leafhopper (<i>Amrasca biguttula</i>) Yellow Legged Hornet: new method for locating nests Christina Dvorshak, AED, USDA APHIS PPQ – pending approval
10:50-11:10	Nematode update New BLD treatments and new nematode pest Dr. Erika Consoli, Penn State University
11:10-11:30	Break to prep for Field Trip A weather-based alert may go out in the morning
11:30 AM	Board Bus – Lunch provided at destination
12:30–5:00	BUSES LEAVING at 11:35 Field Trips National Apple Museum Penn State University Fruit Research and Extension Center The Gettysburg National Military Park with NPS Guide
6:00	Banquet , at hotel

THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2025

Time	Topic
7:00–8:00	Breakfast (TBA) – TBA
EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING Overlook <i>Moderator: TBA</i>	
8:00–8:20	EPB Members on NPB Committee Updates (NCC, P. ramorum, Cooperative Agreement, SANC, Mentoring, JB and others)
8:20–8:40	Recap of NPB and NPDN tabletop exercise with CBP - PA and NJ and Update on NY/NJ plans David Ng, (CBP) Dana Rhodes, (PA), Saul Vaiciunas, (NJ)
8:40-9:00	Cooperative Agreements – possibly Carrie Croy-Owen, pending approval
9:00-9:15	SASI and Safeguarding Meeting Updates – possibly Tracy Svalina, pending approval
9:15-10:00	State Updates – Significant events from last 100th years
10:00-10:20	SODS Survey and Update PA Survey and Perspective – Ekaterina Nikolaeva, Plant Pathologist, PDA SODS Program Future – possibly Hannah Fretz, PPQ – pending approval
10:20-10:25	2027 Eastern Plant Board Meeting – Welcome to New Jersey SPRO, New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture
10:25–10:50	BREAK Door Prizes
10:50–11:10	HIS Report (joint)

11:10-11:30	CAPS Report (joint)
11:30-12:00	EPB Meeting/Wrap Up, <i>Members only</i>