

Lancaster, PA



July 31 – August 4, 2022

96th Annual National Plant Board Meeting **July 31 through August 4, 2022 – Lancaster, PA**

You are invited to join the 96th Annual National Plant Board meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania!

The four-day meeting, Monday, August 1st through Thursday, August 4th, kicks off Sunday, July 31st with a Welcome Reception.

Highlights of the event include: Welcomes from Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Administrator Kevin Shea, discussions on national programs like SANC and CAPS, speakers from international agencies, regulators and industry, updates on emerging and ongoing invasive pests, tours of SANC nursery Star Roses and Longwood Gardens, and a Spotted Lanternfly Workshop, all set against the backdrop of beautiful, downtown Lancaster, PA.

🗑 Meeting Registration

Register online for the 2022 National Plant Board meeting via our [Eventbrite page](#). Registration is only available online, and the deadline to receive the early registration rate of \$500 for the entire week is July 8th, 2022. Single day registration also closes July 8th, 2022, and is available for Monday, August 1st for \$300; Tuesday, August 2nd for \$300; and Wednesday, August 3rd for \$350. The late registration cost is \$550, and begins July 9th, 2022.

🗑 Accommodations / Room Rates

The 96th National Plant Board meeting will be hosted at the Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square, located at 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Reservations can be made by calling 717-239-1600, or visiting the Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square's website and accessing the [Group Rate Booking](#) for the National Plant Board. If calling, be sure to mention the National Plant Board meeting to receive the special group rate of \$107.00 per night.

Hotel reservations must be made by 5:00 p.m. on July 9th, 2022. Check-in time begins at 4pm and checkout time is Noon.

Transportation

The nearest airports to Lancaster are Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). Transportation to and from the airport is the responsibility of the traveler. Car rentals, Uber and Lyft are available from either airport.

Harrisburg International Airport (MDT)

flyhia.com - 1 Terminal Drive, Middletown, PA 17057

Approximately 40-minute drive to the Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square.

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

phl.org – 8000 Essington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19153

Approximately 1 hour and 30-minute drive to the Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square.

Hotel parking

Penn Square Garage – 25-51 East Vine Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Parking is available at the Penn Square Garage, which is connected directly to the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. The garage is completely automated and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Parking is \$2.00 an hour, or \$15.00 per day, and the automated system takes cash or credit.

Climate

Lancaster, PA in August has an average high temperature of 84° F and an average low temperature of 63° F, and tends to be humid and sticky. Excursions for Tuesday, August 2nd include visiting greenhouses and outside areas, so please considering appropriate clothing to shade you from the sun and heat, as well as comfortable footwear.

Door Prizes

Please consider bringing a door prize item from your state or agency to share with the group. We'll have multiple door prize giveaways over the course of the meeting and is a great way to introduce your state to others! The form for door prizes will be posted on the National Plant Board meeting site, and we ask

that you include your name, agency, state and item included to expedite the giveaway process for the meeting facilitators.

Covid-19 Information

As Covid-19 continues to be a part of our daily lives, we suggest all attendees continue to monitor the situation and recommendations from the C.D.C. and W.H.O. At this time masking is not required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square, but we encourage those who choose to wear a mask to do so. The Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square has pledged a 'Commitment to Clean' to demonstrate their concern on everything from guest wellbeing, room and public space deep cleaning, and food safety. To learn more, visit clean.marriot.com.

Display tables

If you or your agency would like to have a display table, please let us know! Tables will be provided for the week outside of the main meeting room for displays and handouts. Please email Jay Losiewicz, jlosiewicz@pa.gov, at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture with interest.

Contact Information

Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Shiflett at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, sshiflett@pa.gov.