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NATIONAL EGG REGULATORY OFFICIALS 34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING SEMINAR

March 3-5, 2026

**Riverhouse Lodge
3075 N. Business 97
Bend, OR 97703**

AGENDA

Tuesday, 3/3/2026. Meeting Room: TBD Moderator – Matthew Rucker (VA)

12:00 noon Registration

12:45pm Welcome, Agenda Approval & Committee Assignments, Matthew Rucker, NERO President

1:00pm Minutes of 2025 Meeting, Michael Abbott, Secretary

1:20pm Treasurers Report, Henri Fuselier, Treasurer

1:35pm Financial Report, Henri Fuselier, Treasurer

Moderator – Mark Straw (IN)

1:40pm State Roll Call Reports

2:45pm Break

3:00pm State Roll Call Reports Continued

5:00pm Meeting Adjourned Business Committee meeting upon adjournment

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Wednesday, 3/4/2026. Meeting Room: TBD Morning Session: Moderator – Matthew Rucker (VA)

8:00 am Convene session/Introductions – Matthew Rucker, NERO President

8:15 am Welcome to Oregon: Rusty Rock, Division Director Food Safety, Animal Health, and Lab Services Programs Oregon Department of Agriculture

8:30 am UEP Update – Oscar Garrison, Senior Vice President Food Safety Regulatory Affairs, United Egg Producers

9:15 am American Egg Board Update: Mike Hostetler, Vice President, Consumer Insights, American Egg Board

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Egg Safety and Quality Research Unit: Research update and priorities: Dr. Deana Jones and Dr. Javier Garcia, USDA/ARS

11:00 am Committee Meetings: Federal Relations Committee State Egg Laws Committee

12:00 pm LUNCH

Afternoon Session: Moderator – Alex Sobek (WI)

1:00 pm Panel Discussion Egg Jurisdiction State and Federal level, in response to disease outbreak. FDA, USDA, FSIS, State Representatives. Host Dr. Darrin Karcher-Purdue University

1:45 pm USDA/AMS/LP, Standards and Specifications Division, Shell Egg Branch Update – Jed Warnock Assistant National Supervisor.

2:30 pm USDA/FSIS Update HACCP Implementation Update - Dr. Elizabeth Evans, Senior Compliance Specialist USDA/FSIS/OIEA/EOS

3:15 pm Break

3:30 pm NEQS Update – Michael Abbott, California Department of Agriculture

3:45 pm Shell Egg Academy Update – Dr. Darrin Karcher, Purdue University

4:00 pm Committee Meetings – Adjourn upon completion. Production and Processing Committee Membership and Communications Committee (Hospitality Suite)

5:00pm Meeting Adjourned

6:00pm ***Group Dinner and Auction***

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Thursday, 3/5/2026. Meeting Room: TBD Morning Session: Moderator – Justin Jaroki (MN)

8:15 am Avian Influenza update and effects on species affected – Dr. Kim Torchetti APHIS/Veterinary Services/Diagnostics &Biologics/National Veterinary Services Laboratories

9:00 am AI Indemnity and AI response procedures and how it would relate to table eggs producers

– Dr. Leo Sevilla, APHIS/Veterinary Services Veterinary Medical Officer Strategy & Policy.

9:45 am NPIP general rules, policies, recent changes, and related topics – Dr. Kathryn Burden APHIS VS S&P ASEP Poultry Health/NPIP, NPIP Laboratory Coordinator & Veterinarian

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Why is That Egg Incredible Anyway? Dr. Michael Persa, John W. Hancock Professor and Extension Specialist Poultry Nutrition Virginia Tech

11:15 am CFSAN Egg Safety Activities, FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition: Gerardo Ramirez, FDA/CFSAN

12:00 pm Lunch

Afternoon Session: Moderator – Kevin Halfmann (MI)

1:00 pm Evaluation of the Nabel egg washer. Dr. Darrin Karcher, Extension Poultry Scientist, Purdue University.

1:45 pm AI technologies used in modern laying farms. Bill Bretshneider-MOBA

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Business Committee Report

3:00 Committee Reports

4:00 Closing Business Meeting

5:00pm Meeting Adjourned *Board Meeting Upon Adjourn

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