



NATIONAL EGG REGULATORY OFFICIALS
32nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING SEMINAR

March 3 to March 5, 2024

Hyatt Regency Crystal City
2799 Richmond Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

AGENDA

Sunday, 3/03/2024 Moderator – Michelle Boyd (IA) Meeting Room: TIDEWATER

- 12:00 noon Registration
 - 12:45 p.m. Welcome, Agenda Approval & Committee Assignments, Michelle Boyd, NERO President
 - 1:00 p.m. Minutes of 2023 Meeting, Michael Abbott, Secretary
 - 1:20 p.m. Treasurers Report, Henri Fuselier, Treasurer
 - 1:35 p.m. Financial Report, Henri Fuselier, Treasurer
 - 1:40 p.m. State Roll Call Reports
 - 2:45 p.m. Break
 - 3:00 p.m. State Roll Call Reports
 - 5:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned
- Business Committee meeting upon adjournment.



NATIONAL EGG REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Monday, 3/04/2024 Moderator – Mark Straw (IN) Meeting Room: WILLIAM

Morning Session:

- 8:15 a.m. Convene session/Introductions – Michelle Boyd
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome to Virginia – Charles Green, Deputy Commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 8:45 a.m. UEP Update – Oscar Garrison, Senior Vice President Food Safety Regulatory Affairs, United Egg Producers
- 9:15 a.m. American Egg Board Update, Mike Hostetler, Vice President, Consumer Insights, American Egg board
- 9:45 a.m. NEQS update – Michael Abbott
- 9:50 a.m. Shell Egg Academy update – Dr. Darrin Karcher
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Federal Relations Committee priority topic. Review of who does what. Case study on state and federal agencies working together. FDA, USDA/AMS, USDA/FSIS, ISEB (Dr. Darrin Karcher – Moderator)
- 10:45 a.m. Committee Meetings:
Federal Relations Committee
Standards and Grades Technical Committee
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH

Afternoon Session: **Moderator – Matthew Rucker (VA)**

- 1:30 p.m. USDA/AMS/LP, Standards and Specifications Division, Shell Egg Branch Update, Jed Warnock, Assistant National Supervisor – shell eggs, USDA/AMS
- 2:00 p.m. USDA/FSIS update: Dr. Elizabeth Evans, Senior Compliance Specialist, Office of Investigation, Enforcement and Audit/Viki Levine, Office of Policy and Program Development
- 2:30 p.m. USDA – NOP: Organic Livestock Production Standards - Egg production, Erin Healy, Director, Standards Division, USDA AMS National Organic Program
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Egg production regulations and certifications: How do they co-exist?, Ashley Swaffar, Director of Compliance, Handsome Brook Farms
- 3:45 p.m. Committee Meetings – ***Adjourn upon completion.***
Production and Processing Committee
State Egg Laws Committee
Membership and Communication Committee
- 6:00 p.m. ***** Group Dinner and Auction*** –**



Tuesday, 3/05/2024 Moderator- Michael Abbott (CA), Meeting Room: WILLIAM

- 8:15 a.m. Egg Safety and Quality Research Unit: Research update and priorities, Dr. Deana Jones and Dr. Javier Garcia, USDA/ARS
- 8:45 a.m. CFSAN Egg Safety Activities, FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Gerardo Ramirez, FDA/CFSAN
- 9:15 a.m. 21 CFR 118 implementation. Inspectional Uniformity, Margaret Klug, National Food Expert, FDA/ORR
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Production and Processing Committee Topic, Egg Packaging: industry trends and state laws restricting certain materials. Invited: TEKNIPLEX (Dolco Packaging Co.)
- 10:45 a.m. Egg carton labeling project – Rafael Rivera, Director, Food Safety & Production Programs, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
- 11:15 a.m. Duck Egg discussion: USDA/AMS, FDA, USDA/FSIS, State regulator (Dr. Deana Jones, moderator)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- Moderator – Michelle Boyd (IA)**
- 1:00 p.m. Egg Regulatory Program Standards: Update – Tim Tyson, Animal Food/Egg Standards Technical Specialist, Office of Partnerships/Division of Standards Implementation.
- 1:30 p.m. Local egg markets: USDA – Farm to School, Direct to Consumer Sales - Regulatory considerations. (Mark Straw – Moderator)
- 2:00 p.m. State Egg Law Committee priority topic - Model Egg Law review and discussion: Food Safety Component. Roland Mader – AZ Department of Agriculture
- 2:30 p.m. Business committee report
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Committee reports
- 3:45 p.m. Closing Business meeting

Board Meeting Upon Adjourn