



Animal Plant Health  
Inspection Service  
(APHIS)

December 29, 2025

**2026 National Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Committee Meeting**

Plant Protection and  
Quarantine (PPQ)

I'm pleased to invite you to attend the National Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Committee (NCC) annual meeting, being held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, on March 10 and 11, 2026. Travel dates for this event are March 9 and 12, 2026.

We are expecting 19 attendees: eight state representatives reimbursed through the PPQ-National Plant Board (NPB) Safeguarding Agreement, ten PPQ employees, and one representative from Purdue University.

We will use this opportunity to exchange information and discuss programmatic, operational, and strategic matters of concern to this network of early pest detection survey cooperators. PPQ and regional plant board representatives will provide updates from the 2025 survey season, identify needs for the 2026 survey season, discuss proposed changes to the national priority pest list, and identify improvements to PPQ's CAPS survey guidance and planning resources.

A block of rooms is available at The Longleaf Hotel, 300 N. Dawson, Raleigh, NC. Reservations must be made by February 9, 2026 to guarantee the per diem rate of \$131 per night. You may book your room via this link: [hotels.cloudbeds.com/reservation/4my7M3?allotment\\_block\\_code=b114865#checkin=2026-03-09&checkout=2026-03-12](https://hotels.cloudbeds.com/reservation/4my7M3?allotment_block_code=b114865#checkin=2026-03-09&checkout=2026-03-12).

You can also make your reservation by calling (919) 867-5770 and asking for the USDA CAPS room block. The room rate does not include a complimentary breakfast. The hotel charges a parking fee of \$10 per night.

The nearest major airport is Raleigh-Durham International (RDU). Meeting attendees are responsible for transportation between the airport and hotel. There are many dining and shopping options within walking distance of the hotel. We will provide transportation between the hotel and meeting location on March 10 and 11.

Please confirm your attendance by email no later than February 6, 2026. Reach out any time if you need more information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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