

National Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Committee (NCC) 2026 Annual Meeting

AGENDA

Dates: March 10–11, 2026; 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM EDT

Location: North Carolina State University, Venture II Building
920 Main Campus Drive, Raleigh, NC, Room 221/223

Meeting Purpose and Expected Outcomes

The National Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Committee (NCC) Annual Meeting brings together PPQ program managers and state representatives from all four regional plant boards to review Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program performance, discuss strategic priorities, and plan for the upcoming survey season. The meeting will include updates from the 2025 survey season, planning and coordination for 2026 and 2027, and discussions to improve CAPS program delivery.

Attendees

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Tina Gresham (Organizer) – PPQ Emergency and Domestic Programs – National Policy Manager
Darrell Bays – PPQ Field Operations – National Operations Manager
Jo-Ann Bentz-Blanco – PPQ Emergency and Domestic Programs – Director
Jake Bodart – PPQ Field Operations – State Plant Health Director Representative
Kim Dean – PPQ Field Operations – State Plant Health Director Representative
Colin Funaro – PPQ Science and Technology CAPS Support – Risk Analyst
Leah Granke – PPQ Science and Technology – Assistant Director
Emily Hagen – PPQ Field Operations – Pest Survey Specialist Representative
Jeff Hash – PPQ Field Operations – National Operations Director
Patrick Haslam – PPQ Emergency and Domestic Programs – National Policy Manager (virtual)
Isaac Powell – PPQ Field Operations – Pest Survey Specialist Representative
Waleska Ramirez – PPQ Emergency and Domestic Programs – National Policy Manager (virtual)

State Cooperators

Charles Elhard – Central Plant Board – State Plant Regulatory Official Representative
Joanna Fisher – Western Plant Board – State Survey Coordinator Representative
Matt Howle – Southern Plant Board – State Survey Coordinator Representative
Cindy Kwolek – Eastern Plant Board – State Survey Coordinator Representative
Tina Peltier – Southern Plant Board – State Plant Regulatory Official Representative
Chelsey Penuel – Central Plant Board – State Survey Coordinator Representative
Judy Rosovsky – Eastern Plant Board – State Plant Regulatory Official Representative
Sven Spichiger – Western Plant Board – State Plant Regulatory Official Representative

CAPS Information System (CAPSIS)

Bonnie Dietrich – Purdue University – Project Coordinator

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Morning Session

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening remarks and welcome (Gresham) Meeting purpose and expected outcomes Introductions Agenda review Ice breaker
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	CAPS by the Numbers - Fiscal year (FY) 2025 review (Gresham) Pest Detection outlook for FY 2026 Recap of 2025 meeting and follow-up items
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	S&T updates (Granke and Funaro)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Regional updates

Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch at nearby restaurants (walking distance)

Afternoon Session

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Preliminary identification updates and discussion (Bentz-Blanco)
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Preliminary identification guidance (Haslem)
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) system update (Haslam)
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Impacts of reduced pest survey specialist staff (Bays)
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Discussion topic - NAPIS data entry process (Gresham)
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Parking lot review

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Morning Session

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Recap of Day 1 – Review Day 2 agenda (Gresham)
- 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM Discussion topic – Contingency planning for pest list reductions (Gresham)
- 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM BREAK
- 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Discussion topic - Contingency planning for survey planning tools (Gresham)
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM BREAK
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 2027 changes to the national priority pest list (Granke, Funaro, Gresham)
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Plant Protection Act (PPA) 7721 updates

Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch at nearby restaurants (walking distance)

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM Survey supply program and supply ordering updates (Ramirez)
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CAPSIS updates (Dietrich)
One workplan financial interface – updates and demo (Dietrich)
- 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM BREAK
- 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM Parking lot review
- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM 2027 meeting planning: dates and location (Gresham)
NCC Membership review
Group photo
2026 Meeting action items review and wrap up