

Annual National CAPS Committee Meeting February 7 – 8, 2018 National Detector Dog Training Center Newnan, Georgia Travel Information



The National Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) Committee (NCC) meets annually to review and discuss the performance of the Pest Detection/CAPS program, and to discuss and update the National Pest Surveillance Guidelines. The NCC also will discuss the implementation of any changes that may be needed to the Program and Guidelines based on issues raised during the previous survey year as a result of discussions with the various representatives' constituency. The annual meeting provides a forum to obtain input on the direction of the CAPS Program from those in the field, is an avenue to inform the States of new initiatives and survey and data guidelines, and is a means to alert our state cooperators of any plant pest threats and PPQ policy direction that may be on the horizon.

The meeting will be held at the APHIS PPQ National Detector Dog Training Center (NDDTC), 360 International Park, Newnan, Georgia 30265.

The meeting will start at 8:00 am and go until 5:00 pm each day, Wednesday and Thursday, February 7 - 8, 2018. Suggested travel days are Tuesday, February 6 and Friday, February 9, 2018.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is the recommended airport. Ground transportation and rental car information can be found on the airport's website at <u>http://www.atl.com/</u>.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the <u>Hampton Inn Atlanta/Peachtree City</u>, 300 Westpark Dr., Peachtree City, Georgia, 30269, at the federal per diem rate of \$93.00 per night. Rooms can be reserved by calling the Hampton Inn at (**770**) **486-8800** and reference the Group Code 'USD' or specify USDA APHIS. If reserving online, use the Group Code 'USD' and select USDA APHIS as shown below. The block will be held until **January 16, 2018**, afterwhich, the hotel will review the quantity of reservations and release the unreserved room for general sale. Rooms reserved after the cut-off date will be based upon availability at selling rate. As usual, folks will need to call and make their own reservations with their own credit card.

The hotel is 21 miles (~20 min drive time) from Atlanta International Airport. There is no courtesy van, but there may be other options from the airport to the hotel. If you discover a viable option, please share the information with the group. Taxis are \$40 from the airport. Directions from the airport are located on the <u>hotel website</u>.

The hotel is located 9.1 miles from the NDDTC (~15 minutes w/o traffic). GOVs and rental cars will be available for transportation to the meeting location. We will plan to leave the hotel for the NDDTC at 7:30 am.

Travel expenses for state employees will be reimbursed through the National Plant Board. Contact Aurelio Posadas for information at (916) 709-3484, or via email at <u>aureliop@elkgrove.net</u>.

Lunch plans are yet to be determined. Plan to bring cash for lunch in case we order in.

During the days of February 6-9, the high temperature normal in Newnan is about 57-58°F and the low normal about 31-32°F. In 2017 the high ranged from 52 to 71°F, and the low from 37 to 50°F.

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