



Annual National CAPS Committee Meeting

March 20 – 21, 2019

Customs & Border Protection

Portland, Oregon

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 on Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 - 21, 2019, at the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Field Office, 8337 NE Alderwood Rd, Portland, OR 97220 (or at the airport pending renovations at the CPB office).

Suggested travel days are Tuesday, March 19 and Friday, March 22, 2019.

Travel should be into Portland International Airport (PDX). <https://www.pdx.com>

A block of rooms has been reserved at the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Airport](#), 7900 NE 82nd Avenue Portland OR 97220, at the federal per diem rate of \$150.00 per night. Rooms can be reserved by:

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1. Individuals are welcome to book directly online by clicking:
https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/P/PDXESES-AGR-20190319/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Web link will be available on 2.23.19

2. By phone your attendees may call toll free at 1-800-774-1500, 24 hours a day, and refer to the Group name: OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
3. You may make reservations through our website at www.hilton.com and enter your Group Block Code: AGR

The block will be held until **March 5, 2019**, after which, 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 make their own reservations with their own credit card.

The hotel is located 0.5 mile from the Portland airport. A complimentary on-demand airport shuttle is available from the airport to the hotel (503-460-3000).

The hotel is located 0.5 mile from the CBP field office (10-12 min walk). Two 12-person vans will be available for transportation if needed. We will plan to leave the hotel for the CBP office at 7:30 am. The meeting will start at 8:00 am and go until 5:00 pm each day.

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 aureliop@elkgrove.net.

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

During the days of March 20 - 21, the high temperature normal in Portland is about 57°F and the low normal around 40°F.

<https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/portland/oregon/united-states/usor0275>