



Welcome to the 92nd Eastern Plant Board Meeting!

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Eastern Plant Board meeting being held April 4—6 in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey and the Eastern Chapter of the Horticultural Inspection Society will once again be joining us in hosting concurrent meetings with their members.

Located in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, Martinsburg was founded in 1772 and became a major stop on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1842, making it economically prosperous prior to the Civil War. However, its strategic location spelled the town's demise during the Civil War. It changed hands between Confederate and Union forces 37 times during the conflict, was the site of two battles, and home of the Confederate master spy, Belle Boyde.

Today, Martinsburg is the Berkeley County seat. It has a population of 14,972, and printing, shipping and technology services are significant employers in the region. There are several parks in and near Martinsburg such as Cacapon State Park, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Fort Frederick State Park and South Mountain State Park. History buffs should visit the local museums like Boonsborough Museum of History, Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum and the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum. The historical sites include Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Jefferson County Courthouse and Antietam National Battlefield.

Getting to Martinsburg

Dulles International Airport is the closest major airport and is approximately 70 miles from the hotel. The hotel is located just off of I-81 using exit 13.

Parking in Martinsburg

Parking is free of charge for hotel guests.

Meeting Registration

Registration should be completed by visiting <https://epb2017.eventbrite.com> prior to March 24, 2017. Registration is \$205 per person if received by March 24th or \$240 after March 24th. Single day registration for April 4th is \$85 and April 6th is \$55 per person. The registration for the tour day of April 5th is \$120 per person.

Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda can be found by visiting: <http://nationalplantboard.org/npb-related-meetings/>

Accommodations

A block of rooms is available at the [Holiday Inn Martinsburg](#). The hotel is located at 301 Foxcroft Avenue, Martinsburg, WV and is within walking distance of a variety of eating establishments. The cost of the room is \$91/night without taxes (13%). The meeting will be held in the hotel from Tuesday to Thursday and the block of rooms is available Monday night through Wednesday night. Should you wish to extend your stay, please contact us so that we can assist with the reservation. To reserve a room, you may call (304) 267-5500 and requesting the Group Code "EPB". You can also copy and paste the following url into your browser:

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/martinsburg/mrbwv/hoteldetail> **Reservations should be made no later than March 13, 2017.**

Exhibit Displays

Participants are invited to bring displays, posters, or distribution items to share with the group. Please notify **Mike Arnold (email: marnold@wvda.us)** in advance.

Speaker Presentation Requirements

Speakers are asked to provide a copy of your presentation prior to your assigned time. Each presentation should be provided to Mike Arnold prior to your arrival. At the very latest, presentation should be provided to the monitor assigned to your speaker room on the morning of your presentation. Should you require any equipment other than the laptop and projector assigned to each room, please notify Mike Arnold one week prior to your arrival.

Weather and Attire

West Virginia weather in April is generally warm but unpredictable. An average day will see temperatures range between 38 and 65 degrees. If you are prepared for wet snow and temperatures in the 80s, you should have it covered.

Tour

Participants are invited to ride a bus to the Appalachian Fruit Research Station (USDA/ARS) in Kearneysville, WV. This tour will likely involve walking outside and you should be prepared with a rain coat and comfortable shoes.

Guests

If you are travelling with a guest and they will be joining us for meals and the tour, please contact Mike Arnold for guest pricing and registration.

Door Prizes

If you would like to donate a door prize representing your state or agency or a fun item to share, we will be collecting door prizes at the registration desk.

Contact Information

For further information, contact Mike Arnold (304) 558-2212 before the meeting, by cell phone at (304) 552-6138 or by email at marnold@wvda.us