



Welcome to the 94th Eastern Plant Board Meeting!

You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 Eastern Plant Board meeting being held April 8 —11 in Portland, Maine. 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. The meeting will provide program and pest updates from state and federal partners. There will be focus sessions on the CAPS program and the intersection of pest detection and cultural impacts.

“It Must Be Maine”, “The Way Life Should Be”, and “Maine: Vacationland.” Lighthouses, lobsters and surf crashing on the rocky shore—these are the enduring images that come to mind when people think of the classic Maine seacoast. In Greater Portland, you’ll experience the quintessential Maine coast, as well as an urban sophistication that’s creating quite a stir.

From ornate mansions to ocean views, this charming city - the largest in Maine - will enchant you. Saunter down the brick sidewalks and cobblestone streets of the revitalized Old Port District, where you can browse through bookstores, explore craft shops and eat to your heart's content. Visit the Portland Head Light, which dates back to 1791, and is the oldest lighthouse still in continuous use in the U.S. The great poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is the city's native son, and you can visit his childhood home, the Wadsworth-Longfellow House. All this and much more to see in our fair city.

Getting to Portland

The nearest major airport is Portland International Jetport (PWM). There are other airports in driving distance, including Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) (115 miles) and Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT) (99 miles).

Parking in Portland

Parking is free of charge for hotel guests.

Meeting Registration

Registration should be completed by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/94th-annual-eastern-plant-board-meeting-registration-52149036171> prior to March 18, 2019. Registration is \$350 per person if received by March 18th or \$400 after March 18th. Single day registration for April 9th is \$185, for April 10th is \$225, and for April 11th is \$135. Guest registration is \$155.

Meeting Agenda

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

Accommodations

A block of rooms is available at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. The hotel is located at 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine and is within walking distance of a variety of eating establishments. The cost of the room is **\$110/night** without taxes (**8%**). 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 must call 1-800-345-5050 and requesting the Eastern Plant Board block. ***Reservations should be made no later than March 18, 2019.***

Exhibit Displays

Participants are invited to bring displays, posters, or distribution items to share with the group. Please notify Gary Fish (gary.fish@maine.gov) 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 Gary Fish prior to your arrival. At the very latest, the 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 Gary Fish at least one week prior to your arrival.

Weather and Attire

Maine weather in April is generally cool and unpredictable. Rain or snow might occur, and warmer days are a possibility. On average temperatures range between 32 and 50 degrees. Prepare for wet snow and t-shirt weather.

Guests

Guest registration includes meals provided during the meeting.

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 Gary Fish by email at gary.fish@maine.gov.