



92ND ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 12-16, 2018

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ohio Department of Agriculture cordially invites you to attend and participate in the 2018 National Plant Board Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting will be held Sunday, August 12 through Thursday, August 16, 2018. The deadline for returning registration forms and payment is **July 9, 2018**. Please see the draft agenda for the planned program at: <http://nationalplantboard.org/npb-related-meetings/>

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is \$465 form AND payment is due by July 9, 2018, or \$485 after July 9, 2018.

Daily registration is available for \$185. Guest registration is \$200 (\$220 after July 9) and includes the Reception, Tour and box lunch, and Banquet functions.

For payment by check, please make checks payable to **"National Plant Board"**. Mail, FAX or e-mail completed registration forms to:

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Division of Plant Health
Attn: Melissa Bennett
8995 East Main Street
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Credit card payments will be accepted through the payment button (PayPal) provided on the **National Plant Board website:**
<http://nationalplantboard.org/npb-related-meetings/>

Group payments can be accepted through Electronic Funds Transfer.

Contact Melissa Bennett, (614) 728-6401 for additional information.

EXHIBITS

Limited exhibit space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please indicate your interest and needs (table, electricity, etc.) on the Exhibitor Form.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Downtown Cleveland. The hotel is very new, and features excellent amenities and beautiful views of the city and Lake Erie. There is a block of rooms being held at the federal per diem rate. This rate will be honored up to 3 days before or after the meeting. The room rate is \$141 per night plus 16.5% tax. Parking is an additional \$28 per day for self-parking and \$36 for valet.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP!

Room reservations can be made on-line through the following portal:

<https://aws.passkey.com/e/49398714>

Reservations can also be made by calling the Hilton Downtown Cleveland at (216) 413-5000 and requesting a reservation as an attendee of the National Plant Board meeting. **The room reservation deadline is July 20, 2018.** Early reservations are strongly encouraged. After July 20, 2018, any rooms available will be released, and room availability and rate is not guaranteed.

TRANSPORTATION

Cleveland Hopkins Airport is approximately 15 miles from the hotel. The Cleveland RTA train is an option, but involves a walk from Tower City to the hotel of about 10 minutes (.6 miles). There are also abundant ride sharing services and taxis that will range in price from \$20 - \$35. Rental cars are available at the airport; however keep in mind parking at the hotel is expensive.

MEALS

Full registration will include: a welcome reception on Sunday evening with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. A light breakfast buffet will be included Monday – Thursday. Plated lunches are included on Monday and Tuesday and a box lunch will be provided as part of the tour on Wednesday, followed by the banquet on Wednesday evening at Great Lakes Brewing Company.

Guest registration includes the Reception, Banquet, and box lunch on the tour.

Daily registration includes the meals and breaks offered on that day's program. Dinner on Monday and Tuesday nights and lunch on Thursday afternoon are opportunities to explore Cleveland's many excellent dining options on your own. Check out <http://www.thisiscleveland.com/> for additional dining options.

A couple different menu options will be available for each meal, including the box lunch on the tour, to suit varied tastes. Please be sure to indicate any dietary restrictions or special needs on the Registration Form. We will be following with an additional survey for your meal choices once the meeting gets closer.

FIELD TRIP

The tour plans are coming together, but not yet completely finalized. The trip will take place on Wednesday at lunch time. We will be boarding buses to Edgewater Park and providing box lunches to eat at the Shelter House. After spending some time there, we will be heading to a second location for a tour of a local business which highlights their agricultural, environmental, and conservation practices. More information on the tour will be forthcoming as it is finalized.

PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS

The following savings opportunities have been extended to National Plant Board meeting attendees to take advantage of to make the most of your experience in Cleveland: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: Using the logo below and the following link: ticketing.rockhall.com; and promo code "Plant95" at check out (hit submit to activate the code); adult general admission tickets can be purchased at the discount rate of \$18 (regularly \$26). Offer available online only. The code is valid from: August 6th- August 24th, 2018



Show Your Badge Program: The folks at Destination Cleveland have partnered with local restaurants, attractions, shopping venues, spas and sports & recreation organizations to provide exclusive discount offers through the Show Your Badge program. To participate, attendees simply show their conference badge when visiting our participating partners found at www.thisiscleveland.com/syb in order to receive their exclusive offer.

Destination Cleveland App: The Destination Cleveland app, is your personalized guide to Cleveland's must-see attractions, restaurants and events. Find your way around town and create your own experience. The app is available in the App Store and Google Play.

HOST CONTACTS

Please give us a call or an email with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland!

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