



Meat Matters

North Carolina Meat Processors, Inc.
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North Carolina Meat Processors, Inc. **72nd Annual Meeting**

Beaufort Hotel, 2440 Lennoxville Road, Beaufort, NC

July 17-19, 2026

Join fellow meat processors from across North Carolina for the 72nd Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Meat Processors Association at the beautiful waterfront Beaufort Hotel, located on North Carolina's renowned Crystal Coast.

Experience the perfect blend of professional development, networking, and coastal hospitality while enjoying one of the state's most charming and historic destinations. Nestled along Taylors Creek, the Beaufort Hotel offers breathtaking waterfront views, exceptional accommodations, and easy access to Beaufort's historic district, Crystal Coast beaches, Cape Lookout Lighthouse, Shackleford Banks, and the Rachel Carson Reserve. Named one of America's favorite small towns, Beaufort provides the perfect setting for this year's gathering of meat industry professionals.

The Beaufort Hotel features: Spacious guest rooms and suites ~ Complimentary wireless internet access ~ Mini refrigerator in every room ~ Fitness center ~ Seasonal outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool ~ Waterfront dining at 34° North Restaurant ~ Nearby marina, boat ramp, bicycle rentals, and golf cart rentals.

Education • Networking • Industry Connections

A comprehensive educational program is currently being finalized and will feature timely topics important to meat processors, industry suppliers, and business owners. Attendees will have ample opportunities to connect with colleagues, exchange ideas, and learn about the latest products and services from our exhibitors and sponsors.

The group block with special rates sold out.

Please call the NCMPA office if you need hotel accommodations. 828-465-4900

Bring the Whole Family!

Make plans now to enjoy a summer weekend on the Crystal Coast while participating in one of the meat industry's premier annual events. Whether you're attending for the education, networking, exhibitors, or simply to reconnect with friends and colleagues, the NCMPA Annual Meeting offers something for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you in Beaufort!



Tentative Meeting Agenda

Beaufort Hotel

Beaufort, NC

July 17-19, 2026

Friday, July 17, 2026

- 4:00 p.m. Hotel Check-In
- 6:00 Welcome Reception/Dinner/ Crystal Coast Lady
Meet at 600 Front Street, Beaufort, (parking is free after 5 p.m.)
Order tickets on Page 2
(Under 12 years free but must be counted to have a seat. All others must have a ticket)

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- 7:00-7:50 a.m. Meeting Registration
- 7:50-8:00 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, Recognize Sponsors
- 8:00-8:40 a.m. Lisa Benton, TA Manager & Matthew Walters, TA Coordinator in Eastern NC
NCDA Department Updates
- 8:40-9:10 a.m. NCDA Marketing Updates—Katie Williams, Marketing Specialist
Country Ham Competition at NC State Fair and Rendering Updates
- 9:00-9:35 a.m. NC State Department of Animal Science—Currey Nobles, Meat Science Educator
Internship Program and other Department Updates
- 9:35-9:55 a.m. - Exhibitor Introductions
- 9:55-10:10 a.m. **Break—Visit Exhibitors**
- 10:10-11:10 AAMP—Sam Gazdziak, Communications Manager
Media Management for the Meat Industry and AAMP Updates
- 11:05-12:00 p.m. LastLine Cyber, Inc., Josh Pribanic, President
What Does Cyber Security Look Like in the Age of AI?
- 12:00-12:15 NCMPA Membership Business Meeting
- 12:15-1:30 p.m. **Lunch with Exhibitors**
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Andrea Callendar, Harpley's Meat Packing & Processing
From Offal to Pet Food
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kerr, USA, Dr. Jonathan Campbell
Thermal Processing and Smoking/Preventative Maintenance
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Speaker: TBA
- 4:45 p.m. Reception/Cornhole Tournament Begins
- 5:30 Live Music
- 6:30–8:30 p.m. Dinner – Cookout

NCMPA 2026 Annual Meeting Sponsorship Contribution Form

Available Sponsorship Opportunities

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

<u> </u> SOLD <u> </u> \$1,500	Welcome Sponsor, Friday, July 17th
<u> </u> \$ 500	Meeting Breaks, Saturday, July 18th
<u> </u> \$1,200	Live Music, Saturday, July 18th
<u> </u> SOLD \$1,500	Bar at the Cookout: Saturday, July 18th
<u> </u> \$ 500	Raffle Prize Sponsor
<u> </u> SOLD \$ 500	Cornhole Tournament Sponsor
<u> </u> \$ 375	Individual Silver Sponsor (Recognition on meeting flyer and website)
<u> </u> \$ 500	Individual Gold Sponsor (Recognition on meeting flyer and website)
<u> </u> \$1,000	Individual Platinum Sponsor (Recognition on meeting flyer and website)

Yes! I want to support NCMPA as a meeting sponsor. My sponsorship level is indicated above and my check is enclosed. If using a credit card please complete information on page 2.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

 DO NOT PUBLISH MY CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

ASSOCIATE MEMBER SHOWCASE REGISTRATION

July 18, 2026



Beaufort Hotel, 2440 Lennoxville Road, Beaufort, NC

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Associate Members wishing to display table top exhibits will be provided a table and signage. Any additional audio/visual requirements, electrical needs or special preparations will be billed at resort rates.

The \$475 registration fee includes...

One ticket per Vendor for exhibit space, lunch, and dinner.

Sponsorship of a special drawing to be held for visitors who meet with each vendor.

Guest tickets available for purchase separately on page 2.

2026 Associate Member Showcase Registration

July 18, 2026

COST PER TABLE: \$475

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Complete and return with \$475 registration fee by June 30, 2026.

Method of Payment: Check # _____

Make checks payable to NCMPA and return with this registration form to: **Post Office Box 1176, Conover, NC 28613**

Or for your convenience credit cards are accepted *(indicate your preference below)*

AMEX ___ Visa ___ MC ___ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

CSV Code (back of card) _____ Name on Card: _____

Billing Address for card Include Zip Code: _____

Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Be Creative!! We Need Your Help!!!

Raffle Items should have at least a \$50 value

Here is how it will work:

1 ticket	\$5.00	(\$5.00 each)
3 tickets	\$10.00 =	(\$3.33 each)
5 tickets	\$15.00 =	(\$3.00 each)
10 tickets	\$25.00 =	(2.50 each)
15 tickets	35.00 =	(2.33 each)
20 tickets	\$45.00 =	(2.25 each)
25 tickets	\$50.00 =	(2.00 each) and include ONE grand prize ticket



For each \$50 bundle purchased an individual will receive one GRAND PRIZE TICKET. You can buy as many \$50 bundles as you like.

Each Member is asked to prepare a gift basket valued between \$35-\$50. This is an effort to make the prizes very attractive and consistent in quality.

Below is some examples of baskets that can be made.

-Dog Lovers Basket

-Cat Lovers Basket

-Boy Basket

-Girl Basket

-Movie/Popcorn Basket

-Coffee Basket

-Wine and Wine Glass Basket

-Lottery ticket Frame (use a 8x10 picture frame and put different lottery tickets in it showing through the glass)

-Panthers or other Sports team Basket

-Baking Basket (cake mix, cupcake pan, icing, cookbook, baking needs, etc)

-Kitchen Basket (towels, maybe a rug, sponge etc.)

-Tickets to a game of some sort

-Restaurant gift cards (\$5 each for different places to pay for lunch)

-Game night group of games

-Beauty Basket (Shampoo, Conditioners, Spray etc)

-Food Basket (cookies, crackers, snacks)

-Candy Basket



In front of each of these items we have a bowl to put your tickets in. You will also have a bowl to place your grand prize ticket in. We draw one at a time for each grand prize. The grand prize can be won by only person.

Scenario: I purchase 25 tickets for \$50. I put my tickets scattered in various bowls for the baskets I am interested in. Let's say my ticket never gets drawn. I am still in for the GRAND PRIZE which is a bonus. I think this is a win - win. Everyone is in for the Grand Prizes.

Our goal is to get everyone to purchase \$50 or more. All ticket purchasers of the \$50 package are eligible for the Grand Prize.

Let's all pitch in and make this an outstanding fundraiser for the North Carolina Meat Processors!!!



NORTH CAROLINA
MEAT PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

We hereby make application for membership in the North Carolina Meat Processors Association Inc., a non-profit corporation established to promote and improve the meat processing industry.

We agree to pay annual dues as determined by the board of directors, and to pay any assessment that may be approved by the board of directors, understanding that this is necessary in order to keep our membership in good standing.

(Note: Assessments are made only when an unusual circumstance presents itself, such as conducting a legislative campaign to combat a bill that would adversely affect the meat industry.)

All dues are used, at the direction of the board of directors, for the benefit of the meat industry in the state of North Carolina.

In making application for membership, we pledge to support NCMPA in its endeavors and activities and will actively participate in its program, aims and goals.

Company Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ FAX Number _____ Email: _____

Principals of company (name and title) _____

Recommended by _____

NEW PROCESSOR MEMBERS

We manufacture or process at least 50 percent of the products we sell and are eligible for active membership, checked below:

_____ **NEW PROCESSOR MEMBER FOR 2026-2027 SPECIAL RATE \$200 ANNUAL DUES**

_____ We employ 10 or fewer people and pay \$360 annual dues.

_____ We employ 11 to 24 people and pay \$475 annual dues.

_____ We employ 25 or more people and pay \$550 annual dues.

ASSOCIATE DUES

_____ We work with and are interested in the meat industry and pay \$425 annual dues.

JOHN W. LONG SCHLARSHIP DONATION

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

Dues are payable in advance for the August 1-July 31 dues period. Payment of processor member dues to NCMPA is based on a company's number of employees. Each member is trusted to determine his own payment figure and to pay accordingly, on his/her honor and representing the honor of his/her company.

Signature(required)

Date

Contributions or gifts to NCMPA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income purposes; however, dues payments may be deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

Make check payable to NCMPA; mail to P.O. Box 1176, Conover, NC 28613

VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER CARDS are accepted: ACCT # _____

EXP DATE _____ Billing zip code for card _____ Security Code _____ Amount to be charged \$ _____

Approval Signature _____

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Beaufort, North Carolina

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Enclosed

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New Officers and Board members are always welcome!

If you are willing to serve please reach out to the NCMPA office to be considered by the nominating committee.

ncmpa@ncmpa.com

Or 828-465-4900