

**PROGRAM – 2026 WINTER CONFERENCE**  
**Louisville, Kentucky - February 12-15, 2026**

**Thursday, February 12, 2026**

Attendee Travel Day

2 – 5 pm	Registration Open	East Lobby
2 – 5pm	Exhibit Set Up	Lily
4:30 – 6:30 pm	President's Welcome Reception	Daisy
5 – 6:30 pm	Registration Open	Lily
Dinner on your own in Louisville		

**Friday, February 13, 2026**

7:30 – 9 am	Continental Breakfast Available	Violet
8 – 9 am	Fundraising Breakfast (Private Invite Only)	Liverpool
8 am – 12 pm	Registration Open	Lily
	Exhibits Open	Lily
9 am	General Session #1	Daisy
	Welcome, Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	
	<i>Greg Sikes, NPBPA President, presiding</i>	
	THEME: " <b>FROM SETBACK TO COMEBACK: THE POWER OF THE PEANUT INDUSTRY</b> "	
	Welcome to Louisville – Destiny Monyhan, Louisville Tourism	

**PANEL 1– FARM BILL and POLITICS**

- **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON**  
Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02), Chairman of House Energy & Commerce Committee
- **U.S. PEANUT FEDERATION – PEANUT POLICY UPDATE**  
Bob Redding, The Redding Firm
- **MANAGING CHANGE**  
Don Koehler, Senior Executive Director, Georgia Peanut Commission
- **POINT OF SUCCESS THE USDA PEANUT PROGRAM**  
Dana Wood, USDA

**PANEL 2- NEW BRANDING PROGRAM AND EXPORT PROMOTIONS**

- **DOMESTIC MARKET PROMOTIONS & TRENDS**  
Maria Mehok, National Peanut Board
- **EXPORTS & SUSTAINABILITY – AMERICAN PEANUT COUNCIL REPORTS**  
Luke Blaustein, CEO, American Peanut Council
- **UPDATE FROM THE PEANUT INSTITUE**  
Chris Chammoun, American Peanut Shellers Association/The Peanut Institute
- **GETTING TO KNOW NEW LEADERSHIP**  
Taylor Arnold, Georgia Peanut Commission

LUNCH, AFTERNOON & EVENING ON YOUR OWN

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

8 am – 12 pm	Registration & Exhibits Open	Lily
8 – 9:15AM	<b>Prayer Breakfast &amp; Awards</b> Speaker: Larry Cunningham, R.L. Cunningham & Sons Awards Presented: Impact & Distinguished Service	Waterford (Top Flor West Tower)
9:30 am	General Session #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>WECO PEANUT TEK MOISTURE MONITORING (Special Update)</b> Nick Lightfoot, Vice President, WECO Tek Moisture Monitor</li><li>• <b>AFLATOXIN MITIGATION AT THE BUYING POINT</b> Courtney Dorsett, Vice President Food Safety &amp; Sustainability, Premium Peanut</li><li>• <b>AFLATOXIN UPDATE ON PROJECTS</b> Marshall Lamb, National Peanut Research Lab</li></ul>	Daisy

**PANEL 2 - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON PEANUT GRADING**

- **FUTURE OF BUYING POINTS AND GRADING**  
Moderator: Clay Pirkle, Georgia Federal State Inspection Service
- **BUYING POINT MANAGERS**  
Amy Dixon, Dixon Peanut Co.  
Ron Dozier, Producers Peanut  
Joe Boddiford, Sylvania Peanut Co.

**PANEL 3 - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON GROWING ISSUES**

- **WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2026?**  
Dr. Scott Monfort, University of Georgia  
Dr. Mark Abney, University of Georgia

**LUNCH & AFTERNOON ON YOUR OWN**

4:00 – 6:30 PM	<b>GREAT CASH GIVEAWAY RECEPTION &amp; AUCTION</b> Great Cash Giveaway – Tyron Spearman, Auctioneer 250 tickets for \$150 each to be pre-drawn prior to the reception At 40 tickets, 10 auction tickets will be added Special Tickets in the final 50 get a Door Prize when drawn Auction tickets will be sold to the highest bidder <b>Reverse Raffle with 3rd place winning \$1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning \$2,500</b> <b>Final Ticket Drawn Wins \$10,000</b>	Waterford
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**DINNER ON YOUR OWN – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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