

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: "FROM SETBACK TO COMEBACK: THE POWER OF THE PEANUT INDUSTRY"		
Welcome to Louisville – Destiny Monahan, 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 INSTITUTE**
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 **Prayer Breakfast & Awards** Waterford (Top Flor West Tower)
Speaker: Larry Cunningham, R.L. Cunningham & Sons
Awards Presented: Impact & Distinguished Service

9:30 am General Session #2 Daisy

- **WECO PEANUT TEK MOISTURE MONITORING (Special Update)**
Nick Lightfoot, Vice President, WECO Tek Moisture Monitor
- **AFLATOXIN MITIGATION AT THE BUYING POINT**
Courtney Dorsett, Vice President Food Safety & Sustainability, Premium Peanut
- **AFLATOXIN UPDATE ON PROJECTS**
Marshall Lamb, National Peanut Research Lab

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 **GREAT CASH GIVEAWAY RECEPTION & AUCTION** Waterford
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
Reverse Raffle with 3rd place winning \$1,000, 2nd place winning \$2,500
Final Ticket Drawn Wins \$10,000

DINNER ON YOUR OWN – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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