



2026 AAFCO Midyear Meeting
New Orleans, LA
January 20-22
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Monday, January 19 th , 2026		
8:00-5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	
8:00-11:00 AM	AAFCO Board of Directors & Committee Chair Meeting	
1:00-5:00pm	AAFCO SRIS Ingredient Approval Workshop (Free to Attend)	

Tuesday, January 20 th , 2026		
7:00 AM	Registration Desk Open	
8:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions <i>Laura Scott, 2025 AAFCO President</i> Dr. Mike Strain, Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Michelle Ribera, Assistant Commissioner over Animal Health, LDAF	
9:00-10:15 AM	Business Meeting Session - An open session for AAFCO members to formally vote on recommendations from committees and the AAFCO Board of Directors.	
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break	
10:30-11:30 AM	Keynote Speaker: Michael Johnson, BSM Partners	
11:30-1:00 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
11:30-1:00 PM	FDA & AAFCO Investigator Lunch [Invite only]	
11:30-1:00 PM	AAFCO 101 - Lunch & Learn event for anyone new to an AAFCO meeting or any attendee that wants to know more about what AAFCO does and how to get involved.	
1:00-1:45 PM	Current Issues and Outreach Committee - An open session for AAFCO members, the regulated industry, and other interested partners to discuss new ideas, ongoing issues, and disseminate relevant information.	
1:45-2:15 PM	Coffee & Networking Session - An opportunity to connect and network with other attendees, as well as AAFCO Committee Chairs and other regulators	
2:15-4:45 PM	Ingredient Definition Committee - An open session for AAFCO members, the regulated industry,	



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	and other interested parties to develop and review AAFCO feed ingredient definitions.	
2:15-4:45 PM	Proficiency Testing Program Committee - An open session for AAFCO members, industry, and commercial feed laboratories to discuss the AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program, analytical methods, and current performance monitoring procedures.	
4:45 PM	Adjourn – General Session	
6:30-8:30 PM	President’s Welcome Reception - An evening dinner reception to kick-off the meeting, open to all attendees.	

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026		
7:00 AM	Registration Desk Open	
8:00-8:30 AM	Panel Discussion: TBD	
8:35-9:30AM	Animal Feed Committee - An open session for AAFCO members, the regulated industry, and other interested partners to discuss aspects related to feed labeling	
8:00-10:30 AM	Laboratory Methods and Services Committee - Open session for anyone interested in topics related to feed laboratory activities and information related to analytical methodology.	
9:35 – 10:30 AM	Inspection & Sampling Committee - Open session to discuss topics and procedures related to inspection and sampling, and to promote the uniform application of those procedures	
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Coffee Break	
10:45-12:00 PM	Model Bill & Regulations Committee - Open session for AAFCO members, the regulated industry, and all other interested parties to discuss the Model Bill and Regulations.	
10:45-12:00 PM	Laboratory Methods and Services Committee - Open session for anyone interested in topics related to feed laboratory activities and information related to analytical	



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	methodology.	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Finance Committee Lunch [Invite only]	
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Pet Food Committee - Open session for all parties to monitor, review, and recommend appropriate revisions to the AAFCO Official Publication as related to pet food and specialty pet food products.	
1:30-3:00 PM	Laboratory Methods and Services Committee Open session for anyone interested in topics related to feed laboratory activities and information related to analytical methodology.	
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Coffee Break	
3:00 PM	Adjourn – General Session	
3:15-5:00 PM	Enforcement Issues Committee (State regulator & FDA Only) A closed session meeting for states and FDA to discuss current trends or challenges in enforcement, and to promote and develop uniform enforcement policies and actions.	

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026		
8:00-9:30 AM	Education & Training Committee - Open session to discuss and identify education and training needs for regulators and the regulated industry.	
9:30-10:00 AM	Coffee Break	
10:00-11:30 AM	Strategic Affairs Committee - Open session to all, SAC provides advice and support to the AAFCO BOD regarding strategic direction, planning, tracking, and implementation of related Association activities.	
11:30 AM	Adjourn Meeting	
12:00-2:00 PM	AAFCO Board of Directors & Committee Chair Meeting	
1:00-5:00PM	AAFCO Investigations Workshop (Separate Registration)	



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