

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, Ja	nuary 20 th , 2026	
7:00 AM	Registration Desk Open	
8:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions Laura Scott, 2025 AAFCO President 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	- 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 21 st , 2026	
7:00 AM	Registration Desk Open	
8:00- 9:00AM	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.	
9:15 – 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. 	
9:45-12:00 PM	Laboratory Methods and Services Committee - Open session for anyone interested in topics related to feed laboratory activities and information related to analytical methodology.	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	



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12:00 – 1:30 PM	Finance Committee Lunch [Invite only]	
1:30 – 3:30 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.	
1:30-3:30 PM	Laboratory Methods and Services Committee Open session for anyone interested in topics related to feed laboratory activities and information related to analytical methodology.	
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Coffee Break	
3:30 PM	Adjourn – General Session	
3:45-5:00 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, Ja	Thursday, January 22 nd ,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)	