



AAFCO
Association of American Feed Control Officials
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2026 AAFCO Midyear Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana

January 20-22

(All times are Central Standard Time)

Monday, January 19th, 2026		
8:00–5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor
8:00–11:00 AM	AAFCO Board of Directors & Committee Chair Meeting	Salon F-H, 3rd floor
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	AFIA Meeting	Balcony J, 4th floor
1:00–5:00 PM	AAFCO SRIS Ingredient Approval Workshop (Free to Attend)	Bissonet, 3rd floor

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026		
7:00 AM - 4:45 PM	Registration Desk Open	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor
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	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
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.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
10:15–10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor
10:30–11:30 AM	Keynote Speaker Michael Johnson, BSM Partners	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
11:30 AM–1:00 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
11:30 AM–1:00 PM	FDA & AAFCO Investigator Lunch [Invite only]	Salon F-H, 3rd floor
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.	Bissonet, 3rd floor
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.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
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.	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor



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2:15–4:45 PM	Ingredient Definition Committee An open session for AAFCO members, the regulated industry, and other interested parties to develop and review AAFCO feed ingredient definitions.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
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.	Salon F-H, 3rd floor
4:45 PM	Adjourn – General Session	
6:30–8:30 PM	President’s Welcome Reception An evening reception to kick off the meeting, all attendees are encouraged to come!	Riverview, 41st floor

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026		
7:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Registration Desk Open	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor
8:00–9:00 AM	Animal Feed Committee An open session for AAFCO members, the regulated industry, and other interested partners to discuss aspects related to feed labeling.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
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.	Salon F-H, 3rd floor
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	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
10:30–10:45 AM	Coffee Break	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor
10:45 AM–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.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
10:45 AM–12:00 PM	Laboratory Methods and Services Committee (cont.)	Salon F-H, 3rd floor
12:00–1:30 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
12:00–1:30 PM	Finance Committee Lunch [Invite only]	Salon F-H, 3rd floor



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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.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
1:30 AM–3:30 PM	Laboratory Methods and Services Committee (cont.)	Salon F-H, 3rd floor
3:30–3:45 PM	Coffee Break	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor
3:30 PM	Adjourn – General Session	
3:45–5:00 PM	Enforcement Issues Committee <i>(State regulator & FDA Only)</i> 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.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor

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.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
9:30–10:00 AM	Coffee Break	Salon DE Foyer, 3rd floor
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.	Salon A-E, 3rd floor
11:30 AM	Adjourn Meeting	
1:00–5:00 PM	AAFCO Investigations Workshop <i>(Separate Registration)</i>	Bissonet, 3rd floor