



2026 AAFCO Feed Administrators Seminar Water's Edge Resort & Spa, CT

All meals, from Tuesday morning breakfast through dinner Thursday night, are included in the price of registration.

Monday, April 20, 2026

2:00-5:00 PM	Board of Directors & Committee Chair Meeting	Stannard Room
10:00 AM	Airport Transportation Begins	
8:00 PM	Airport Transportation Ends	

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

7:15 AM	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
8:00 AM	AAFCO Welcome, Board & FAS Subcommittee Introductions Dan King, Minnesota, AAFCO President Kate Nelson, Connecticut, FAS Subcommittee Rick Manthei, Minnesota, FAS Subcommittee	Royal Ballroom
8:10 AM	Welcome to Connecticut Bryan P. Hurlburt, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture	
8:30 AM	State Introductions/Roll Call <i>Attendee introductions, 3-5 min/state to introduce themselves and their feed program role(s).</i>	
9:15 AM	BREAK	Grand Ballroom
9:45 AM	The History of Animal Feed Regulations <i>A presentation on the moments in history that necessitated the need for feed regulations.</i> Kate Nelson, Connecticut	Royal Ballroom
10:15 AM	New AAFCO Leadership Insights <i>AAFCO direction, strategic plan, & future goals</i> Dan King, Minnesota, AAFCO President Austin Therrell, AAFCO Executive Director Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, AAFCO Secretary-Treasurer	
11:00 AM	NASDA Update Jennifer Roland	
11:45 AM	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1:00 PM	Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response & Radiological Preparedness <i>A presentation on emergency protocols and preparedness strategies that help safeguard public health and safety during a radiological incident followed by a Q&A.</i> Jeremy Coy, Connecticut Emergency Program Specialist CT DEEP Radiological Division	Royal Ballroom
2:30 PM	BREAK	Grand Ballroom
3:00 PM	FDA – General Updates <i>An overview on innovative feed ingredients and current federal initiatives impacting animal foods.</i> Charlotte Conway, FDA Dave Edwards, FDA	Royal Ballroom
4:00 PM	Failed Sample Results, Recall and Stop-Sale Procedures: Processes, Requirements, and Best Practices <i>State panel discussion</i>	

	Jo Lynn Otero, New Mexico Kate Nelson, Connecticut Blake Pickett, Alabama	
5:00 PM	Adjourn	
6:00 PM	Dinner	Grand Ballroom
Evening	Group activity <i>White Elephant Gift Exchange & Other Activities!</i>	Grand Ballroom

Wednesday, April 22, 2026		
7:15 AM	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
8:00 AM	FDA Inspection Updates – Division of Food Compliance <i>An overview of case development to support enforcement issues.</i> Nathan Moon, FDA Justin Henson, FDA Kevin Klommhaus, FDA	Royal Ballroom
9:00 AM	Break	Grand Ballroom
9:30 AM	Laboratory Turnaround Time: Challenges, Impacts, and Solutions <i>State panel discussion and presentation</i> Rebecca Moseley, Alabama Melissa Sutyla, Connecticut Bethany McAnulty, Tennessee	Royal Ballroom
10:30 AM	Case Studies in Feed Program Enforcement: Lessons Learned from Multiple Perspectives <i>A discussion on specific “wow” moments that regulatory officials experienced in their careers.</i> Kate Nelson, Connecticut Jamie Spencer, Kansas Rachelle Kennedy, California Rick Manthei, Minnesota	
11:30 AM	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
12:30 PM	Ruminant Animal Nutrition Research <i>Key Considerations in Evaluating Feed and Feed Additives in Ruminants</i> Elias Uddin, PhD Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut Department of Animal Science	Royal Ballroom
1:30 PM	FDA Audit Program: Benefits, Challenges, and Considerations <i>State panel discussion</i> Marissa Kost, North Carolina Danielle Borchert, Minnesota Kevin Klommhaus, FDA	
2:30 PM	“Get to Know the AAFCO Board of Directors” Interactive Group Activity	
3:00 PM	Break	Grand Ballroom
3:30 PM	AAFCO’s Virtual Assistant <i>A session that will introduce AAFCO’s Virtual Assistant (AVA) and demonstrate how regulators can leverage AVA as a tool to improve efficiency and accuracy in daily operations.</i> Katie Simpson, Indiana	Royal Ballroom
4:30 PM	Domestic Mutual Reliance Track <i>A group discussion on the current status and future direction of DMR.</i> Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Washington	



	Marissa Kost, North Carolina Kevin Klommhaus, FDA	
5:30 PM	Adjourn	
6:30 PM	Dinner	Grand Ballroom

Thursday, April 23, 2026		
7:15 AM	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
8:00 AM	Leadership in History <i>A presentation that examines how leadership principles demonstrated by Revolutionary War leaders parallel those used by inspectors today.</i> Kate Nelson, Connecticut	Royal Ballroom
8:30 AM	SWOT Analysis Activity Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Washington	
9:45 AM	BREAK	Grand Ballroom
10:00 AM	SWOT Analysis Activity (Cont'd) Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Washington	Royal Ballroom
10:45 AM	Handling Consumer Complaints and Lessons Learned <i>State panel discussion</i> Dan King, Minnesota Rachelle Kennedy, California Holly Jewell, South Carolina	
11:30 AM	Seminar Evaluations & Closing Thoughts FAS Subcommittee	
12:00 PM	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1:30 PM	Teambuilding Activity <i>Transportation for groups to different areas selected at time of registration.</i>	TBD
5:00 PM	Adjourn	Royal Ballroom
6:00 PM	Dinner	Grand Ballroom

Friday, April 24, 2026		
4:00 AM	Airport Transportation Begins	
3:00 PM	Airport Transportation Concludes	



**2026 Feed Administrator’s Seminar – Westbrook, Connecticut
Seminar Planning Sub-Committee**

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