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**
12:00 PM	**Airport Transportation Begins**
8:00 PM	**Airport Transportation Ends**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026	
7:15 AM	**Breakfast**
8:00 AM	**AAFCO Welcome, Board & FAS Subcommittee Introductions** Dan King, Minnesota, AAFCO President Kate Nelson, Connecticut, FAS Subcommittee Rick Manthei, Minnesota, FAS Subcommittee
8:10 AM	**Welcome to Connecticut** Bryan P. Hurlburt, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture
8:30 AM	**State Introductions/Roll Call** *Attendee introductions, 3-5 min/state to introduce themselves and their feed program role(s).*
9:15 AM	**BREAK**
9:45 AM	**The History of Animal Feed Regulations** *A presentation on the moments in history that necessitated the need for feed regulations.* Kate Nelson, Connecticut
10:15 AM	**New AAFCO Leadership Insights** *AAFCO direction, strategic plan, & future goals* Dan King, Minnesota, AAFCO President Austin Therrell, AAFCO Executive Director Bailey Whiten, Georgia, AAFCO President-Elect
11:00 AM	**NASDA Update** Jennifer Roland Joe Reardon (tentative)
11:45 PM	**Lunch**
1:00 PM	**Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response & Radiological Preparedness** *A presentation on emergency protocols and preparedness strategies that help safeguard public health and safety during a radiological incident followed by a Q&A.* Jeremy Coy, Connecticut Emergency Program Specialist
2:00 PM	**African Swine Fever and Screw Worm Cases (tentative)** *General overview/updates on* TBD
2:30 PM	**BREAK**
3:00 PM	**FDA – General Updates** *An overview on innovative feed ingredients and current federal initiatives impacting animal foods.* Charlotte Conway, FDA Dave Edwards, FDA

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4:00 PM	**Failed Sample Results, Recall and Stop-Sale Procedures: Processes, Requirements, and Best Practices** *State panel discussion* Kate Nelson, Connecticut
5:00 PM	**Adjourn**
6:00 PM	**Dinner**
Evening	**Group activity** TBD

Wednesday, April 22, 2026	
7:15 AM	**Breakfast**
8:00 AM	**Morning Icebreaker – Leaders in History** Kate Nelson, Connecticut
8:30 AM	**Domestic Mutual Reliance Track** *A group discussion on the current status and future direction of DMR.* Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Washington Marissa Kost, North Carolina Bailey Whiten, Georgia
9:30 AM	**BREAK**
10:00 AM	**CPR and Emergency Response in High-Stress Situations** *An interactive session that will engage participants in scenario-based learning to build confidence, improve decision-making, and reinforce best practices for delivering lifesaving care in high-stress situations.* Connecticut State Officers
11:30 AM	**FDA Audit Program: Benefits, Challenges, and Considerations** *State panel discussion* Marissa Kost, North Carolina Danielle Borchert, Minnesota FDA representative
12:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM	**"Get to Know the AAFCO Board of Directors" Interactive Group Activity** TBD
2:00 PM	**Non-AFRPS State Program Organization and Operations** *State panel discussion* TBD
3:00 PM	**BREAK**
3:30 PM	**AAFCO's Virtual Assistant** *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.* TBD
4:30 PM	**FDA Inspection Updates – Division of Food Compliance** *An overview of case development to support enforcement issues.* Nathan Moon, FDA Justin Henson, FDA Kevin Klommhaus, FDA
5:30 PM	**Adjourn**
6:30 PM	**Dinner**

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Thursday, April 23, 2026	
7:15 AM	**Breakfast**
8:00 AM	**Morning Icebreaker**
8:30 AM	**Case Studies in Feed Program Enforcement: Lessons Learned from Multiple Perspectives** *A discussion on specific "wow" moments that regulatory officials experienced in their careers.* Kate Nelson, Connecticut
9:00 AM	**Laboratory Turnaround Time: Challenges, Impacts, and Solutions** *State panel discussion* TBD
9:45 AM	**BREAK**
10:00 AM	**Handling Consumer Complaints and Lessons Learned** *State panel discussion* TBD
10:30 AM	**SWOT Analysis Activity (tentative)** TBD
11:30 AM	**Seminar Evaluations & Closing Thoughts** FAS Subcommittee
12:00 PM	**Lunch**
1:00 PM	**Teambuilding Activity** *Transportation for groups to different areas selected at time of registration.*
5:00 PM	**Adjourn**
6:00 PM	**Dinner**

Friday, April 24, 2026	
11:00 AM	**Airport Transportation Begins**
5:00 PM	**Airport Transportation Concludes**

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2026 Feed Administrator's Seminar – Westbrook, Connecticut Seminar Planning Sub-Committee	
Lorey Bell-Grady, South Carolina Department of Agriculture	Rick Manthei, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Kate Nelson, CT Department of Agriculture	Bernadette Mundo, SC Department of Agriculture
Kristen Green, UKDRS, Registration Specialist	Daniel Zangari, CO Department of Agriculture
Melissa Sutyla, CT Department of Agriculture	Austin Therrell, AAFCO
Marissa Kost, NC Department of Ag. & Cons. Safety	Morgan Montgomery, FASS, Inc.
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