



# MACHINERY OVER MANPOWER

## 2024 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 2024

**6:30-9:30 am Hotel Buffet Breakfast**

**8 am Buses Depart Embassy Suites,**  
Plainfield, IN

**Tours:**

- This Old Farm
- This Old Butcher Shoppe
- St. Adrian Meats & Sausage
- Purdue University

**Demonstrations:**

•Whizard Knives	•Casings
•Smokehouse	•Stuffer & Linkers
•Hog Stunner and Scalding	•Patty Machine/Smashburger
•Dishwasher	•Portion Cutter

**9-10:00 am Kids Corner Open**

**10 am-2:00 pm Kids Trip to The Royal Theatre**

**5-7:00 pm Happy Hour Social (hotel)**

**6-11:00 pm Kids Activities at the Kids Corner**  
Supervision provided

**6-11:00 pm Pub & Grub Crawl** Depart Hotel Lobby

### FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 2024

**6:30-9:30 am Hotel Buffet Breakfast**

**8 am - 5:00 pm Registration Desk Open**

**7-9:00 am Cured Meat Show Registration**

**9:00 am - Noon Kids Corner Open / Swimming & Pizza**

**9:00 am Welcome & Educational Sessions**  
**An Innovative Look at Meat Packing Across the**  
**US & Production Lessons from the Field**  
David Zarling, NMPAN

**10:00 am Brine Solutions 101**  
Tom Katen and Bob Culler

**10:30 am Product Development, Innovation**  
**& Brainstorming**  
Ryan Cox, University of Minnesota

**11:15 am EPA / Wastewater Update**  
Chris Young, AAMP

**11:45 am Bull Session**

**11:45 am Supplier Lunch**

**12:15 pm Operator Lunch**

**12:30-3:00 pm Trade Show Open**

**1-3:00 pm Kids Activities at the Trade Show**

Games, Cookie Decorating & Snack Stick Judging

**3:15-4:00 pm Justifying the Cost of Equipment:**  
**ROI and Employee Welfare**

Mike Lorentz, Lorentz Meats

**4:15-5:00 pm Cured Meat Show Awards**

**5-5:30 pm Cured Meat Show Viewing**

**5-7:00 pm Happy Hour Social (hotel)**

**7-10:00 pm Evening Gathering**

•Buffet Dinner	•AAMP Update
•Kids Fun	•Scholarship Fundraiser

### SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 2024

**7-9:30 am Hotel Buffet Breakfast**

**8:00 am - Noon Registration Desk Open**

**9:00 am - Noon Kids Corner Open**

**9-9:30 am IMPPA Annual Meeting**

**IAMP Annual Meeting**

**9:30 am Supplier Meeting (Trade Show)**

**10 am - Noon Trade Show Open**

**10:00 am Kids Activities at the Trade Show**

Snack Stick Sculptures, Magic Show & Stem Activity

**Noon Lunch**

**1:00 pm Employee Engagement:**

**Setting up Processes That Work for All**  
David Zarling, NMPAN

**1:30 pm Award Winning Product Development**  
Ryan Cox, University of Minnesota

**2:00 pm Growing Pains**  
Mike Lorentz, Lorentz Meats

**2:30 pm Virtual Plant Tour**  
Tom Eickman, Eickman's Processing

**3:00 pm Grants & USDA Technical Service**  
Chris Roper, Flower Hill

**3:30-5:00 pm IAMP Board Meeting**

**3:30 pm ISDA, Indiana Grown, BOAH, IN Beef**

**5-7:00 pm Happy Hour Social (hotel)**

**7-11:00 pm Banquet**

•Buffet Dinner	•Kids Fun
•Awards	•Matt Poss Band