



# "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration"

## IAMP Convention: February 20-22, 2025; Effingham, IL

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:30 AM Bus Departs for Pre-Convention Tour  
Hartrich Meats, Ste. Marie  
Salt & Strings Butchery, Louisville  
Blair's Slaughtering & Processing, Louisville

3:15 PM IAMP Board Meeting

5-6:30 PM Convention Registration Open

5-6:30 PM Product Show Pre-registration

8-11 PM Hospitality at Holiday Inn Lobby

### Friday, February 21, 2025

7-9:00 am Breakfast Buffet (Ticket Req.)

7-8:30 am Product Show Registration  
Innovative Contest Registration

8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens

8:00 AM Welcome  
"AMSA Offering to Plant Members"  
Robert Maddock

8:30 AM "Smoking Fish"  
Scott Filbrant, Bob's Processing

9:00 AM "Regulatory Issues-More than Just Inspection"  
Chris Young, AAMP

9:30 AM "Succession Planning"  
A panel of four explain how they bought and sold their plant to family or an outside party.

10:15 AM Beverage Break

10:30 AM "Do More With Less (Equipment, People, Cost)"  
Tom Katen

11:00 AM Product Show Judging Begins

11:15 AM "Labor: How to Find & Keep Employees"  
A bull session about labor issues that everyone is facing.

Noon **IL Meat & Poultry Inspection Update**  
Dr. John O'Keefe, Bureau Chief, BMPI

12:30-1:30 pm Hot Buffet Lunch (Ticket Req.)

1:30 PM Exhibit Hall Opens

2:00 PM Kids' Choice Judging for Best Hot Dog

4-5:00 PM Social Hour at the Trade Show  
(free beer, wine and sodas on the trade show floor)

5:00 PM Registration Desk & Exhibit Hall Close

5-6:00 PM Product Show Viewing

### Friday, February 21, 2025 Cont.

6-11:00 PM "Dinner and Downtown Effingham"  
Bus transportation provided (5:45 pm start and run continuous) or drive on your own to the Village Wine where dinner will be served 6-7:30 pm. Afterwards, have fun at Gopher's Grill (games), Wandering Whistler Cafe (board game café/drinks), & Wheat Penny (Buffalo Room reserved with bartender) for a relaxed atmosphere.

### Saturday, February 22, 2025

7-9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet (Ticket Req.)

8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens

8:30 AM IAMP Annual Meeting

9:00 AM **AAMP Update** Chris Young, AAMP

9:30 am **How do I get my people to do what they are "supposed" to do?** Michele Monard, EOS

9:30 AM Exhibitor Meeting (Trade Show)

10:00 AM Exhibit Hall Opens

11:00 AM Kids' Snack Making Competition

11:30 AM Refreshments Served at the Trade Show

12:30 PM Best Trade Show Booth Award Announced

1:00 PM Exhibit Hall Closes

1:15 PM **Product Show Official Placings**  
Join product show judges to learn how they placed the top five products in three classes.

1:45 PM **Bacon and Flavored Bacon Processing Demo**  
Rick Leiding, Leiding's Meats & Catering  
Justin Earlywine, Arrow Farm Meats

2:30 PM Bourbon and Craft Beer Tasting

2:30 PM IAMP Board Meeting

4:00 PM Product Show Class Awards  
Kids Choice Award

5:30 - 11 PM Kids' Disney Party (painting, kid's meal, swimming, movie (includes supervision))

5:30 PM Cocktails

6:00 PM Banquet (Ticket Req.)  
\* Special Recognitions/Past President Recognition  
\* Innovative Beef & Pork Awards  
\* IL Pork Producers Association Best of Pork Award  
\* IL Beef Association Best of Beef Award  
\* Merlyn J. Eickman Best of Show Award  
\* Wieland "Willie" J. Kayser Product in Excellence  
\* U of I Sleeter Bull Award  
\* **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Giveaway**

Entertainment: **Trivia Night**