



2025 HIS – Western Chapter Annual Meeting

September 30- October 2, 2025

Springhill Suites Longmont

1470 Dry Creek Drive

Longmont, Colorado 80503

Monday, September 29, 2025

Travel Day

4:00pm-7:00 Registration, 1st floor meeting room, donate silent auction items

Dinner on your own

8:00pm - ? Hospitality Suite, 1st floor meeting room, donate silent auction items

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:30am-8:00 Breakfast provided by Hotel, Hotel lobby

7:00-8:00 Registration, 1st floor meeting room, donate silent auction items

8:00–8:30 Welcome and Introductions - Cheryl Smith, Host – Colorado Department of Agriculture

Commissioner of Agriculture, Kate Greenberg

Director of Plant Industries, Wondirad Gebru

WHIS Executive Committee

Colorado Staff

Out of town guests

- 8:30-8:45 Announcements and Mind Trap game, example and 1st puzzle
- 8:45-9:30 **Corn Earworm in Colorado update** – Melissa Schreiner, Extension Entomologist at Colorado State University, Tri-River Area, Mesa County
- 9:30-9:45 2nd Mind Trap puzzle, Break
- 9:45-10:30 **Phytophthora ramorum**, GCP, or Peach research update - **TBD**
- 10:30-10:45 **State reports** – North Dakota, New Mexico, Wyoming
- 10:45-11:00 3rd Mind trap puzzle, Break
- 11:00 11:45 **Bio-control**, John Kaltenbach, Colorado Department of Agriculture
- 11:45-12:00 **State reports-** Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Montana
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch break
- 1:00-1:45 **JB eradication updates** – CO, OR, WA, ID, UT, CA
- 1:45-2:00 **State reports** – Idaho, Washington, Oregon
- 2:00-2:15 4th Mind Trap puzzle, Break
- 2:15-2:45 **Peach update or GCP audit - TBD**
- 2:45-3:00 **State reports** – California, Hawaii, Alaska
- 3:00-3:15 5th Mind Trap puzzle, Break
- 3:15-4:00 **Preparing for and conducting Field Inspections** – CDA inspectors, Becky England, Cara Meyers, Audrey Beldon, CSU Extension – Melissa Franklin
- 4:00-4:30 **Certification and usage of Drones for Field inspections** – CDA inspector, Audrey Beldon, CSU Extension – Melissa Franklin
- 4:30 – 4:45 **Research Pesticide detection and Enforcement using Drones** – John Scott, Colorado Department of Agriculture
- 4:45-5:00 Mind Trap answers and Awards presented to winning team
- 5:00-6:00 Social hour – Hors d’oeuvres provided, Silent Auction open
- 6:00-8:00 dinner on your own
- 8:00 - ? Hospitality room open, 1st floor meeting room, silent auction open

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- 6:30am-7:45 Breakfast, Hotel Lobby
- 7:45-8:00 **Load Buses**
- 8:00-9:00 **Depart and Travel to CSU SPUR Campus**
- 9:00-11:45 **SPUR tour**, State reports if needed, Business meeting, Lunch
- 11:45-12:00 **Load Buses** and depart for DIA
- 12:00-1:00 **Travel to DIA**
- 1:00-3:00 **CBP Point of Entry tour**
- 3:30-4:30 **Return to Springhill Suites**
- 5:45-6:00 **Meet in Hotel Lobby and walk to Oscar Blues**
- 6:00-8:00 **WHIS Banquet**
- 8:00-? **Hospitality Suite open, Silent Auction**

Thursday, October 2, 2025

- 6:30am-7:45 **Breakfast Hotel Lobby**
- 7:45-8:00 **Load Buses and depart for NLGRP, Fort Collins**
- 8:00-9:00 **Travel to Ft. Collins**
- 9:00-11:00 **NLGRP tours**
- 11:00-12:45 **Walk to Trial gardens, Introduction, Tour and lunch**
- 12:45-1:00 **Load buses depart for Seed diagnostic lab**
- 1:15-2:15 **Tour CSU Seed diagnostic lab**
- 2:15-2:30 **Load buses travel to Gulley Greenhouse, GCP Audit training**
- 2:30-4:00 **GCP Audit Training at Gulley GHS**
- 4:00-5:00 Load buses and travel back to Springhill Suites
- 5:00-8:00 dinner on your own
- 8:00-? Hospitality Suite open, Silent auction ends

Friday, October 3, 2025

Travel Day – Thank you for joining us – Safe Travels!