



**2025 ANNUAL
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**CONFERENCE
JUNE 1-4, 2025**



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SATURDAY MAY 31, 2025

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
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SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION - PINEHURST BALLROOM
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	AFDOSS 2025 AEC WELCOME RECEPTION - ATRIUM PROMENADE

MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025

Location: Pinehurst Ballroom	
Moderator: Nate Wilson, KY Dept. for Public Health	
7:00 am - 8:00 am	REGISTRATION
8:00 am – 8:05 am	Call to Order & President’s Welcome – AFDOSS President Summer Williams
8:05 am - 8:15 am	South Carolina Welcome - Derek Underwood, Assistant Commissioner, South Carolina Department of Agriculture
8:15 am – 8:45 am	AFDO President’s Update – Angela Montalbano, New York State Department of Ag & Markets
8:45 am – 9:30 am	AI and Emerging Technology Use in Environmental Health – Cameron Garrison, HS Gov Tech
9:30 am – 10:00 am	BREAK (AUCTION AND EXHIBITOR TABLES OPEN)

Don't forget to visit the tables with auction items and see what's available this year!
All funds raised through the auction go to the AFDOSS Scholarship Fund.

Remember, “It’s for the kids!”

10:00 am – 11:00 am	Busting Food Myths - Dr. Paul Dawson, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Food, Nutrition and Packaging Sciences, Clemson University
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Microbiological Safety and Quality of Quail Eggs - Dr. Julie K. Northcutt, Ph.D., Professor and Interim Department Chair, Department of Food, Nutrition, & Packaging Sciences, Clemson University
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
Moderator: Kristin Collins, Wawa	
1:30 pm – 2:15pm	High-Path Avian Influenza: Current Status and Impact on Food Industry & Public Health - Dr. Julie Helm, DVM, dACVP, Poultry Programs Director, Clemson University Livestock and Poultry Health
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Developing Active Partnerships Between Regulators, Culinary Programs, and Retail Food Establishments - Joseph Bonaparte, Executive Director, International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach at Horry Georgetown Technical College
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	BREAK- SPONSORED BY INGLES
3:30 pm - 4:15pm	Restaurant Traceability Resources - Kate Piche, Sr. Director, Food Safety & Regulatory Compliance, National Restaurant Association
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Choosing a Qualified Laboratory - Brad Stawick, Senior Director, Research Institute AOAC International
5:00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS & DAILY ADJOURN
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	AFDOSS MEMBER RECEPTION - ATRIUM PROMENADE
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	HOLEMAN AWARDS BANQUET (INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION) FOLLOWED BY THE LIVE AUCTION! - PALMETTO CLUB

TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2025**Location: Pinehurst Ballroom****Moderator:** Chris Peasley, Georgia Department of Agriculture

8:00 am – 9:00 am	2024 Hurricane Season Response Challenges Panel - Joan Sims, Compliance and Response Manager, NC Dept. of Agriculture; Natalie Hobbs, Rapid Response Team Operations & Recall Coordinator, GA Dept. of Agriculture; Eyamba Sowers Scott, MSHSEM, RRT Coordinator, SC Dept. of Agriculture; Jessica Silver, Environmental Health Administrator, Buncombe County Health & Human Services
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Food Safety and Quality Considerations for Freeze Dried Food Products - Dr. Alexis Hamilton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Virginia Tech
10:00 am - 10:15 am	BREAK
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Thermal Processing Fundamentals - Dr. Scott Whiteside, Ph.D., Professor, Food, Nutrition & Packaging Sciences Department, Clemson University
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Mushrooms in the Food System: How Do We Approach a Food That Most of Us Don't Understand? - Ernie Wheeler, Founder of The Fungal Network Mushroom Farm and Mycology Lab
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	BUSINESS LUNCHEON (INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION) - PALMETTO CLUB
Moderator: Rachel Treadway, North Carolina Department of Agriculture	
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	AFDO Metrics Presentation - Steve Mandernach, Executive Director, AFDO
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAK
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	From Compliance to Culture: Enhancing Food Safety in the Industry - Francine L. Shaw and Matt Regusci, Co-Hosts, Don't Eat Poop! A Food Safety Podcast
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Design and Evaluation of Cold Fill Hold Process Applications for Acidified Foods - Melissa Wright, Associate Extension Specialist, Virginia Tech Dept. of Food Science and Technology
5:00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS & DAILY ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2025**Location: Pinehurst Ballroom****Moderator:** Michelle Haynes, Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation

8:00 am – 9:30 am	Understanding Hot and Cold Smoked Fish Processing and Safety - Eugene Evans, CFP, Supervising Food Inspector, New York State Dept of Agriculture and Markets
9:30 am - 10:15 am	BREAK
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Budgetary Impacts Roundtable: Standing Strong in Lean Times - <i>Moderated Open Discussion</i>
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	H5N1 in Dairy Cattle: Lasting Impacts? - Dr. Jamie Jonker, Ph. D., Chief Science Officer, National Milk Producers Federation
12:00 pm	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS & MEETING ADJOURN - AFDOSS PRESIDENT AMY ZIMMERMAN SAFE TRIP HOME TO EVERYONE! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR...

Thank you for attending the AFDOSS 2025 AEC!



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