



# 2024 CONVENTION

## MACHINERY OVER MANPOWER

### FEBRUARY 22 - 24, 2024

EMBASSY SUITES PLAINFIELD, IN

## QUICK LOOK

### THURSDAY:

- TOURS & DEMONSTRATIONS
- THIS OLD FARM
- THIS OLD BUTCHER SHOPPE
- ST. ADRIAN MEATS & SAUSAGE
- PURDUE UNIVERSITY
- PUB & GRUB CRAWL

### FRIDAY:

- CURED MEAT SHOW
- EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
- TRADE SHOW
- HAPPY HOUR

### SATURDAY:

- TRADE SHOW
- EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
- VIRTUAL PLANT TOUR
- EVENING BANQUET

## IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

The Indiana Meat Packers & Processors Association (IMPPA) along with the Illinois Association of Meat Processors (IAMP) will host a joint convention February 22-24, 2024 in Plainfield, Indiana. All members of IMPPA & IAMP are welcome to attend!

## THURSDAY WE START THE FUN

Thursday will be a blast with tours and demonstrations at This Old Farm (Colfax, IN), This Old Butcher Shoppe (Lafayette, IN), and St. Adrian Meats & Sausage (Lebanon, IN). The theme for this pre-convention workshop is, "Machinery Over Manpower." We will learn about efficiencies with dishwashers, Whizard Knives, stuffers, linkers, and natural casings at these venues.



## SAINT ADRIAN

meats & sausage 







We will also travel to Purdue University to tour the meat lab as well as learn about new technology in hog stunning, slaughter, and scalding. Portion cutters, smokehouses, patty machines (including smashburgers), double clippers, and fibrous and collagen casing applications will also be discussed. We will have a great time together doing a “Pub & Grub” crawl at three local breweries where dinner, drinks, and fun will be had!



# PUB & GRUB CRAWL



## HEY PARENTS

A babysitting crew will also be available, so the parents can enjoy the Thursday Pub & Grub Crawl!

## FRIDAY THE FUN KEEPS GOING

Friday's portion of the convention will include our annual cured meat show where all packers are encouraged to participate, compete against other meat packers throughout the states, but most of all, learn from the esteemed judges on ways to improve your products! Educational sessions from Dr. Ryan Cox from the University of Minnesota, David Zarling, Program Manager, Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network, and Mike Lorentz from Lorentz Meats in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, will cover a multitude of topics. We will also have a huge trade show full of stuffers, grinders, packaging & janitorial supplies, seasonings, hand tools, and so much more! Our evening will conclude with a happy hour, dinner, drinks, and fun.



### Educational Sessions



**Dr. Ryan Cox**  
University of Minnesota



**David Zarling**  
Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network



**Mike Lorentz**  
Lorentz Meats





## SATURDAY IS A FULL DAY OF EVENTS

Saturday will be another fantastic day as we will continue with time in the trade show, education from the ever popular "Bob & Tom Show," a virtual plant tour of AAMP President, Tom Eickman's plant, Eickman's Processing, as well as more education from Dr. Ryan Cox, David Zarling, Mike Lorentz, and our state offices.



Tom Katen



Bob Culler

Our evening banquet will be loads of fun! The Matt Poss Band will get us on our feet to dance the night away! Great camaraderie will be had by all in attendance!



## LITTLE MEAT PACKERS - ALWAYS WELCOME!



We don't want to forget our littlest meat packers! We have three days of fun lined up for them including a magic show, pizza & pool party, cookie decorating, clown program, ice cream, balloon twisting, caricature artist, face painting, a movie at the Royal Movie Theatre including popcorn & drinks, snack stick judging, and sculpture making... TO NAME A FEW!!

Parents, bring your little meat cutters and enjoy the fun events throughout the weekend. A babysitting crew will also be in attendance, so the parents can enjoy the Thursday Pub & Grub crawl!



## COME AND ENJOY THE EDUCATION AND THE FUN!

Please fill out the attached Convention Application and return the application and checks to the IMPPA office **by February 1, 2024.** IMPPA does not have the capability to run credit cards or electronic payments at this time.

**Book your hotel!** IMPPA & IAMP Members are getting special rates. Please look over the hotel information attached and get your rooms reserved by **January 21, 2024!**



**NOW IS THE TIME  
TO BOOK YOUR ROOM  
FOR A SPECIAL  
IMPPA / IAMP RATE**



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**HOTEL BOOKING  
INFORMATION**  
BY EMBASSY SUITES  
PLAINFIELD, IN



**• Relaxing Spaces**

- ✓ Free parking
- ✓ Free WiFi
- ✓ Non-smoking rooms
- ✓ Business center



**• Free Breakfast**

- ✓ Free made-to-order breakfast
- ✓ Complimentary evening reception
- ✓ On-site restaurant
- ✓ Pet-friendly rooms



**• Indoor Pool**

- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Airport shuttle

## Room Block booking Info

Room Blocks are for the nights of:  
February 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2024.

Your unique 3 letter group code is MPA.

Your link will expire and any rooms that haven't been claimed will be released on January 21st at 11:59 pm.

**\$172.00 +tax/night**

## BOOK NOW!

Click [HERE](#)

### Call or Scan Options

Guests can call  
1-800-EMBASSY  
(1-800-362-2779)  
to make reservations.

