

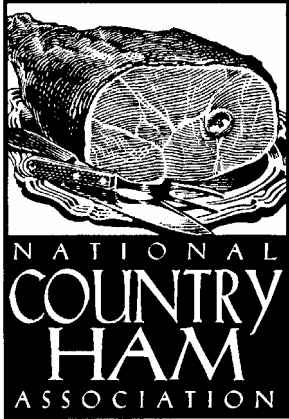
The Real Squeal

An Affiliate of The American Association of Meat Processors, Inc.

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January-March 2008

Taste the Tradition



National Country Ham Association 16th Annual Meeting

The officers and Board of Directors of NCHA are committed to making NCHA an active and successful organization. Keep in mind that the Association is not a part of any state University, nor is it a part of FSIS/USDA. The association is for each of you, whether you are processors, wholesalers, distributors, or retailers. The Association's purpose is to represent your viewpoint and to assist you in securing answers to the questions and problems you have in your daily country cured meats business.

If you are currently a member, GREAT! If not, NCHA's annual membership is a small investment to make, assisting you to continue in your survival and success in your cured-meats operation. When you, NCHA members, have contact with your fellow meat processors and suppliers, please pass along the enclosed membership application and encourage them to join YOUR association. Supplier members (associates) receive free advertisement space in "The Real Squeal", and as always feel free to contact the NCHA office for membership information to be forwarded to any prospective members.

We are excited about our upcoming meeting in Lexington, Kentucky on April 4-6, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency at Lexington Center. It is our intent to provide you with an informative array of speakers, topics, and activities at a very reasonable fee. Education is truly a life-long process; and as owners and managers, being informed becomes more critical each year. An added benefit will be the enjoyable fellowship with people in similar businesses. If you have never attended or seldom attend our meetings, I encourage you to be present April 4-6, 2008. It will be money well invested. Don't forget to bring your spouse. Spouse's can enjoy the Bluegrass regions attractions and a relaxing weekend. I look forward to seeing each of you in Lexington on April 4th.

Additional rules forms for the Country Ham competition are available at the NCHA office. Please request your copy if needed.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please complete a separate form for each registrant - photocopies acceptable)

Full Name _____

(to appear on namebadge) First

Middle

Last

Company _____**Address** _____**City/State/Zip** _____**Phone#** _____**Fax#** _____**Email:** _____**Spouse/Guest** _____

(to appear on namebadge) First

Middle

Last

Child (please list each name followed by age) _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Registration Fees</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Amount Enclosed</u>
Friday Reception (includes open bar)	\$60 per person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$26 per person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Meeting <i>(includes lunch)</i>	\$75 per person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Afternoon & Evening: Keeneland Race Course & Dinner At Holly Hill Inn	\$35 per person	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED			\$ _____

Please make hotel reservations by March 14, 2008 to ensure the guaranteed group rate.

If you have any questions, please contact Candace Cansler at the NCHA office at (828)466-2770.
Make checks payable to: NCHA and mail with registration form to:

National Country Ham Association, Post Office Box 948, Conover, NC 28613
Email: eatham@countryham.org

National Country Ham Association
Hyatt Regency at Lexington Center
401 West High Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507
Tentative Agenda
April 4-6, 2008

Sleeping room reservations may be made by calling **800-233-1234** or the hotel directly at **859-253-1234** and reference our group: National Country Ham. Room reservations must be made by **March 14, 2008**. The hotel room rate for the group is \$119 per night.

THURSDAY, April 3, 2008 Attendees check in hotel

FRIDAY, April 4, 2008

12:00 pm LUNCH (provided for Board members) (at the UKY Goodbarn)

12:00 pm Register Hams for competition (at the UKY Goodbarn)
(Hams for the competition must be onsite by 1 p.m.)

12:30 pm ***Board of Directors Meeting*** (at the UKY Goodbarn)

2:00 pm Break

4:00 pm Meeting ends

Hotel Check-In

6:00 pm ***Welcome Reception*** (at Hotel)

Dinner on Your Own

SATURDAY, April 5, 2008

7:00 am Country Ham breakfast (at hotel)

8:00 am ***Exhibitors Setup*** (at the UKY Goodbarn)

8:00 am Welcome

8:05 am Meeting (at the UKY Goodbarn) ***Annual Membership Meeting***

8:30 am ***“Hands on Workshop/Adding Value to Your Operation”***

Led by: Dr. Greg Rentfrow (UKY), Dr. Dana Hanson (NCSU) & Dr. Benji Mikel (MSU)

12:15 pm LUNCH (SPONSORED BY EXHIBITORS) (at the UKY Goodbarn)

1:15 pm Depart for Keeneland Race Course (complimentary UKY Transportation)

6:00 pm Dinner: Holly Hill Inn, Midway, Kentucky

Return to hotel

Make your hotel reservations NOW
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 401 West High Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507
 April 4-6, 2008

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Lexington Information

<http://www.visitlex.com/toptenlist.html>

The *Bluegrass Region* "Top Ten List"

1. See over 50 breeds of horses at the [Kentucky Horse Park](#).
2. Try your luck at [Keeneland Race Course](#) during a race meet, or tour the grounds year round.
3. Meet our four-footed celebrities in their own homes on a [Horse Farm Tour](#).
4. Indulge in delightful [Dining](#) at one of our world-class, independently owned restaurants.
5. Visit four period [Historic Homes](#) of the area's most famous citizens.
6. Wander through the restored [Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill](#), the largest in the U.S.
7. Discover world-class [Shopping](#) in the heart of the Bluegrass.
8. Celebrate the living history of Kentucky Bourbon at four historic distilleries: [The Woodford Reserve Distillery](#), [Buffalo Trace](#), [Four Roses](#) and [Wild Turkey](#).
9. Explore the scenic beauty of horse farm country with the **Bluegrass Country Driving Tour***. Call **1-800-845-3959** and we'll mail you our most popular map.
10. Enjoy shops, galleries, restaurants and historic sights in historic [Downtown Lexington](#).

For a complete listing of Lexington and Bluegrass Region attractions



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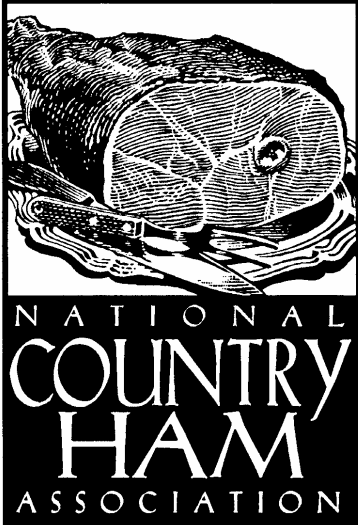
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ASSOCIATE MEMBER SHOWCASE

Taste the Tradition



REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, April 5, 2008

University of Kentucky Goodbarn
N- 3 Ag Science North, Lexington, KY 40506

Associate Members wishing to display table top exhibits will be provided a table and signage. The tables will be located adjacent to the main meeting room. Any additional audio/visual requirements, electrical needs or special preparations will be billed at hotel rates. Confirmation and exhibition information will be forwarded upon receipt of registration.

NCHA Member Showcase Registration Fee: \$150.

Non-members Showcase Registration Fee: \$300.

2008 Associate Member Showcase Registration
SATURDAY, April 5, 2008

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Showcase Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Complete and mail or fax to:
NCHA, P.O. Box 948, Conover, NC 28613

Registration Deadline: March 14, 2008

Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

*Please see enclosed agenda for Exhibit setup and visit times.
For further information contact NCHA: phone or fax (828)466-2770
Email: eatham@countryham.org*

Join Us....

You Must Reserve Your Space Now

National Country Ham Association

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Group will depart the UKY Goodbarn at 1:15 p.m. Transportation compliments of University of Kentucky.



KEENELAND 

General Admission will allow us to enjoy Keeneland's live racing. It does not include seating or dining options. Some benches are available on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$3.00. We will pay individually when we get there.

We will depart Keeneland Race Course and travel via UKY transportation to Midway, Kentucky for dinner at Holly Hill Inn. Dinner is reserved for 6 p.m. and \$35 will cover the cost of any menu item you choose. We must pay as a group, so please include your \$35 dinner fee with your meeting registration.



426 North Winter Street, Midway, KY 40347

***This Form Must Reach the
NCHA office by March 21, 2008***

Full Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone# _____ **Email** _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Dinner Reservations with payment must be made at the NCHA office by **March 21, 2008.**

(This cost is in addition to your meeting registration.)

Candace Cansler, Executive Director
NCHA, Post Office Box 948, Conover, NC 28613
800-820-4426: email: eatham@countryham.org

*****Children under 12 are welcome and may order from the children's menu upon arrival at the Restaurant.***

"For a true food experience, it's Holly Hill Inn. You always know that with Ouita in the kitchen, you will get a beautiful meal of creative, fresh, local products peppered with a lot of love."

- Debbie Long, owner of Dudley's and Buddy's Bar and Grill in Lexington, as quoted in the Lexington Herald-Leader, March 4, 2007



**NATIONAL COUNTRY HAM ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

We hereby make application for membership in the National Country Ham Association Inc., a non-profit corporation established to promote and improve the Country Ham Industry across the nation.

We agree to pay annual dues as determined by the board of directors, and to pay quarterly check-off dues as approved by the board of directors. (**Note:** Check-off dues for Processor Members is further explained below).

All dues are used, at the direction of the board of directors, for the benefit of the Country Ham industry across the nation.

In making application for membership, we pledge to support NCHA in its endeavors and activities and will actively participate in its' programs, aims, and goals.

Company Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ FAX Number _____

Website Address: _____ e-mail: _____

Principals of company (name and title) _____

Recommended by _____

Brief description of your companies activities: (to be published in NCHA Membership Directory) _____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

___ **\$100 Processor Member** (Membership dues are due each year on October 1)

_____ **Number of hams cured per year. Used to determine quarterly check-off dues.**
 (Held in strictest confidence.) Processor members also pay check - off dues in the amount of \$.0125 per ham. Minimum check-off is \$250 per year and maximum is \$6,250 per year. Check-off dues are billed quarterly. To determine your check-off dues calculate the number of hams cured in the past year; e.g. 50,000 hams cured multiply \$.0125 equals \$625. \$625 divided by four quarterly invoices equals \$156.25 due each quarter. \$625 check-off dues plus \$100 annual dues equals total dues of \$725 per year if you cure 50,000 hams annually.

___ **\$300 Processor Member:** No curing: Further Processor only (Membership dues are due each year on Oct. 1)

___ **\$150 Associate Member**(Vendor)(Membership dues are due each year on October 1)

Signature(required)

Date

Make check payable to NCHA; mail to P.O. Box 948, Conover, NC 28613

**NATIONAL COUNTRY HAM
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Conover, NC 28613

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**NGHA's Annual Meeting
April 4-April 6, 2008**

*Promotion, development, and improvement of the
business of country ham curers, and to encourage the
sale and use of country cured meats through co-operative
methods of production, promotion, education,
advertisement, and trade shows are primary goals of the
National Country Ham Association.*

**National Country Ham Association, Inc.
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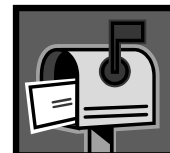
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