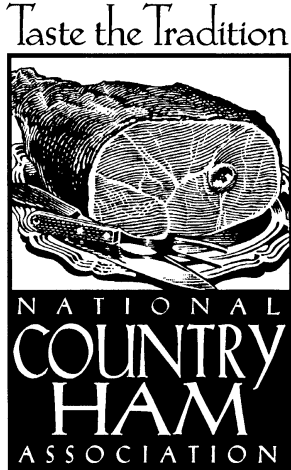


The Real Squeal

An Affiliate of The American Association of Meat Processors



National Country Ham Association 26th Annual Meeting

Www.COUNTRYHAM.ORG

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the new and improved NCHA Website. Take a few minutes to take a look and let me know if you have any ideas you would like incorporated. Countryham.org

We are working on creating a presence on Facebook and need your help. These things may be used on the NCHA website and or Facebook page. The new website will eventually be a tool for members and consumers.

Here is what we need:

- Pictures of country ham and or any dry cured products you sell
- I can post Facebook specials for your business.
- Lots and Lots and Lots of recipes. Great material for consumers.
- Pictures of Recipes
- Keep sending materials. If what you send is not used right away it will be used at a later time.

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

USDA On July 17, 2017, USDA published a request for information, Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives, in pursuant with Executive Order 13777-Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda. USDA is requesting ideas from the public on how to provide better customer service and remove unintended barriers to participation in our programs in ways that least interfere with our customers and allow us to accomplish our mission. USDA is asking for public ideas on regulations, guidance documents, or any other policy documents that are in need of reform, for example, ideas to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal those items.

Comments and information are requested on or before July 17, 2018. USDA will review comments in four batches over a one-year period. **The cut-off period for comments for the last batch is July 17, 2018.**

Comments can be submitted the following two ways:

You may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: www.regulations.gov.

Submission of comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier: paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to Office of Budget and Program Analysis, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 101-A, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, D.C. 20250.

For proper delivery, in your comment specify "Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives." For more information, please click [here](#).

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EVENT 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>
4.19 Grand Ole Opry Tickets(tickets will be ordered in there is interest)		_____	
4.20 Board of Directors Meeting	No Charge	_____	
4.20 Friday Welcome Reception <i>(includes open bar)</i>	No Charge	_____	
4.20 Friday Dinner as a group	(dutch treat)	_____	
4.21 Exhibitors Tabletop Fee	\$250 per exhibit	_____	\$ _____
4.21 Seminar Cost	\$200 per person	_____	\$ _____
4.30 Lunch at Hotel	sponsored by exhibitors	_____	

TOTAL PLEASE PAY IN FULL BY April 5, 2018 \$ _____

In order to reserve appropriate space please indicate your attendance plans for each event!

Holston House, 118 7th Avenue North, Nashville, TN

Reserve Hotel Rooms by calling 615-392-1234 before March 26th

The group rate is \$249 mention the National Country Ham Association

or use this convenient booking link: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/CountryHam2018>

Method of Payment: Check # _____ Make checks for sponsorship and meeting registration payable to NCHA and return with this registration form to: **Post Office Box 948, Conover, NC 28613**

Or for your convenience credit cards are accepted **(indicate your preference below) Fax to 828-466-2770**

Visa ___ MC ___ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Security Code (back of card) _____ Name on Card: _____

Billing Address for card Include Zip Code: _____

National Country Ham Association
Tentative Agenda
April 19-22, 2018

Holston House
118 7th Avenue North, Nashville, TN

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman – Gatlin Brothers/-other artists will be added as they are confirmed. Group tickets will be purchased if enough interest.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
 5:00 pm Welcome Reception
 6:30 pm Location TBA
 Dinner and or Entertainment as a Group
 (Dutch Treat)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 am Breakfast at the hotel
 8:00 Exhibitors Setup
 8:00 **Register hams for competition**
 (Hams for the competition must be onsite by 8 a.m.)
 10:00 Welcome
 10:05 Alan Crouch, Executive VP HUB International
What Kind of Insurance Coverage You Need
 11:00 Tony Snow – Goodnight Brothers
Will Millennials Eat Country Ham? Brand Recognition Value – How Hashtags and Likes Count
 11:30 Dr. Greg Rentfrow, UKY
Elimination of Trichina Control Regulation and your HACCP Plan
 12:15 pm LUNCH (SPONSORED BY EXHIBITORS)
 1:15 Dr. Wes Schilling – **Topic-TBA**
1:40 Dr. Benji Mikel– Clean Labeling
 2:00 Dr. Travis Tennant
Panel of Chefs
 2:45 Ham Awards and Annual Membership Meeting

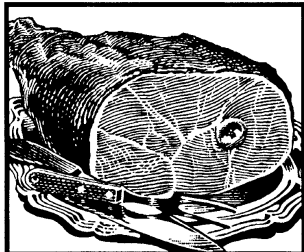
Local Tours—Nashville is a walk friendly town. Have a safe trip home.



**2017—National Country Ham
 Plant Tour Spain**

ASSOCIATE MEMBER SHOWCASE

Taste the Tradition



REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, April 21st, 2018

Holston House
118 7th Avenue North
Nashville, TN

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: \$250.
Non-members Showcase Registration Fee: \$400.

2018 Associate Member Showcase Registration

SATURDAY, April 21, 2018

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Showcase Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____ (see credit card payment information on page 2)

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

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2018

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

Please see enclosed agenda for Exhibit setup and visit times.



**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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Email: eatham@countryham.org



**NGHA's Annual Meeting
April 20-April 22, 2018**

*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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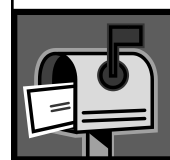
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S. Wallace Edwards & Sons, Inc.

Alan Crouch

HUB International SE



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are in your
mailbox now!**