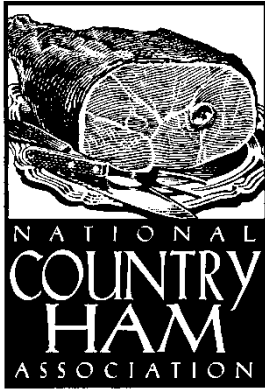


Taste the Tradition



## National Country Ham Association, Inc.

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February 11, 2025

### Invitation to Join NCHA - Country Ham Suppliers & Processors Enhance Your Connection with the Industry

We are excited to invite you to join the industry and processor members of the National Country Ham Association (NCHA) using the attached membership application. Our members have indicated that the actual value of our association lies in the connections established with land grant universities, the influence within academic and governmental circles as needed, our networking opportunities, and our annual meeting.

#### Benefits of NCHA Membership

- Knowledge through Academia and Fellow Processors
- Annual Convention
- Assistance with Inspection Problem Solving
- Industry Specific Supplier Information
- Promotion of Country Ham through Media Outlets
- [www.countryham.org](http://www.countryham.org) and Facebook

Specific Country Ham News Delivered to Your Email as It Becomes Available

#### The History and Future of NCHA

As you know, the Country Ham Association (NCHA) was formed in 1992—yes, that’s right, 33 years ago! The founders established NCHA to represent the interests of Country Ham Producers nationwide. Membership has always included processors, suppliers, and academia.

Many things have changed in the past 33 years, including Country Ham companies' closure, change, or consolidation. The NCHA Board of Directors is considering ways to pave the way to the future for NCHA and its members. Your participation and membership will add value to you and our existing members. We are eager to welcome you to our association and work together to advance the Country Ham industry.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve the NCHA. We look forward to working together in the upcoming year. I hope you are all doing well and off to a great start for 2025!

Best regards,  
Candace Cansler, Executive Director  
National Country Ham Association

<b>EVENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION</b>
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*(Please complete a separate form for each registrant - photocopies acceptable)*

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

(to appear on name badge)      First                      Middle                      Last

**Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

(to appear on name badge)      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>
4.23    Welcome Reception at Hotel		_____	
4.24    Burger's Plant Tour		_____	
4.24    Lunch after Burger's Plant Tour		_____	
4.24 <b>Local Tours (TBA)</b>		_____	\$ _____
4.18 <b>Dinner as a group</b> <b>(Dutch treat)</b> <i>(must RSVP for accurate headcount)</i>		_____	
4.19    Friday Meeting (morning)		_____	
4.19 <b>Friday Board Meeting,</b>		_____	
4.19 <b>Seminar Cost</b> <b>\$275 per person</b>		_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL PLEASE PAY IN FULL BY April 10, 2025</b>			\$ _____

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

**Burger's Smokehouse, 32819 Hwy 87 South, California, MO 65018**

**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) email to candacecansler@charter.net**

Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Billing Address for card Include Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

# National Country Ham Association Tentative Agenda April 23-25, 2025

**National Country Ham Association.  
33rd Annual Meeting  
REGISTER TODAY**

**April 24-25, 2025**

**Courtyard by Marriott  
610 Bolivar St, Jefferson City, MO 65101**

**Group Rate/Block - \$164 + tax cut off March 24  
Daily Parking Fees will apply**

**[Book your group rate for Burgers' Smokehouse](#)**

## **Tentative Agenda**

### **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception at the hotel – Open Bar and Appetizers

### **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

Carpool – about 25 minutes to Burgers

8:30 a.m. Pre-Tour (Summer Kitchen, Farm House, Visitors Center, Brief Company History)

9:15 a.m. Breakfast at Burgers' Smokehouse sponsored by Burger Specialty Foods  
32819 Hwy 87 South  
California, Missouri 65018  
(800) 552-3190

10:30 a.m. Plant Tour – Burgers' Smokehouse

12:30 p.m. – Lunch @ The Grind (Local coffee shop, great food!) 5 min drive

2:00 p.m. – Local Tours /TBD/

6:00 p.m. Group Dinner/Dutch Treat @ Lake of the Ozarks – 45-minute drive  
Baxters Lakeside Grill

### **Friday, April 25, 2025**

**Room at hotel Collaboration Room**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Speakers/Exhibitors/Vendor Presentations

- University of Missouri personnel
- Brad McCord – Experience with 4-H Country Ham Judging
- State Fair Discussions – Best Practices, Engagement – Dr. Gregg Rentfrow
- Dr. Wes Schilling – MS State University
- Nutritional Labeling Updates
- Culinary Discussion
- Other ideas?

10:00 a.m. Board Meeting and Roundtable for National Country Ham Association

11:00 a.m. Friday afternoon optional Local tours on your own (1 p.m. Penitentiary tour)

Have a safe trip home!



2025—National Country Ham



**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.

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**

- \_\_\_ \$800 **Processor Member** (Membership dues are due each year on October 1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of hams cured per year. Used to determine industry size.**
- \_\_\_ \$400 **Associate Member**(Vendor)(Membership dues are due each year on October 1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature(required) Date

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



# NCHA 2025 Annual Meeting

## Sponsorship Contribution Form Available Sponsorship Opportunities

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\_\_\_\_\_ \$600      Reception April 23rd

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500      Lunch April 24th

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250      Coffee/Break Friday, April 25th

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250      Meeting Sponsor

*Yes! I want to support NCHA as a meeting sponsor. My sponsorship level is indicated above and my check is enclosed.*

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