2008 National Conference on Feral Hogs Agenda

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Sunday, April 13

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Registration

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  Social

Monday, April 14

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.  Introduction and Welcome

9:10 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.  Mapping the Distribution of Feral Swine in the United States, 1982 – 2008
Dr. Joseph L. Corn, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

9:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  2008 Louisiana Feral Hog Surveys Reveal Frustrated Landowners and Besieged Biologists
Michael D. Kaller, School of Renewable Natural Resources, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  Home Range and Habitat Use of Feral Pigs (sus scrofa) on Lowndes County WMA, Alabama
Wesson D. Gaston, USDA-Wildlife Services, Auburn, Alabama

10:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.  Feral Swine in Michigan
Kristine Brown, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

11:05 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Stopping the Spread of Feral Hogs: Can Australian Research Assist?
Steven Lapidge, Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, Unley, South Australia
Monday, April 14 (continued)

11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.  The Future of Wild Pig Research: Where Do We Need to Go From Here?
Moderator - John J. Mayer
Panel Members - Tyler A. Campbell, Stephen S. Ditchkoff, and Billy Higginbotham

11:55 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.  Abating Feral Hog Damage to Agricultural Enterprises: A Texas Pilot Study
Billy Higginbotham, Ph.D., Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Overton, Texas

1:40 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.  Wild Pig Attacks on Humans
John J. Mayer, Savannah River National Laboratory
Washington Savannah River Company, Aiken, South Carolina

2:05 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Military Technology Adapted to Feral Hog Control in Southwest Georgia
Master Sergeant Rod Pinkston, Fort Benning, Georgia

2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.  Feral Hog Issues and Control in Australia
Steven Lapidge, Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, Unley, South Australia

2:55 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.  Break

3:10 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.  Iowa Report: Eradication, Legislation, and Progress
Angi Bruce, Southwest District Wildlife Supervisor, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

3:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Feral Hogs in Nebraska: Recent Control Efforts And Legal Status
Sam Wilson, Non-game Mammal/Furbearer Program Manager, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

4:00 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.  Feral Hogs in Kansas – Using Legislation to Help Control Efforts
Chad Richardson, USDA/APHIS/WS
Monday, April 14 (continued)

4:25 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
First Day Discussions/Closing Comments

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Banquet Dinner

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Special Feature: Contraceptives and Feral Hogs

Effectiveness and Potential Side Effects of the Immunocontraceptive Vaccine GonaCon™ on The Wild Boar
Giovanna Massei, Central Science Laboratory, Sand Hutton, York YO41 1LZ, United Kingdom

Development and Evaluation of Management Tools Using Immunocontraception to Reduce Feral Swine Populations in the Southwest Florida Water Management District
Gary Killian, USDA/APHIS/WS/NWRC, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Development of Aerosol or Oral GnRH Contraceptive Vaccines for Feral Hogs
Lowell Miller, National Wildlife Research Center, Fort Collins, Colorado

The BOS (Boar-Operated-System): A Novel Method to Deliver Baits to Wild Boar
Giovanna Massei, Central Science Laboratory, Sand Hutton, York YO41 1LZ, United Kingdom

Tuesday, April 15

8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.  
Challenges and Strategies for Managing Feral Hogs in Hawaii
The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii

8:50 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  
Governor Blunt’s Missouri Feral Hog Task Force: Engaging State and Federal Agencies with Private Stakeholders
Missouri Department of Conservation
Tuesday, April 15 (continued)

9:15 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.  Feral Hog Management Challenges on the Mark Twain National Forest
Paul Strong, Acting Forest Supervisor, Mark Twain National Forest, U.S. Forest Service

9:40 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.  Feral Hog Research Update from the Wildlife Services National Wildlife Research Center Texas Field Station
Tyler A. Campbell, Ph.D., USDA/APHIS/WS National Wildlife Research Center, Texas A&M University – Kingsville, Kingsville, Texas

10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  Break

10:20 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Feral Hogs in New York State
Marie Kautz, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

10:45 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.  From Domestic to Feral in Two Years
Eric Lemons, Natural Resources Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri

11:10 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.  History of a Central Texas Feral Hog Management Program
T. J. Muir, USDA/APHIS/WS Bryan, Texas

11:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Feral Hog Control in Florida – Success Through Science, Technology, and Hard Work
John Dunlap, USDA/APHIS/WS, Bristol, Florida

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.  The Missouri Wildlife Services Approach to Feral Hog Control
Dan McMurtry and Scott Radford USDA/APHIS/WS, Missouri
Tuesday, April 15 (continued)

1:25 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.  **Feral Hog Management: Tying Performance Measures to Resources Protected**  
Michael J. Bodenchuk, State Director, Texas Wildlife Services Program  
San Antonio, Texas

1:50 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  **Disease Surveillance of Wild Hogs in Great Smoky Mountains National Park**  
William H. Stiver, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

2:15 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.  **Overview of Wildlife Services Disease Surveillance in Feral Hogs**  
Brandon Schmit, USDA/APHIS/WS

2:40 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.  **Eradication of Feral Pigs from Pinnacles National Monument**  
Blake McCann, University of North Dakota, Department of Biology, Grand Forks, North Dakota

3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.  **Break**

3:20 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  **Fort Leonard Wood, MO: Eradication Success Story**  
Kenton Lohraff, Wildlife Biologist, DPW Natural Resources, Fort Leonard Wood

3:45 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.  **Final Day Discussion/Closing Comments**

Wednesday, April 16  **Optional Checkout and Travel Day**

* (Agenda Subject to Change)