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2008 National Conference on Feral Hogs
April 13–15, 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel – St. Louis, Missouri
(agenda subject to change)

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

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