Committee on Parasitic and Vector Borne Disease
AGENDA
October 20, 2026
3:15-5:15 pm CT
Lecture Hall

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Chair: Dr. Hallie Hasel
Vice Chair: Dr. TR Lansford

Time	Topic/Title	Presenter(s)
3:15 PM	Welcome and Overview, Mission Statement, Attendee Sign-in	Dr. Hallie Hasel, WY Dr. TR Lansford, TX
3:20 PM	Overview of New World Screwworm and Panama's Ongoing Response	Dr. Lester Reyes, National Director for Animal Health and Chief Veterinary Officer of the Republic of Panama, Ministry of Agricultural Development (MIDA) Dr. Carlos Moreno, Director General for Panama, COPEG
3:45 PM	Update on 2026 EHDV/BTV Detections by SCWDS	Dr. Mark Ruder, SCWDS
3:55 PM	USDA APHIS Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program Update	Denise Bonilla, USDA APHIS
4:05 PM	Equine VSV, EIA, and EP Updates	Dr. Beth Ruby, USDA APHIS
4:15 PM	Updates on Priority Vector Borne Livestock Diseases from the USDA ARS Arthropod-Borne Animal Disease Research Unit	Dr. Dana Nayduch, USDA ARS
4:30 PM	NWS Rapid Response: Partnering to Combat the Re-emergence of New World Screwworm in the US	Dr. Kim Lohmeyer, USDA ARS Dr. TR Lansford, TX
4:50 PM	Business Session – Review 2024 resolution, 2026 resolution, Theileria Subcommittee	Drs. Hasel, Lansford, Members
5:15 PM	Adjourn	

PVBD Committee members sign-in with QR code

Mission Statement
The purpose of the Committee on Parasitic and Vector Borne Diseases is to encourage investigation of, and research on, the epidemiology of new and ongoing parasitic diseases that threaten the health of the animal industry of the United States, including foreign parasitic diseases; to encourage the development of new parasiticides to control parasitic diseases; to promote the cooperation of the agencies of the United States government, including USDA, EPA, and FDA, as well as academic institutions and private industry (through the Animal Health Institute); to develop safe and cost effective preventive measures and/or treatments to control identified parasitic diseases; and to encourage regulatory agencies to restrict entry into the United States of potentially health threatening, parasitic diseases.