



## The Sign of Quality

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# 2020 NATIONAL SWEET SORGHUM PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE "FOCUS ON THE BASICS"



**The Ramsey Hotel and  
Convention Center**  
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee  
February 27<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**NATIONAL SWEET SORGHUM  
PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS  
ASSOCIATION  
February 27<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Sorghum University Topics**

**Seed to Harvest**

- Varietal Information
- Field Preparation
- Planting
- Insects & Diseases
- Fertilizer
- Weed control

**Harvesting**

- De-heading
- Fodder
- Harvesting the cane
- Time until processing

**Cooking to Finish**

- Settling the juice
- Pre-heating
- Enzymes
- Batch pan or continuous flow
- Skimming Foam
- When to call the syrup
- Cooling
- Bottling & labeling

**Processing Equipment**

- Mill Types
- Furnace
- Pre-heaters
- Pan Construction
- Tools
- Cooling kettle

**Thursday, February 27**

6:00 PM. Registration and Fellowship  
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

**Friday Morning, February 28**

8:00 AM Registration

**Morning Session Moderator, Danny Townsend**

8:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks  
**Danny Townsend**

8:45 AM SAFETY  
**Nathan Patterson**

9:00 AM Executive Secretary Report  
**Steve Patterson**

9:15 AM Syrup & Cooking Contest  
**Steve Patterson**

9:30 AM Nitrate/Nitrite Poisoning in Humans  
**Dr. Michael Fleenor**

10:00 AM.	<b>BREAK</b>	2:45 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 AM	Pouring Babbit Bearings <b>Leon Ridenour</b>	3:00 PM	Business Meeting <b>Danny Townsend</b>
10:45 AM	Visit to Jynx Sorghum <b>Ronald Jenkins</b>		Voluntary Brain Storming Session <b>Steve Patterson</b>
		<b>Evening Session</b>	
11:15 AM	Focus on Smaller Producers <b>Jimmy Elliot</b>	6:30 PM	<b>Banquet</b> <b>Recipe /Syrup Contests Awards</b>
11:45 AM	Questions/Comments (on morning session) <b>Attendees</b>	8:30 PM	<b>Tasting Time and Fellowship</b>
		<b><u>Saturday, February 29</u></b>	
12:00 Noon	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>	<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>Moderator, Bradley Fox</b>
	<b><u>Friday Afternoon, February 28</u></b>	8:30 AM	Sorghum University (focus on small/new producers) <b>James Baier</b>
12:30 PM	Ladies Session and Luncheon <b>Mary Abercrombie/Bessie Warner/Carol Lipe</b>	10:30 AM	Summary <b>Danny Townsend</b>
	<b>Afternoon Session Moderator, Phillip Walker</b>	10:45 AM	Adjourn
1:15 PM	Sorghum University (focus on small/new producers) <b>James Baier</b>	11:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting