FSBA 2026 Annual Conference Schedule

Mission Inn Resort & Club, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL • October 23–24, 2026
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Thursday, October 22, 2026

12:00–4:00 PM • Early Honey Show Entry Drop-Off • Honey Show room. Bring your entries Thursday afternoon so they are ready for judging Friday morning!

6:30 PM • Meet and Greet • Mission Inn lounge and outdoor area. Informal, pay-your-own-way get-together for presenters, committee and attendees arriving Thursday.

Friday, October 23, 2026

7:30–10:00 AM • Honey Show Entry Drop-Off • Honey Show room - Running all day alongside the program: Vendor Marketplace, Honey Show judging (from 10 AM), and Rodeo Arena open seat time.

Time	Where	Session & Speaker
8:00–9:00 AM	Main Room	Registration & Check-in - doors open 8:00 AM • Silent Auction item drop-off at registration
9:00–9:20 AM	Main Room	Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:30–10:20 AM	Main Room	**David Tarpy: Effects of Urban- and Agro-Ecosystems on Bees • Honey Show judging begins at 10 AM • Vendor Marketplace opens**
10:30–11:20 AM	Main Room	Amy Vu & Cameron Jack, Ph.D. (UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research & Extension Lab) - UF Honey Bee Lab Updates
	La Paloma	Celena Bennett - The Art of Queen Rearing
	El Moro A	Pesticide CEU Class (Part 1): Jessica Sullivan - Using Pesticides in Beekeeping: What Private Applicators Need to Know
	El Moro B	Erin Jenkins (Apiary Inspector) - State Inspector Updates, Q & A
11:30 AM–12:20 PM	Main Room	Lunch & Learn food set-up
	La Paloma	Steven Coy (AHPA) - The Fight Against Economically Motivated Adulteration in the American Honey Market
	El Moro A	Pesticide CEU Class (Part 2): Brooke L. Moffis (UF/IFAS Extension, Lake County) - CORE Concepts for Pesticide Applicators: Safety, Labels, and Formulations
	El Moro B	Jan Lohman (Project Apis m.) - 20 Years of Bees, Research and Innovation
	Outdoor Apiary	Eric Walgren & Adam Pachl (Norroa) - Presentation in the Hive
12:20–1:20 PM	Main Room	Lunch & Learn, hosted by Crop Disaster Recovery - University of Florida students presenting: Alexis Masnjak, Louise Petit, Julia St. Amant, Marie Yanchak & Pierce Barron
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1:30–2:20 PM	Main Room	**Commercial Beekeepers Meeting - The Agriculture Industry Agenda (facilitated by Nate Jester)**
	La Paloma	FSBA Grant Reviewer Training (Part 1 of 2) - Lisa Fussell, Bobbie Gebhart and Chloe Planakis • Must attend both sessions to be certified
	El Moro B	DC Padgett - Swarm Removals (classroom presentation)
2:30–3:20 PM	Main Room	Agostina Giacobino, Ph.D. (Auburn University Bee Center) - The US Beekeeping Survey: What Beekeepers Are Telling Us About Colony Losses and Varroa Management
	La Paloma	Chris & Iris Alonso (Alonso Apiaries) - Beyond the Jar: Hands-On Crafting of Beeswax Lip Balms and Salves
	El Moro B	Lisa Reynes - David Miksa Kids' Zone Club Training: How to Use This Material • Sponsored by Seb-Bees • Club Starter drawing made possible by Dr. Garett Slater
3:30–4:20 PM	Main Room	James C. Fulton, Ph.D., Kiley Epperson, Bianca Forsyth (FDACS) - Amitraz Resistance: An Emerging Challenge to Beekeeping Operations
	La Paloma	Products of the Hive Panel, sponsored by Vita Bee Health - Jenn Hagen and the Alonso Family
4:30–5:20 PM	—	Break - time to visit the hotel and rest before Social Hour
5:30–6:30 PM	Vendor Foyer	Social Hour - Cash bar opens in the vendor foyer
6:30–8:30 PM	Main Room	FSBA Friday Night Fiesta (Taco Fiesta), hosted by WSR Insurance Services • Crowning of the 2027 Florida Honey Queen • Come dressed in your favorite fiesta or honeybee outfit!

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Saturday, October 24, 2026

Running alongside the program: Vendor Marketplace, Community Outreach Silent Auction in the Honey Show room (opens at 8 AM, bidding closes 3:30 PM), and Honey Show viewing.
Official Loader Rodeo runs 10:30 AM–12:20 PM in the Rodeo Arena.

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8:00–9:00 AM	Main Room	Registration & Check-in • Silent Auction opens • Silent Auction item drop-off at registration
9:00–9:20 AM	Main Room	Welcome & Announcements
9:30–10:20 AM	Main Room	**Krispn Given: Helping Bees Help Themselves: Prospects for Breeding Solutions to the Varroa Problem**
10:30–11:20 AM	Main Room	Local Club Presidents / Club Rep Meeting
	La Paloma	FSBA Grant Reviewer Training (Part 2 of 2) - Lisa Fussell, Sue Smothers and Chloe Planakis
	El Moro A	Kim & David Lott - USDA Updates/RMA Updates
	El Moro B	Jenn Hagen (UF/IFAS Extension) - Honey, Can I Sell That? Understanding Florida's Regulations for Beekeepers

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10:30 AM	Rodeo Arena	Loader Rodeo begins
11:30 AM–12:20 PM	Main Room	Lunch & Learn food set-up
	La Paloma	Chris & Iris Alonso (Alonso Apiaries) - From Hive to Booth: Vendor Strategies, Product Diversity, and Market Do's and Don'ts
	El Moro A	Debbie Seib (ABF President) - American Beekeeping Federation Overview
	El Moro B	FSBA Honey Show Judges - How to Enter the Honey Show
	Outdoor Apiary	Celena Bennett - The Art of Managing Cell Builders
12:20 PM	Rodeo Arena	Loader Rodeo ends
12:30–1:30 PM	Main Room	Lunch & Learn, hosted by Crop Disaster Recovery - Special guest Ally Malay, Ph.D. (USDA-ARS) - Updates From Ally: USDA Edition, followed by James C. Fulton, Ph.D., Md Moniruzzaman, Ph.D., Kiley Epperson, Bianca Forsyth (FDACS) - Short Lab Stories from the Honey Bee Diagnostics Lab (incl. how to mail samples)
1:40–2:30 PM	Main Room	**David Tarpy: The Quality of Commercial Queens**
2:40–3:20 PM	Main Room	**Pest and Disease Treatment/Control Discussion Panel, hosted by Vita Bee Health • David Westervelt**
3:25–4:45 PM	Main Room	**FSBA Annual Meeting, including Board Elections**
4:45–5:00 PM	Main Room	**Closing Remarks & Loader Rodeo Awards • Silent Auction final pickup**
5:00 PM	Main Room	Conference closes

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Please complete our survey to let us know what went well and where we can improve for next year, or what you would like to see.

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