

**Poultry Breeder's Roundtable &
National Swine Improvement Federation (NSIF) Joint Meeting**

Oct 13-15, 2026

Embassy Suites Downtown, St. Louis, MO

Tuesday, October 13

Session 1: Swine Focus (Room: Laurel Ballroom)

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| 1:00 p.m. | Welcome and Introductory Comments |
| 1:15 p.m. | Realizing Genetic Potential – Challenges facing the industry today
Josh Flohr |
| 2:00 p.m. | Sensory ear tags for breeding and health management
Jens Kjaer |
| 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 3:00 p.m. | Integrating commercial data and modeling future performance to improve pig health
Edison Magalhaes |
| 3:30 p.m. | Pork Quality in Practice: Lessons from an Integrated Processor
Emily Arkfeld |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lifetime Achievement Award and Lauren Christian Graduate Student Award
TBA |
| 4:30 p.m. | Graduate Student Lightning Talks |
| 5:15 – 7:15 p.m. | Joint Reception and Poster Session (Room: Mercantile)
Sponsored by Allflex, LeeO, Merck Animal Health |



Wednesday, October 14

Session 2: Swine Focus (Room: Laurel Ballroom)

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| 8:00 a.m. | Realizing boar genetics
Marta Godia |
| 8:30 a.m. | Integrating data from different sources to improve pig health through genetic selection
Luiz Brito |
| 9:15 a.m. | Break |
| 9:45 a.m. | Sow Health Stress and genetic potential
Jay Johnson |
| 10:15 a.m. | Meat Quality
Steven Lonergan |
| 10:45 a.m. | Closing Remarks |

Wednesday, October 15 (Continued)

11:00 a.m. **NSIF Annual Meeting** (Room: Laurel Ballroom)
PBA Annual Meeting (Room: Mercantile)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (Room: Atrium)

Session 3: Poultry focus (Room: Laurel Ballroom)

1:30 p.m. **The Long and Winding Road of Chicken Immunogenetics**
Dr. Robert (Bob) Taylor Jr.

2:15 p.m. **FeatherPrinting: Unlocking the frontier of bird-resolution phenotypes at scale**
Dr. Jean-Sebastien Spratt

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m. **Roundtable**
Cobb-Vantress, Hy-Line, Hybrid

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. **Joint Ice Cream Social** (Room: Mercantile)
Sponsored by Aviagen



Thursday, October 15

Session 4: Poultry Focus (Room: Laurel Ballroom)

8:00 a.m. **Genomics of key welfare traits in turkeys, ducks, and laying hens**
Dr. Luiz Brito

8:45 a.m. **Gaining molecular insight into sources of immune resilience in the chicken**
Dr. Wes Warren

9:30 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. **In ovo sexing: from breakthrough technology to industry reality**
Dr. Teun van de Brak

10:45 a.m. **Closing Remarks**

11:00 a.m. **Conclude**