84th Annual American Beekeeping Federation
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Monday January 11, 2027

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Bag Stuffing Party	Committee Only
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Conference Committee Meeting	Committee Only

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Tuesday January 12, 2027

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Southern Queen Breeders Mississippi State University	Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A1
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy 2
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	ABF Education Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy 1
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	ABF Research Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Vine 2
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	ABF Membership & Marketing Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy 1
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Vendor Move In	Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	ABF Legislative Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Vine 2
2:00 PM to 2:30 PM	ABF Resolutions Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Vine 2
2:30 PM to 3:00 PM	ABF By-Laws Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Vine 2
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	ABF Executive Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy 2
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	American Honey Queen Program Committee Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Vine 2
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Conference Check In	Registration Area
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	ABF Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Board of Trustees Meeting	Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy 2
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception - Visit Vendors	Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B

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Wednesday January 13, 2027

8 am to 10 am Honey Show Entry Drop Off (Hotel Meeting Room - Vine)	
8 am to 1 pm Auction Item Drop Off (Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy)	
8 am to 4 pm Auction Item Holding Room (Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy)	
7 am to 5 pm Conference Check In (Registration Area)	
8 am to 5:30 pm Tradeshow Open (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B)	
8:00 - 8:15	Opening Ceremonies (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
8:15 - 8:30	President's Address - Debbie Seib (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
8:30 - 8:35	Welcome from Texas Jimmy Middlebrooks, President (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
8:35 - 9:35	Keynote Speaker Dr. Jamie Ellis (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
9:35 - 10:00	Snack Break in Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B
10:00 - 11:00	Keynote Speaker *Uniting Science and Regulation to Accelerate Access to Critical Bee Health Tools* Izzy Hill (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
11:00 - 11:15	One Hive Foundation Chas Mraz (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
11:15 - 11:45	Motivational Speaker *Speak Up for Our Industry* Jerry Hayes (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
12:00 - 1:45	Lunch Break
12:00 - 1:45	State Delegates Luncheon (invitation only) (Ballroom E - Moody II)
2:00 - 2:15	Government Relations Update - Fran Boyd (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)

2:15 - 2:30	Introduction of the 2026 American Honey Queen and Princess and the 2027 American Honey Queen Candidates (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
2:30 - 2:45	Project Apis m Update - Danielle Downey (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
2:45 - 3:00	Honey Bee Health Coalition - Matt Mulica (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
3:00 - 4:00	Panel Discussion: Insurance for Beekeepers *Moderated by Zac Browning* Panelists: Kevin Rader, *Beekeeping Insurance Services* Steve Osborne, *Texas Insurance & Financials* Stephanie Myers, *WSR Insurance Services* (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)
4:00 - 5:30	Visit Vendors in Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B Vendors may stay open until 7:00 pm
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm New Member Orientation ABF Board of Directors (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)	
Hives for Heroes 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Hotel Meeting Room F	
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Dinner (Ballroom E - Moody II)	
7 pm to 8 pm Ice Cream Social (Ballroom E - Moody II)	
7 pm Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment and Live Auction (Ballroom E - Moody II)	

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Thursday January 14, 2027

7 am to 5 pm Conference Check In (Registration Area)			
8 am to 4 pm Auction Item Holding Room (Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy)			
8 am to 5 pm Tradeshow Open (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B)			
8 am to 5 pm All Silent Auction Tables Open (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B)			
8:30 am to 5 pm ABRC Meetings (Hotel Meeting Room - A & B)			
8:00 am - 8:10 am	Announcements Richard Coy - Vice-President (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
8:10 am - 9:10 am	Plenary Session Damian Mason (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)	Sideliner (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A1)	Small Scale (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A4)
9:30 - 10:30	From Commodity to Certified Value: How Beekeepers Can Build the Next Medical-Grade Honey Market	Backyard to Commercial — A Practical Journey from Hobbyist to Honey Business	Introduction To Natural Honey Bee Apiculture … The Scientific And Artistic Practice Of Honey Bee Farming
Presenter	Dr. Ferhat Ozturk	Billy Fussell	Bobbie Chambers Wilson
9:45 - 12:00	Honey Show Judging Training Rick Sutton, Mark Fiegl (Hotel Meeting Room - Vine)		
10:30 - 11:00	Snack Break in Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B		
11:05 - 11:15	ABRC Introduction & Welcome (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		

11:15 - 11:30	Pollinator Stewardship Council (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
12:00 - 1:45	Lunch Break		
12:00 - 1:45	Honey Promotion Luncheon (ticket required) (Ballroom E - Moody II)		
Times	Commercial SIG & Queen Breeder SIG (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)	Honey Producer-Packer SIG (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A1)	Small Scale/Sideliner SIG (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A4)
1:30 - 2:00	Dr. Judy Wu-Smart Bee-Friendly Policy & Advocacy Training for Beekeepers Setup Time (Hotel Meeting Room - Vine)		
2:00 - 2:15	Commercial SIG Elections & Queen Breeder SIG Elections	Honey Producer-Packer SIG Elections	Small Scale/Sideliner Elections
2:15 - 3:15	More than Honey: Growing your Beekeeping Business through Agritourism	Genetics of your colonies. Why drones matter??	Cutting early supersedure cells reduces queen supersedure in colonies developed from packages
Presenter	Tara Chapman	Marc Roux	Vincent Aloyo
2:00 - 5:00	Dr. Judy Wu-Smart Bee-Friendly Policy & Advocacy Training for Beekeepers (must be registered to ABF to attend) (Registration Check at Door) (Hotel Meeting Room - Vine)		
3:15 - 4:00	Snack Break in Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B		
4:00 - 4:15	*The Ten-year anniversary of the invasion of greater banded hornet, within apiaries on Guam* Christopher Rosario (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
4:15 - 5:00	*Yellow Legged Hornet* Ben Powel (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
5:00 - 5:30	*The US Beekeeping Survey - recent results, and introducing a new interactive dashboard* Dr. Geoff Williams (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		

6 pm to 8 pm ABRC Welcome Reception Poster (Hotel Meeting Rooms - Foyer A-C)
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Thursday Fun Fest Hotel Outdoor Patio (ticket required)

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Friday January 15, 2027

7 am to 5 pm Conference Check In (Registration Area)			
8 am to 5 pm Tradeshow Open (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B)			
8 am to 5 pm ABRC Meetings (Hotel Meeting Room - A & B)			
8 am to 4 pm Auction Item Holding Room (Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy)			
8 am to 5 pm All Silent Auction Tables Open (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B)			
8:00 - 8:15	Morning Announcements (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
8:15 - 9:15	Keynote Speaker *All Tarsal Claws on Deck: A Holistic Approach to Rebuilding Economics in U.S. Beekeeping* Izzy Hill (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
9:15 - 9:30	Field Watch - Curt Hadley (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
9:30 - 10:00	National Honey Board (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
10:15 - 10:45	Snack Break in Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B		
Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)	Sideliner (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A1)	Small Scale (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A4)
10:45 - 11:45	On The Front Lines: Fighting Tropilaelaps with Formic Pro in a Newly Afflicted Honey Bee Population	Organic honey bee colony management	Dissecting honey bee abdomens for fat bodies and guts
Presenter	Heather Broccard-Bell	Robyn Underwood	Dr. Priyadarshini Chakrabarti Basu
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Break		

12:00 - 1:30	Foundation Luncheon (ticket required) Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marla Spivak (Ballroom E - Moody II)		
12:00 - 1:30	ABRC Luncheon (ticket required) (Hotel Meeting Rooms - C)		
Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)	Sideliner (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A1)	Small Scale (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A4)
1:30 - 2:30	Breeding Mite Resistant Honey Bees: From Concept to Practice	Understanding European Foulbrood and VFD	"Killer" Honey Bees: Dispelling the Myths and the Real Threat
Presenter	Joseph McCarthy	Dr. Priyadarshini Chakrabarti Basu	Tara Chapman
2:30 - 3:00	Snack Break in Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B		
3:00 - 4:00	Keynote Speaker Dr. Jamie Ellis (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
4:00 - 6:30	ABF Business Meeting (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		
6:30 to 8:30	Honey Auction (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)		

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Saturday January 16, 2027

7 am to 9:30 am Commercial Breakfast
Panel Discussion
"What Beekeepers Want from Researchers"
(ticket required)
(Ballroom E - Moody II)

7 am to Noon Conference Check In
(Registration Area)

8 am to Noon Tradeshow Open
(Convention Center - Exhibit Hall B)

8 am to 5 pm ABRC Meetings
(Hotel Meeting Room - A & B)

9:00 am to Noon Kids & Bees
(Hotel Meeting Room - F, G, H)

10:00 am to Noon HBHC
(Convention Center - Floral Hall A1)

Times	Round Table Discussions (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A2)	Workshops (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A1)	Workshops (Convention Center - Exhibit Hall A4)
9:45 - 10:45	American Honey Producers Initiative	Making Creamed Honey	Beekeeping 101: First Steps in Beekeeping
Presenter	Moderators: Richard Coy & Debbie Seib	Kristi Sanderson	Crissy Ward
10:45 - 11:15	Snack Break in Lower Level - South Hall		
11:15 - Noon	Round About Fraudulent Honey	Buzzing Beauty: Beeswax Lip Balm	Beekeeping 101: First Steps in Beekeeping (cont'd)
Presenter	Moderators: Chris Moore & Austin Smith	Stephanie Slater	Crissy Ward
12:00 - 1:45	Lunch Break		

1:45 - 3:45	ABF Board of Directors Meeting (Hotel Meeting Room - Ivy 2)		
1:50 - 2:50	2026 Production	Royal Jelly Production: Practical Methods for Hobby, Sideliner, and Commercial Beekeepers	Tropilaelaps Biology, Monitoring and Management
Presenter	Moderator:	Sammy Ramazani	Dr. Selina Bruckner
3:00 - 4:00	Beekeeping Lessons for Uncertain Times	Preparing for Honey Shows	Compare Varroa and Tropilaelaps under Microscope, Tropi Mites on a Sticky Board
Presenter	Moderator: Michelle Geiss	Stephanie Slater	Dr. Selina Bruckner
6 pm to 9 pm ABF Banquet Presidents Award Hoopingarner Award Draw Sweepstakes Tickets Live Auction Other Auctions American Honey Queen Raffle Drawing Announcement of the 2027 Honey Queen & Princess (Ballroom E - Moody II)			