

Summer Meeting & Training Program

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Louisville Marriott East

1903 Embassy Square Boulevard Louisville KY



AGENDA

8:30am	Eric Ham (AMVAC)	IPM....Where are We Now?
9:30am	Dr. Jason Meyers (BASF)	New Technology for Termite Management
10:30am	<i>Break and Vendor Introductions</i>	
11am	Dr. Zach DeVries (UK)	Cockroach Industry Update 2026
12pm	<i>LUNCH including KPMA Annual General Membership Meeting</i>	
1:15pm	Ernest Schoonover (Bell Labs, Inc)	Rodent Management
2:15pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:30pm	Sarah Latyn (Target Specialty Products)	Mosquito Management
3:30pm	Brad Smith (KY Dept of Ag)	Regulatory Update

*Approved for KY: 4—Cat 7A, 1—Cat 3, and 1—Cat 8; OH: 1— Cat 7, 0.5— Cat 8, 1— Cat 10A, 1.5—Cat 10B, 1— Cat 10D and 1—Core
Pending approval for IN, TN and WV*

\$110 for KPMA members * \$155 for non members

After July 5, 2026: \$135 for KPMA members * \$185 for non members

Cost includes all course materials, lunch & snacks

Registration Deadline/Cancellation Policy:

Early registration deadline is July 5. No refunds will be issued after July 5. Substitutions may be made at any time.

Questions or for more information, contact Tracy:
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Tuesday, July 28, 2026

- ◆ Social Event at TopGolf (301 Oxmoor Lane Louisville) - 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Join us in the Chairman Suite for dinner before 2 hours of Topgolf Gameplay. 1 free ticket per KPMA member, \$50 for each additional ticket.

Due to the popularity of this event last year, this year's event will be ticketed. You must RSVP in order to attend.

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- ◆ Summer Recertification Training & KPMA Annual General Membership Meeting

Rooms available at a special rate (\$163/night plus tax) at the Marriott Louisville East. Book before July 1, 2026, mention "Kentucky Pest Management Association (KPMA) Summer Room Block 2026" when making reservations (1-800-228-9290).

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REGISTRATION

Online registration available at www.kpmaonline.org

Company Name: _____ KPMA Member: Yes No

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Attendee Name: _____ Certification # _____ State of Certification: _____

Certification # & State of Certification are required for CEU's to be awarded.

Attach a 2nd page with additional attendees, if needed.

Total # of Training Attendees: _____

Total # of Tickets for TopGolf: _____ Total Amount \$: _____

Payment Method: Check Credit Card

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IPM....Where are We Now?

8:30am **Eric Ham (AMVAC)**

Eric Ham is a Paducah, KY native who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture (Entomology) from the University of Kentucky (1980) and has been involved in the pest management industry for over 40 years. He currently holds a pest control license for the state of Kentucky and is a certified applicator for the states of Kentucky and Ohio with categories to include: General Pest and Termite, IPM, Wood Destroying Insect Diagnostic Inspection (WDI). He has been a regular speaker and trainer for state and local pest control associations in the Midwest and Southeast states along with numerous presentations for in-house training to Pest Management companies. His current position with AM-GUARD Environmental Technologies is Technical Sales Manager in the Midwest area of the country.

In this presentation Mr. Ham will discuss the "IPM Frame of Mind" and how this relates to the everyday tasks of the PMP technician to include general pest management, Wood destroying pests and Turf Pests. Just what is IPM and has it changed over the years? The Definition of Integrated Pest Management will be presented including Public Opinion and changing perceptions. Components of an IPM plan will also be discussed in detail to include accounts which Require IPM and sensitive situations technicians need to be aware of when servicing accounts.

New Technology for Termite Management

9:30am **Dr. Jason Meyers (BASF)**

Dr. Meyers currently serves as Pest Control Solutions Market Development Specialist for BASF Corporation, agricultural products, specialty products division and has served with BASF since 2008. From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Meyers performed graduate research and Teaching Assistant Duties at Texas A&M University, Department of Entomology, Urban and Structural Entomology Lab under Dr. Roger Gold. He obtained his Master of Science in Entomology from the University of Arkansas in 2004 and his Doctorate in Entomology from Texas A&M University in 2008. Dr. Meyers has published findings and articles in industry Journals and spoken throughout the United States at Recertification Meetings and Training Seminars.

Dr. Meyers will discuss new technologies in termite control utilizing integrated pest management principles. He will discuss biology, colony behavior, proper inspection techniques to include aspects of IPM in regards to inspection, identification, communication, and chemical / non-chemical control methods including liquid applications and baiting. He will review and identify top problem situations in our Region, with a focus on those Eastern subterranean termites and other wood destroying pests in the Midwest. Dr. Meyers will also detail the importance of when, where, and how to integrate effective baits and how to utilize new residual technologies into control programs. The focus will be on general pest management through utilization of integrated pest management principles including the use of chemical controls in conjunction with non-chemical, mechanical, structural repairs and sanitation.

10:30am **Break and Vendor Introductions**

Cockroach Industry Update 2026

11am **Dr. Zach DeVries (University of Kentucky Entomology)**

Dr. Zach DeVries is an Assistant Professor of Urban Entomology at the University of Kentucky. He completed his B.S. in Zoology and M.S. in Entomology at Auburn University, and his Ph.D. and postdoctoral training in Entomology at North Carolina State University. He has published dozens of articles in peer-reviewed journals and trade magazines and given over 100 talks on the biology, behavior, and management of urban pests. He also serves as the educational director for the University of Kentucky Pest Control Short Course, a pest control training program which draws >500 attendees from Kentucky and surrounding states annually. Through his research and extension efforts, he strives to provide scientifically backed evidence to support the most effective, affordable, and sustainable pest management strategies, facilitating proper pest control for everyone.

In this session, Dr. DeVries will go over the basics of Cockroaches, including biology, behavior, health effects, and control. He will also discuss the latest trends in the industry and new research updates in the field. This information will be vital to technicians wanting to improve control through better understanding of the pests they work to manage.

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12:00pm General Membership Meeting, Lunch, Vendor Introductions and Break w/ Exhibitors

Rodent Management

1:15pm

Ernest Schoonover (Bell Labs)

Ernest Schoonover currently holds the position of Central Technical Sales Representative for Bell Labs and is responsible for the territory management of our East Central Region including Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Ernie gained previous experience within agricultural and pesticide-related industries. He taught at Clemson before going to work for their Department of Pesticide Regulation. He has years of experience working within the field to complete business inspections and identify solutions tailored specifically to meet customer needs. Mr. Schoonover has presented numerous presentations to the pesticide industry, throughout the southeastern United States during his career.

Mr. Schoonover will discuss rodent and vertebrate biology and identification, proper use of rodenticides and techniques to manage rodent populations in industrial, commercial and residential settings to include thorough baiting and trapping away from structures, as well as baiting and trapping in and around man-made structures with minimal risk to people, pets and the environment. Behavior, biology and life cycle of rodents and vertebrate pests will also be covered. Discussion of old and emerging technologies and chemistries will help pest management professionals manage rodents and vertebrates in their day-to-day operations. He will emphasize his expertise in the use of Integrated Rodent Management tools for more effective rodent control for Public Health, including use of mechanical devices and sanitation in the implementation of Integrated Pest Management Principles for effective rodent control in structural and industrial rodent infestations. Ernie will also discuss current EPA mandated restrictions affecting our industry to include an update on regulations affecting PMP's.

2:15pm Break with Vendors

Mosquito Management

2:30pm

Sarah Latyn (Target Specialty Products)

Sarah is the technical training manager for Target Specialty Products. She received both her Bachelor's and her Master's degrees from Rutgers University and is now pursuing a Master of Science in Entomology at the University of Kentucky in the DeVries Lab. She is a Board-Certified Entomologist. Sarah has worked in various roles in the pest control industry over the last 7 years. She started in the industry working for Bed Bug Central, a leader in education and training for pest control professionals. Before coming to Target, she worked for a New York-based pest control company as the technical training manager. In her current role, she supports Target's clients by speaking at events, providing insect identification services, organizing customer training events, and creating content for Target's online learning platform. She is a licensed technician in multiple states. When she isn't working or studying, Sarah loves to shop, workout, sit on the beach, and hangout with her cats and husband.

In recent years disease carrying mosquitos have received much attention in the media. Sarah will discuss options for pest management companies to control these blood sucking arthropods including descriptions of the diseases they transmit. Integrated Pest Management principles utilizing biological, environmental and chemical controls will be addressed in the presentation as well as delivery methods and application techniques for mosquito management. The crucial aspects to a prosperous IPM program will be addressed to include; inspection, identification, habits and biology which are critical to the success of managing populations and protecting public health for consumers.

Regulatory Update – Record Keeping, New Laws and Reqs and Covering your Backside

3:30pm

Brad Smith (Kentucky Department of Agriculture)

Brad Smith currently serves as the Pesticide Licensing and Compliance Branch Manager for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and has been with the Pesticides Division for 10 years. Brad also has over 10 years' experience in the turfgrass industry serving as the Assistant Sports Turf Manager for the Louisville Bats from 2001-2005 and was a founding member of the Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association.

Mr. Smith will explain processes of regulatory inspections and proper documentation as pertains to KDA inspections, as well as federal EPA regulations and guidelines concerning state efforts in our industry. The talk will include current laws and regulations applying to structural pesticide application in Kentucky to include licensed applicators from surrounding states working in Kentucky. The presentation will also include an update of current topics at the KDA including a website overview to receive information. He will also address current laws and regulations that affect the Pest Management Industry.