



Iowa Honey Producers Annual Conference and Trade Show Schedule

November 6-7, 2026 Cedar Falls

(Subject to small changes)

	Friday Schedule	
Time	Topic/What	Speaker
7:00AM-5:00PM	Registration	
7:00 AM	Vendors Set-Up and Coffee Service	
8:00 AM	Welcome	Cedar Falls Mayor Danny Laudick & Adam Bolander, Cedar Falls Tourism
	Iowa Department of Agriculture Update Secretary Mike Naig	
8:45-9:00 AM	State Legislative Update	Jim Obradovich, Jefferson Fink
9:00 AM	Presentations Begin	
9:00 AM	Contest Entries Due	
9:00AM-12:00PM	Iowa Department of Ag Weights and Measures Scale Certification Available	
9:00-10 AM	Resensitizing Varroa Mites to Amitraz Using a Novel Synergist	Julia Fine
9:00-9:45 AM	You Have Been Sprayed, Now What? Pesticide Drift and Reporting	Dr. Gretchen Paluch

10:15-11:15 AM	Using Splits as a Hive Management Tool	Larry Conner
10:15-11:00 AM	How Much Should I Charge for My Honey?	Chris Puetz
10:15-11:00 AM	Iowa State University Update Solar Farms and Beekeeping Economic Benefits	Matt O Neil ISU
11:30-12:15 PM	Varroa Affects Every Aspect of a Beekeeping Operation	Zac Lamas
11:15-12:00 PM	On the Spot Queen Rearing	Phil Breed
11:15-12:00 PM	Agri Tourism and Choose Iowa	Beth Romer
12:15-1:30 PM	Lunch Break, Vendors Open, Networking, Chat and Chew in Main Room	
12:15-1:15 PM	Queen Luncheon	Connie Bronnenberg
1:30-2:30 PM	Application of Honey Bee Genetics in Modern Breeding Strategies	Arian Avalos
1:30-2:15 PM	Cooking With Honey	Bri Marshall
1:30-2:15 PM	Register Your Bees, BeeCheck and Drift Watch. What to know and why.	Justin Morrison
2:30-3:30PM	Norroa: Introduction and Use	Adan Pachl
2:30-3:30PM	Women in Beekeeping, Issues and Opportunities	Panel Discussion with Q&A
2:30-3:15 PM	Swarms Catch them All! Free Bees	Jamie Beyer
3:45-4:45 PM	My Biggest Mistakes	Andy Hmken
5:00-6:00 PM	Large Panel Discussion Q&A	All Featured Speakers
6:30-9:00 PM	President's Reception, Introduction of IHPA Queen, Vendor Mingle, Bee Jeopardy	

	Saturday Schedule	
Time	Topic/What	Speaker
7:30AM-11:00AM	Registration	
7:30 AM	Coffee Service	
8:10-8:15 AM	Conference Update and Housekeeping	H.R. Cook
8:15-9:00AM	State of Iowa Bee Health	Andy Joseph, State Apiaist
9:00-10:10 AM	IHPA Busines Meeting, District and Officers Elections (must be current IHPA member to vote)	Chris Prutz
9:00 AM	Entries due for contests	
10:15-11:15 AM	Honey Bee Resistance to Viruses Across the US and it's use in Breeding	Arian Avalos
10:15-11:15 AM	Smokem. How to light a smoker and keep it lit	Jaimie Beyer
10:15-11:00 AM		
11:30-12:30 PM	Passing the Buck: Queens May Tolerate Pesticide Exposure at the Expense of their OffSpring	Julia Fine
11:30-12:15 PM	Hive Inspections: What am I looking for, what am I looking at, what does it mean?	Andy Joseph, State Apiaist
12:30-1:30 PM	Break, Vendors, Networking, Chat and Chew	
12:30-1:30 PM	Scholarship Luncheon	
1:30-2:30 PM	Bee Botany	Larry Conner
1:30-2:15 PM	Splits, not just for Bananas, Splitting your hive	Tyler Holton
2:30-3:30PM	Research Horizens: Ongoing Management Strategies and Research	Zac Lamas

2:30-3:15 PM	Varroa mites for very new beekeepers	Andy Joseph
2:30-3:15PM	Using Social Media to Sell Your Honey	Sara Holton
3:45-4:45 PM	TBA	
3:45-4:45 PM	How Much Should I Charge for my Honey	Chris Pruetz
5:00-6:00 PM	Wrap Up State Panel Discussion Q&A	Large State Panel Discussion
6:30-10:00 PM	IHPA Awards Banquet and Benefit Auction Dinner at 7:00PM	All Welcome