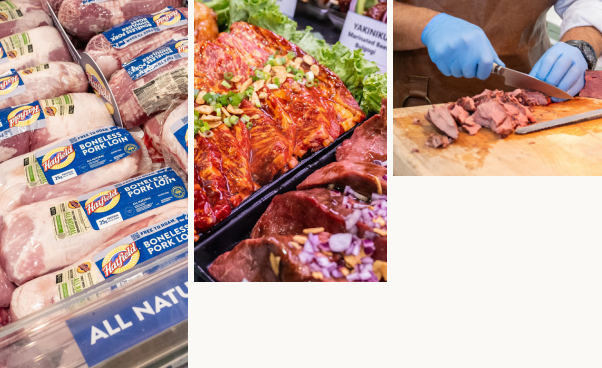




MARCH 2-4, 2026
GAYLORD NATIONAL RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER,
OXON HILL, MD

EXHIBITOR ON-SITE GUIDE

Thank you for exhibiting at the 2026 Annual Meat Conference! We look forward to welcoming you in Oxon Hill, MD!

Service Provider	Location	Phone / Email
General Service Contractor – GES <i>Labor, material handling, shipping, furniture, product storage, carpet, and cleaning</i>	Exhibitor Service Center - Registration Desk outside of Hall B	Text (410) 970-3055
Audio-visual Equipment – Encore	Available by Phone	(443) 909-3929
Catering/Food Prep – Gaylord National	Exhibitor Service Center - Registration Desk outside of Hall A	(301) 965-7310
Community Dishwashing and Grease Station	Exhibit Hall - Back left side of hall	
Concessions – Gaylord National	Potomac District Café & Market and several restaurants are on property. There are over 40 restaurants in National Harbor; view the directory and map and search here .	
Electric, Compressed Air, Water – Gaylord National	Exhibitor Service Center - Registration Desk outside of Hall A	(301) 965-7310
Emergency/First Aid – Gaylord National	A paramedic will be onsite at the Exhibitor Service Center - Registration Desk outside of Hall A	911 for emergencies, then (301) 965-4500
Exhibitor/EAC Wristband Desk	Exhibit Hall Entrance and Docks, Freight Desk (Prince George's Halls A-C)	
Exhibition Management Office – Tradeshow Logic	Exhibitor Service Center - Registration Desk outside of Hall C	amcexhibitorcare@tradeshowlogic.com
Internet – Gaylord National	Exhibitor Service Center - Registration Desk outside of Hall A	(301) 965-7310
Lead Retrieval – Swapcard	Exhibitor Service Center - Registration Desk outside of Hall C	support@swapcard.com and chat feature in the app/platform

Service Provider	Location	Phone / Email
Luggage Check – Gaylord National	Bell Stand at the entrance to the hotel. Hotel guests only depending on occupancy	
Refrigerated/Frozen Cases – Lowe Rental	Available by Phone/Email	(770) 461-9001, info@loweusa.com
Registration – FMI	Potomac Ballroom Foyer	
Rigging/Banner Hanging – Encore	Available by Phone	(443) 909-3929
Security – Gaylord National	Available by Phone	(301) 965-4500
Shipping – GES (official provider)	Exhibitor Service Center – Registration Desk outside of Hall B (Bring tracking numbers & contact info for driver)	Text (410) 970-3055

EXHIBIT HALL SCHEDULE

Location: Prince George's Halls A-C

Exhibitor Move-in:	
Saturday, February 28:	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 1:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday, March 2:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
<i>*All empties MUST be tagged by 3:00 PM on Monday. Empty stickers will be available at the GES Exhibitor Service Desk.</i>	
Tuesday, March 3:	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Exhibit Hall Hours:	
Tuesday, March 3:	11:45 AM – 5:00 PM
<i>*Note earlier Opening Time for 2026</i>	
Exhibitor Move-out:	
Tuesday, March 3:	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Wednesday, March 4:	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

* GES will return empty crates and containers on Tuesday evening in no particular order. This process will take several hours. Review GES [Move-out information](#) for more details.

EXHIBIT HALL ACCESS: WRISTBAND/BADGE PICKUP

General Information

- Badges and/or wristbands, worn in a clearly visible location, are **required at all times**.
- Group pickup of wristbands is not permitted. Each individual must come to the desk to be validated, sign-in and get their wristband.
- Wristbands are color coded by day for access and a new one must be picked up daily.

WRISTBAND DESK

Desk outside of the Exhibit Hall entrance, Docks, Freight Desk

Days/Hours:	
Saturday, February 28:	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 1:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday, March 2:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday, March 3:	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
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EAC WRISTBAND PICKUP

- Registered EACs must use a wristband for access during all set-up and move-out hours. A badge is required for access during official exhibit hours.
- If an exhibitor has not registered their EAC prior to arriving on show site, the exhibiting company must submit their [Notice of Intent to Hire an EAC](#). The EAC must submit the [Agreement to the Rules and Regulations](#) and submit their [COI to GES online](#) to be able to access the hall during set up and dismantle. GES will charge a \$100 late fee.

EXHIBITOR BADGE PICKUP/REGISTRATION

Registered exhibitors must use a wristband for access until their badge is available for pickup. Beginning Tuesday at 11:45 AM, exhibitors are required to wear an Exhibitor badge to gain access at all times. Individuals must pick up their own badge with ID; group pickup is not permitted.

Location: Potomac Ballroom Foyer

Days/Hours:	
Monday, March 2:	9:00 AM – 7:00 PM (Full Conference badge pick-up ONLY)
Tuesday, March 3:	6:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Exhibit Hall Only badge pick-up available)
Wednesday, March 4:	6:30 AM – 10:00 AM

PARKING

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

On-Site Parking: \$22 Hourly, \$46 Daily

Valet: \$70 Daily

SELF PARKING 0-1 hour \$22, 1-3 hours \$32, 3 plus hours \$46

VALET PARKING 0-2 hours \$43, 2-24 hours \$70

If you wish to self-unload booth materials using the Exhibit Hall docks before you park, [review POV instructions](#).

LABOR JURISDICTIONS

Review Oxon Hill, MD [Labor Jurisdictions](#) to see what your company's staff is permitted to do in your booth.



FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS

All exhibitors with cooking devices in their booth are required to have a fire extinguisher. You may bring your own new extinguisher with visible expiration date, model A3A40 B.C. or [rent a fire extinguisher from GES](#).

FOOD DONATION

AMC is proud to partner with Capital Area Food Bank to collect unused exhibitor product at the end of the show to donate to the local community in need. The Food Bank is grateful for exhibitor donations and can accept product in labeled, intact packages that is a food safe temperature. No warmed/cooked items, seafood or partial packages can be accepted. Exhibitors will be provided with labels to tag the product they wish to donate onsite.

MOVE-OUT

All carriers must check in by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, March 4 so that all exhibitor materials are removed from the facility by 10:00 AM. Freight remaining after this time may be re-routed on another carrier at your expense. Review the [Move-Out Notice](#) of the [Exhibitor Service Kit](#) for additional information.

NETWORK AND CONNECT ON-SITE

Engage and Network throughout the conference - [Review the AMC program](#) for opportunities.

Download the Mobile App in the iOS App Store or Google Play to see who is attending and send connection requests. Log in with the email address you used to register for the event to get access to the 2026 Annual Meat Conference.

Maximize your Visibility to Attendees by updating your company profile in Swapcard using the login information emailed to your primary booth contact. Learn more in the [Exhibitor Guide](#). Questions? Once logged in, click on your profile and click "Contact App Support" from the drop-down menu on the right side of your screen to search the help center or send a message and get live assistance.

Capture Leads using the complimentary lead retrieval that is built into the conference app and allows you to scan badges throughout the conference and show floor. Learn more on pages 11-12 in the [Exhibitor Guide](#).

Join, or Start Conversations on Social - Use social media templates from the [Marketing Tool Kit](#) to help craft messages and drive engagement with your company/brand. Be sure to tag **#meatconference** in your posts!

QUICK LINKS

[Exhibitor Resource Center](#)

[Exhibitor Dashboard](#)

[Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Booth Display Guidelines](#)

[Floor Plan](#)