



# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

 The Washington Conference  
INTERNATIONAL FRESH PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

**JUNE 8–10**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**

## Here's How We'll Advocate for Fresh

We can't wait to see you at [The Washington Conference](#)! Prepare for your trip with these reminders.

## BADGE PICK-UP AND SECURITY

**Don't forget your conference badge.** It's your key to all the events. Beginning Monday, June 8 at 7 am, attendees can pick up their badges at the Registration Desk, Lobby Independence Level (5B).

- All individuals **MUST** present a valid government-issued photo ID for badge pickup, that matches the name submitted through event registration.
- IFPA Washington Conference attendee badges must be worn at all times while onsite at the Grand Hyatt, during event hours.

- All individuals must go through a designated security screening including magnetometers (mags) and small purse check. Please allow extra time for this step, no exceptions will be made.
- No luggage or large bags allowed. Please utilize the Grand Hyatt Washington bell stand for any bag storage.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Aerosols
- Ammunition
- Animals other than service/guide animals
- Luggage or Backpacks
- Bicycles
- Balloons
- Coolers
- Drones and other unmanned aircraft systems
- Explosives
- Firearms
- Glass, thermal, or metal containers (water bottles permitted)
- Laser pointers
- Mace/Pepper spray
- Packages
- Recreational motorized mobility devices
- Selfie sticks
- Signs
- Structures
- Supports for signs and placards
- Toy guns
- Weapons of any kind
- Any other items determined to be potential safety hazards

# GENERAL REMINDERS

- **Plan your perfect conference!** Visit our onsite resource page to find the most up-to-date conference information. [Click here to access.](#)  
Tip: Bookmark the page for easy access while onsite.
- **Ready to network?** The attendee list is available in your [My.IFPA portal!](#) Connect with other registrants on social media before the conference and network in-person onsite.
- **Conference attire is business.** Remember to pack comfortable shoes for the Congressional Meetings.
- **Join the conversation!** Share your #TWC2026 experience on social media. Don't forget to tag us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#).

# TRAVEL REMINDERS

- Main conference activities take place at the [Grand Hyatt Washington](#). The venue is located 4 miles from Washington National Airport (DCA), 27 miles from Dulles International Airport (IAD), and 35.6 miles from Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI). Both ground and public transportation are available at all airports.
- The Grand Hyatt Washington is directly connected to Metro Center Station. This means you can enter the hotel directly from the Metro Center Station's 11th and G Street exit. For trip planning and fares visit the [WMATA website](#). Plus, here are other ways to [travel to Capitol Hill](#).

- Weather can fluctuate. Be sure to [check the weather](#) as you get closer to your departure date.
- Bring your business cards.
- Remember your phone, laptop, and charger! Anything to help you get through the day.

## CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS

If you signed up for a Congressional meeting, you will receive a “Soapbox Mobile Tool Code” in your email. This code will allow you to access your personalized draft congressional meeting schedule through a simple website. If you cannot locate the email, please check your spam for @soapboxconsulting.com. (**IMPORTANT:** The Soapbox Mobile Tool is NOT an APP and does not require any additional downloads or installation.)

If you have any questions or comments about your Capitol Hill schedule, you will be encouraged to contact Soapbox directly after receiving your Mobile Tool Code.

## PRE-CONFERENCE REFERENCE MATERIALS

- Learn effective strategies for sharing the produce industry’s voice with elected officials during two days of Congressional Meetings. Review the [Produce Advocacy Bootcamp](#) overview.

- Review IFPA's [Talking Points](#) so you're ready to engage with policymakers.
- Study up! Dive into the Nutrition & Growing Consumption, Labor Challenges, Food Safety and Trade, and Farm Bill [Issue Briefs](#).
- Prepare with other information like [State Profiles](#) and [FreshPAC](#).

## ENHANCE YOUR TRIP



Celebrate America's 250th birthday in D.C.! Bring the family, extend your stay, and explore exclusive semiquincentennial exhibits, farmers' markets, and historic sites right here in the nation's capital.

[\*Explore the opportunities.\*](#)

**EAT THE  
REALEST  
FOOD  
ALL DAY  
EVERY DAY**

You can't make  
America healthy  
without **fruits  
and vegetables.**

**LEARN MORE** 



Plus, keep an eye out for IFPA's "**All Day, Every Day**" campaign! We're encouraging Americans to make room for more fruits and vegetables in their diets and will have advertising throughout the city. **Together with consumers and lawmakers, we're on a mission to increase produce consumption in our country.**

### **Questions?**

Whether you have questions about The Washington Conference or anything else related to IFPA, our staff is happy to answer them while you're in D.C.

For more information, [visit our website.](#)