

**2026 Annual Meeting**  
**Multistate Project NE2227: Contribution of Ovarian Function, Uterine Receptivity,  
and Embryo Quality to Pregnancy Success in Ruminants**

**May 18th & 19th, 2026**

**AGENDA**

**Location:** Biochemistry Bldg  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Knoxville, TN 37996

**Hotel:** Cumberland House, Knoxville (25 rooms reserved @ \$119/night)  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/tyschup-909-ce29b1e3-82ae-4d47-b632-37f5cba1bbfd/>

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**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Arrive

Dinner on own

**Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

09:00 Call to order; Alan Ealy, Virginia Tech  
Introductions  
Group business  
Meeting plan

9:15 Maria Gracia Gervasi (Connecticut)

9:30 Alvaro Garcia-Guerra (Ohio)

9:45 Aileen Keating (Iowa)

10:00 Rodolfo Cardoso (Texas)

10:15 Break

10:30 Kamilah Grant and Mark Miranda  
USDA-NIFA Updates

11:00 Jen Wood (Nebraska)

11:15 Angela Gonella (Florida)

11:30 Julio Giordono (Cornell)  
11:45 Milo Wiltbank (Wisconsin)  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Amanda Patterson (Missouri)  
1:15 Shelly Rhoads (Virginia)  
1:30 Dan Mathews (Tennessee)  
1:45 Camilla Hughes (Pennsylvania)  
2:00 Cecilia Rocha (Missouri)  
2:15 Jessica Motto (Maine)  
2:30 Break  
2:45 Break out sessions – collaborative ideas  
4:00 Recap of collaboration ideas  
5:00 Break for the day  
6:30 Group Dinner

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

9:00 Cecily Bishop (Oregon)  
9:15 Kosta Siminitras (Louisiana)  
9:30 Alan Ealy (Virginia)  
9:45 Shelly Rhoads (Virginia)  
10:00 Graduate Reproductive Biology Course Update  
Alan Ealy and others  
10:30 Break  
10:45 Break out groups – collaborative ideas  
11:30 Recap of collaborative ideas  
12:00 Adjourn.