

# THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MEAT PROCESSORS

"The Voice of the Small Meat Plants in Texas"

Invites You to Become a Member and Get Involved In Your Industry!

### BENEFITS OF BECOMING A TAMP MEMBER

**Monthly Newsletter** – Receive the "TAMP Town Crier" a monthly newsletter from the President and Executive Director to keep you up-to-date on the latest changes in government regulations affecting your operation, news about other plants, upcoming TAMP activities and general information concerning the meat industry.

**Seminars and Workshops** – Have an opportunity to attend cutting-edge seminars and workshops that would benefit your operation - many times at a discounted member price.

**Free "Want-Ads"** – Plant members can sell or locate equipment and supplies from other members and suppliers through free newsletter ads.

**Supplier Member Offerings** – TAMP members have the opportunity to receive special offers from the supplier members through the monthly mail out.

**Annual Convention** – Enjoy the fellowship and share experiences with fellow members and suppliers in the casual setting of the annual convention and processed meats product show.

# **JOIN TAMP TODAY!** COMPANY NAME: COMPANY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: CITY: STATE: FAX NUMBER: PHONE NUMBER: PRIMARY CONTACT NAME: EMAIL ADDRESS: JOINING AS: | PLANT MEMBER SUPPLIER MEMBER YEARLY DUES: \$100.00 FOR BOTH PLANT AND SUPPLIER MEMBERS. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MEAT PROCES-SORS MAIL TO: **TAMP** P.O. Box 3970

**BRYAN, TX 77805** 

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- To further the use of fresh and frozen meat and meat products
- To promote processed meat products through education and research.
- To promote the general welfare of the meat industry and to facilitate the interchange of information between members.

## ANNUAL CONVENTION



The TAMP convention is held annually, generally in the summer at locations around Texas voted upon by the membership to be desirable to the members, their families and plant personnel. It is designed to have a casual atmosphere to encourage interaction between plants, suppliers and industry experts.

The convention format includes time for visiting, a large supplier trade show, an educational program, the processed meat product show and other

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scheduled "networking opportunities" as well as activities for those that are accompanying plant members.

The annual educational program is designed to expose the participants to new or updated technology by industry experts as well as allow time for regulatory issues to be discussed and plant personnel to exchange ideas on new products or problems with traditional ones.



### PROCESSED MEATS PRODUCT SHOW

A major event held annually in conjunction with the TAMP convention is the Processed Meats Product Show. The product show is open to all processing plant members and allows the participants an opportunity to have their products evaluated by a group of judges including industry experts, meat specialists, suppliers and selected meat processing peers. Product classes are provided for bone-in and boneless hams, smoked turkeys, bacon, various summer sausages, dry smoked sausage, various smoked sausages, snack sticks, beef jerky and fresh pork sausage. In addition, an innovative products and an annually rotating product class give



processors an opportunity to display new and even potential products. Judges independently evaluate products and are encouraged to make comments and suggestions for improvement.

Following the product show, all of the products are displayed for viewing by convention participants and the class winners, as well as an overall "sweepstakes" winner and runner-up are announced and awards presented.