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## 2026 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

**Meatingplace** keeps meat and poultry processors ahead of their game with analysis, insight and debate on key business, regulatory and product-development issues shaping the market. In addition to the articles outlined in the calendar, each month features timely coverage of Issues, a Company Profile and Thought Leader story.

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## January 2026

### Food Focus

Middle Eastern

### Meat Ops

Automation/robotics

### Special Section

Richard L. Knowlton Award Honoree

### Bonus Distribution

IPPE 2026

January 27–29, Atlanta, GA

### Space Closing

December 1

### Materials Due

December 15

## February 2026

### Food Focus

Turkey

### Meat Ops

Plant design

### Bonus Distribution

National Turkey Federation Annual Convention

February 18–21, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Annual Meat Conference

March 2–4, 2026, Oxon Hill, MD

### AD READERSHIP STUDY

### Space Closing

January 5

### Materials Due

January 19

## March 2026

### Food Focus

Ground Beef

### Meat Ops

Practical uses of AI

### Bonus Distribution

The Food Solutions Exchange & Conference  
(FSX 2026)

March 11–13, 2026, Rancho Mirage, CA

### Space Closing

February 2

### Materials Due

February 16

## April 2026

### Food Focus

Sausage

### Meat Ops

Meat quality

### Space Closing

March 2

### Materials Due

March 16

## May 2026

### Food Focus

Ham

### Meat Ops

Labor

### Bonus Distribution

CMC Annual Conference & AGM  
Ottawa, ON

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### Space Closing

April 1

### Materials Due

April 15

## June 2026

### Food Focus

Deli Meats

### Meat Ops

Food safety/interventions

### Bonus Distribution

American Meat Science Association (AMSA)  
Reciprocal Meat Conference  
June 21–24, Canyon, TX

### IFT FIRST

July 12–15, Chicago, IL

Southwest Meat Association (SMA)  
Annual Convention & Supplier Showcase  
July 22–25, Galveston, TX

American Association of Meat Processors  
(AAMP) Annual Convention  
July 9–11, Milwaukee, WI

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### Space Closing

May 4

### Materials Due

May 15

## July 2026

### 2026 SUPPLIER DIRECTORY

#### Advertiser Bonuses:

- Logo adjacent to your alphabetical listing
- Boldface company name within the product category listings
- Online supplier directory listing at [meatingplace.com](http://meatingplace.com).
- A logo stopper ad linking your product category listing online to your website.

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### Space Closing

June 1

### Materials Due

June 15

## August 2026

### Food Focus

Hot Dogs

### Meat Ops

Thermal processing

### AD READERSHIP STUDY

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### Space Closing

July 1

### Materials Due

July 15

## September 2026

### Food Focus

Meat Snacks

### Meat Ops

Sustainability considerations

### Bonus Distribution

Protein Pact Solutions Summit

October 6-9, New Orleans, LA

### Space Closing

August 3

### Materials Due

August 17

## October 2026

### Food Focus

Fresh Beef

### Meat Ops

Transportation

### Space Closing

September 1

### Materials Due

September 15

## November 2026

### Food Focus

Bacon

### Meat Ops

Data collection/Industry 4.0/KPIs

### Space Closing

October 1

### Materials Due

October 15

## December 2026

### Food Focus

Wings

### Meat Ops

Small batch processing

### IPPE SHOW PREVIEW

### Bonus Distribution

IPPE 2027

January 26-28, Atlanta, GA

### Space Closing

November 2

### Materials Due

November 16



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