



APRIL 8 – 10, 2025
Mississippi State University
Starkville, MS

About the Workshop

This intensive hands-on lab/lecture-based workshop is for meat, poultry and fish processors and related businesses that are involved in value added and/or quality enhancement of muscle food products through marination. Industry and academia experts will conduct the informational sessions. Participants of Marination 101 will gain basic knowledge of muscle/meat chemistry, basic marination techniques and methodologies, and ingredient performance. Participants will have various hands-on laboratory exercises that complement the materials presented. The knowledge gained from this workshop will assist in yield improvements, quality/safety enhancement, and overall product development issues in numerous applications.

Agenda

Topics of Marination 101 Workshop include:

- Enhancing Under-Utilized Cuts of Meat and Poultry
- Massaging/Tumbling/Injection
- Meat Chemistry
- Campus Tour
- Coating and Breeding Principles
- Salt and Salt Alternatives
- Phosphates
- Facility Tours
- Hands-On Laboratory Sessions and Demonstrations
- Flavoring
- Marinades and Calculations
- BBQ and Blues Dinner

Registration

Registration opens December 9, 2024. Registration is required for this workshop. Registration is on a first come, first served (paid) basis and enrollment is limited to 40 participants. Early registration fee is \$1100 until February 7, 2025 (\$1300) after February 2, 2025). Cancellations will not be refunded after February 28, 2025. Substitutions may be made anytime. **Participants that agreed to roll registration fees to 2025 will be honored and will be auto-registered for Marination 101 – 2025**

Travel Information

We encourage those interested in attending the workshop to make hotel reservations soon due to other major campus activities that may occur. Some of the major local hotels include:

Preferred Hotels with Marination 101 Block Rate*			
Courtyard by Marriott* Book Courtyard by Marriott Online Here	662.338.3116	La Quinta Inn*	662.270.4100
Hampton Inn*	662.324.1333	Hilton Garden Inn*	662.615.9664
Russell Inn & Suites*	662.324.9595	Holiday Inn Express*	662.324.0076
Golden Triangle Regional Airport (GTR) 15 miles* Columbus, MS	* Shuttle service will ONLY be provided to/from Golden Triangle Regional (GTR) Airport in Columbus, MS *		
Memphis (MEM) 164 miles	Tupelo (TUP) 60 miles	Jackson (JAN) 120 miles	Birmingham (BHM) 150 miles

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Questions? Ideas? Feedback?

The Marination 101 Committee is always open to questions, ideas, and feedback. We value and appreciate your input to improve Marination 101.

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