The Ozark Food Processors Association (OFPA), founded in 1906, represents the food industries of the Ozark region of the United States. OFPA, a nonprofit, regional organization with national representation, works to:

Provide a platform where regional food processors, suppliers and associated industries can discuss, plan and implement programs relevant to their needs;

Provide an effective voice to allow members to participate in legislative and governmental decision making;

Design technical and educational programs to serve the needs of members; and

Offer the opportunity for food industry personnel to network, solve problems, share valuable experiences and plan for the future.
TUESDAY, APRIL 8

REGISTRATION
CONVENTION CENTER 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Registration packets can be picked up at the registration desk. Walk-in registration is $75/person.

GOLF TOURNAMENT
SHADOW VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB, ROGERS, AR 9:00 AM
The entry fee is $110/person ($440/team), and prizes are awarded in two flights determined by score. Proceeds from the tournament support OFPA scholarships. Hole sponsorships are available for $100/hole.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

BUSINESS BREAKFAST
CONVENTION CENTER, HAMMONS HALL IV 7:30 AM
Enjoy a hearty buffet-style breakfast. The annual business meeting includes brief reports from OFPA on current issues in the food industry. Scholarship recipients and poster competition winners will be announced. Tickets for breakfast can be purchased with registration.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
HAMMONS HALL IV 8:30 AM-12:00 PM
Moderated by Jason Hayward, Ball Corporation
Presentations by invited speakers open to all registered attendees.

WELCOME AND REMARKS 8:30 AM
Mark Cochran, Vice President for Agriculture, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

EFFICIENT LOCAL: GIVING OUR CUSTOMERS WHAT THEY WANT AT THE PRICE THEY WANT TO PAY 8:45 AM
Lea Jepson, Senior Director for Temperate Vegetables & Floral, Walmart Stores, Inc.

SAFE, FRESH PRODUCE FOR THE CONSUMER 9:30 AM
Dave Sargent and Mitch Bartholemew, Sargent Farms

BREAK 10:15 AM

WHY ANIMAL WELFARE AND WHY NOW? 10:30 AM
Yvonne Thaxton, Director, Center for Food Animal Wellbeing, University of Arkansas

IMPACTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY 11:15 AM
Butch Calhoun, Secretary, Arkansas Agriculture Department

GIFT CARD SPONSORS

CONVENTION SPONSOR: Tipper Tie, Inc., Bronze Level
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

EXPOSITION
HAMMONS HALL I-III  12:00-6:00 PM
Explore over 50 exhibits showcasing innovations in products, services and equipment for food processors. Visit exhibits and participate in the OFPA Passport to Prizes. At each OFPA member company booth receive a stamp on your “Passport”. When the “Passport” is complete, turn it in to be eligible for hourly prize drawings that include gift cards, an iPod® at 4:00 PM, and a Kindle Fire at 5:00 PM. The grand prize will be an iPad® given away at 6:00 PM. Winners must be present to win the hourly prize drawings except the grand prize.

ALL INDUSTRY LUNCHEON
HAMMONS HALL I-III  12:00-1:30 PM
Enjoy lunch while attending the Exposition. The luncheon will feature products from OFPA member companies. Luncheon and reception sponsored by Allens, Inc., ConAgra Foods, Riceland, Inc., Sargento Foods, Inc., and Tyson Foods. Tickets for lunch can be purchased with registration.

WORKSHOPS
HOLIDAY INN & CONVENTION CENTER  1:00-5:00 PM
A variety of workshops are offered on current topics in the food industry. Attendance at the workshops is included in your registration.

RAW PRODUCTS AND CROP PROTECTION
HOLIDAY INN SALONS B &C  1:00-5:00 PM
Moderated by Boyce Wofford, Allens, Inc.
Discussion on Integrated Pest Management and sustainable agriculture

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT WORKSHOPS
CONVENTION CENTER, HAMMONS HALL IV  1:30-2:45 PM
Moderated by Susan Shivas, Tyson Food, Inc.
*Documentation for continuing education credits will be provided

CREATING SYNERGISTIC WINE AND FOOD PAIRINGS  1:30-2:45 PM
Robert Harrington, Professor, Department of Foods, Human Nutrition, and Hospitality, University of Arkansas
Learn how wine and food pairing selection can transform sensory components, the weight or flavors in the food or wine choice. A wine and food tasting is included in this workshop.

BREAK  2:45-3:00 PM

FOOD AND INGREDIENT SENSITIVITIES  3:00-4:00 PM
Richard Goodman, Research Professor, Food Allergy Research and Resource Program, University of Nebraska
Learn how to protect consumers with food allergies and sensitivities in this workshop that will focus on allergen segregation from farm to fork, Celiac disease, effective labeling and GMOs as a safety issue.

ALL INDUSTRY RECEPTION
HAMMONS HALL I-III  4:00-6:00 PM
Join us for a Reception during the Exposition. Appetizers will be served and a limited open bar will be available.

POSTER COMPETITION VIEWING
HAMMONS HALL III  4:30-5:30 PM
View posters related to the food industry submitted by University of Arkansas students for the Poster Competition. Presenters will be available to respond to questions.
OFPA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Through individual as well as collective contributions of its members, the Ozark Food Processors Association (OFPA) is a strong supporter of research and education programs at the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. The OFPA annually awards scholarships to students majoring in Food Science at the University of Arkansas. The OFPA has a special fund for these scholarships and encourages its member companies to designate contributions to this valuable investment in the future of the food industry.

TO DATE, THE ASSOCIATION HAS AWARDED 498 SCHOLARSHIPS IN FOOD SCIENCE.

SCHOLARSHIPS
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OFPA - AHMED A. & ANNA KATTAN
JUSTIN R. MORRIS*
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CAROLYN S.Q. SHARP*
JOE & GRETCHEL STEELE
CLAUDE & PATTY TODD*

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2013-2014
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

SOPHOMORE
Janee Shofner, Centerton, AR (Kattan)

JUNIOR
Nicole Nokes, Siloam Springs, AR (Sharp)

SENIORS
Gregory Esmond, Fayetteville, AR (Dickson and Kattan)
Brittany N. Frederick (Carolyn Sharp)
Kelly Gude, Kansas City, MO (Todd)
Alexandria Huck, Springdale, AR (F & H)
Kyle Mattal, Fayetteville, AR (Morris)
Abbey Rhea, Jefferson City, MO (Kattan)
Michael Taylor, Ashville, NC (Steele)

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