

2017

## SCHEDULE

# NEW JERSEY STATE AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION

February 8 & 9, 2017

Harrah's Resort and  
Waterfront Conference Center

Atlantic City, NJ



### Wednesday, February 8

#### 9:00 Open Convention

*Wildwood Ballroom 28 – Entrance 11*

- President's Welcome
- Flag Salute
- Invocation
- Introduction of State Board of Agriculture
- President's Remarks

#### 9:30 State of the State of Agriculture

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher  
*Secretary of Agriculture*

#### 10:00 Convention Business Session

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Description of Consent Calendar

#### 10:15 Special Guest Speaker

Ryck Suydam  
*President, New Jersey Farm Bureau*

#### 10:30 Upcoming Policy Trends Affecting the U.S. Agriculture Sector

Craig Regelburgge, *Senior Vice President of Industry  
Advocacy & Research, AmericanHort*

#### 11:30 Voting Session – Resolutions #1-4

#### 12:30 New Jersey Agricultural Society Luncheon

*Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3*

#### 2:00 Remarks from State Legislators

Honorable Bob Andrzejczak  
*Assemblyman; Assembly Agriculture and Natural  
Resources Committee Chair*

Honorable Vincent Mazzeo  
*Assemblyman*

#### 2:30 Livestock Owners' Concerns in Humane Issues

Nancy E. Halpern, DVM, Esq.  
*Chair of the Animal Law Practice, Fox Rothschild  
LLP; former Director of the NJDA's Division of  
Animal Health and State Veterinarian*

#### 3:15 Voting Session- Resolutions #5-9

#### 4:00 Youth Speaker – NJ FFA

*Myranda Bond, President*

#### 4:15 Award Presentations

- Patrick Mullen Quality Grading
- Commercial Fishing Industry Award
- Gold Medal Equine Stewardship Award

#### 4:30 Committee Meetings

- Nominations Committee *Wildwood 12 & 13*
- Resolutions Committee *Wildwood 28*

#### 5:30 Agricultural Ambassadors Reception

*Avalon Ballroom Prefunction Area*

#### 7:00 Joint Agricultural Convention Dinner Banquet

*Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3*

Keynote Speaker:

Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney  
*New Jersey Senate President*

## Thursday, February 9

### **9:00 Convention Session**

*Wildwood Ballroom 28 – Entrance 11*

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Introduction of State Board of Agriculture
- Roll Call of Delegates

### **10:00 How to Successfully Utilize the H2A Guest Worker Program**

Overview of H2A Program and Rules

- Leon R. Sequeira, Esq.  
*Former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy in the George W. Bush Administration; Advisor on Guest Worker Labor Matters*

Panel Discussion with Audience Question/Answer:

- Chalmers Carr, H2A User, Owner of Titan Farms and President of USA Farmers (National H2A Advocacy Group)
- Lewis DeEugenio, Jr., H2A User, Owner of Summit City Farms and Winery and New Jersey Representative to USA Farmers
- Ed Overdeest, H2A User, Owner of Overdeest Nurseries and New Jersey State Board of Agriculture Member
- Leon R. Sequeira, Esq., Former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy in the George W. Bush Administration; Advisor on Guest Worker Labor Matters

### **10:45 Voting Session – Resolutions #10-13**

### **11:00 U.S. Produce Policy Outlook for the Coming Year**

Robert Guenther, *Senior Vice President, Public Policy, United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association*

### **11:30 Special Address**

Honorable Kim Guadagno  
*Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey*

### **12:00 Farm Credit East Luncheon**

*Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3*

### **1:30 Youth Speaker – NJ 4-H**

*Wil Staats, Somerset County*

### **1:45 Report from Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences & NJ Experiment Station**

Dr. Robert M. Goodman, Executive Dean

### **2:00 Voting Session – Resolutions #14-18**

Vote on Consent Calendar – Resolutions #19-40

### **3:00 Elections**

- State Board of Agriculture
- Fish and Game Council

## Tuesday, February 7 through Thursday, February 9

### **New Jersey Agricultural Leadership Development Program (NJALDP)**

*Wildwood Ballroom 10*

## Wednesday, February 8

### **New Jersey Agricultural Education Advisory Council**

1:30 PM

*Wildwood Ballroom 12 & 13*

The State Agricultural Convention is presented by the:



### **The New Jersey State Board of Agriculture:**

Santo John Maccherone, President  
Mitchell Jones, Vice President  
Erick K. Doyle  
Ed Overdeest  
Shirley Todd Kline  
Angelo Trapani  
Daniel Farrand  
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