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

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 Overdevest, H2A User, Owner of Overdevest 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

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

10:45  Voting Session – Resolutions #10-13

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
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Ed Overdevest
Shirley Todd Kline
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