

2020

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

NEW JERSEY STATE AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION

February 5 & 6, 2020

Harrah's Resort and
Waterfront Conference Center

Atlantic City, NJ



Wednesday, February 5

9:00 Open Convention

Wildwood Ballroom 28 – Entrance 11

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

9:30 Agriculture Address

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher

Secretary of Agriculture

10:00 Convention Business Session

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Description of Consent Calendar

10:15 Hemp Program Update

Joseph Zoltowski, *Director, Division of Plant Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture*

Question & Answer Period

10:45 Voting Session: Resolutions 1-8

12:00 New Jersey Agricultural Society Luncheon

Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3

1:30 NJDA-VGANJ Joint Session

Aggregator Panel for Sourcing NJ Produce

Moderator: *NJ Department of Agriculture*

Panelists: Dandrea Produce
Robinson Fresh
Nardelli Brothers
Ordille Inc.

Question & Answer Period

2:30 Legislators' Remarks

3:00 Fire Inspections and Wastewater Update

Monique Purcell, *Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Division Director of Agricultural & Natural Resources, New Jersey Department of Agriculture*

Question & Answer Period

3:30 Voting Session: Resolutions 9-12

4:00 Report from New Jersey Farm Bureau

Ryck Suydam, *President*

4:15 Youth Speaker – NJ FFA

Jamie Specca, *President*

4:30 Award Presentations

- Patrick Mullen Quality Grading
- Gold Medal Equine Stewardship Award

4:45 Committee Meetings

- Nominations Committee *Wildwood 10*
- Resolutions Committee *Wildwood 28*

5:30 Agricultural Ambassadors Reception

Avalon Ballroom Prefunction Area

7:00 Joint Agricultural Convention Dinner Banquet

Avalon Ballroom 30

Keynote Speaker: *Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney*

- Distinguished Service to Agriculture Awards
- Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award
- Vegetable Grower of the Year Award
- Blueberry Grower of the Year Award

Thursday, February 6

9:00 Convention Session

Wildwood Ballroom 28 – Entrance 11

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

9:15 Youth Speaker – NJ 4-H

Lianna Bonacorsi, Hunterdon County

9:30 Carbon Farming/Credits

Margaret Brennan-Tonetta, Executive Director, Economic Development & Innovation, Rutgers University

Carrie Lindig, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

Question & Answer Period

10:15 Voting Session: Resolutions 13-18

10:45 Beer, Wine, Spirits, Chef/Restaurant Panel

Moderator: *NJ Department of Agriculture*

Panelists: Flounder Brewing
Salem Oak Vineyards
Tree City Spirits
Claremont Distillery
Blueplate

Question & Answer Period

11:30 Voting Session: Resolutions 19-21

12:00 Farm Credit East Luncheon

Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3

1:30 Report from Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences & NJ Experiment Station

Dr. Robert M. Goodman, Executive Dean

1:45 Voting Session: Resolutions 22-26

Vote on Consent Calendar – Resolutions 27-36

2:30 Elections

- State Board of Agriculture
- Fish and Game Council

2:50 Closing Remarks

*Honorable Douglas H. Fisher
Secretary of Agriculture*

Wednesday, February 5

New Jersey Agricultural Education Advisory Council

1:30 PM

Wildwood Ballroom 10

The State Agricultural Convention is presented by the:



The New Jersey State Board of Agriculture:

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