

2023
NEW JERSEY
STATE AGRICULTURAL
CONVENTION

February 8 & 9, 2023

**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
- Introduction of State Board of Agriculture
- President's Remarks

9:25 Agriculture Address

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher
Secretary of Agriculture

9:45 Convention Business Session

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Description of Consent Calendar

**10:00 Young Farmer Perspective
Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Joe Atchison III
*Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Director,
Division of Marketing & Development, New Jersey
Department of Agriculture*

10:30 Voting Session: Resolutions 1-5 *

11:30 How Can NJEDA Assist You?

Doyin Ashiru
*Sector Lead, Non-Retail Food and Beverage
NJ Economic Development Authority*

11:45 Food Banks & Local Produce

Carlos M. Rodriguez, President & CEO
Community FoodBank of New Jersey

**12:00 New Jersey Agricultural Society
Luncheon**

Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3

1:30 NJDA-VGANJ Joint Session

NJDEP Panel

***"Water Regulations Affecting New Jersey
Farmers"***

Moderator: Frank Minch
*Director, Division of Agricultural & Natural
Resources, New Jersey Department of Agriculture*

2:15 Voting Session: Resolutions 6-9 *

3:00 Legislators' Remarks

3:15 Voting Session: Resolutions 10-13 *

4:00 Report from New Jersey Farm Bureau
Allen Carter, President

4:15 Youth Speaker – NJ FFA
Jonathan Finney, President

4:25 Youth Speaker – NJ 4H
Nora Hansen, Ocean County

4:40 Committee Meetings

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

5:00 Agricultural Ambassadors Reception
Avalon Ballroom Prefunction Area

Wednesday, February 8 continued

6:00 Joint Agricultural Convention

Dinner Banquet *Avalon Ballroom 30*

Keynote Speaker:

Captain, USNR, (Ret.) Charlie Plumb
Former Fighter Pilot
Six-Year Prisoner of War

- Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award
Michael Brooks
- Vegetable Grower of the Year Award
James Abma Jr.

Tuesday, February 7

New Jersey State Board of Agriculture

2:30 PM
Wildwood Ballrooms 12-13

USDA – NJ Farm Service Agency

NAP Listening Session
1:30 PM
Wildwood Ballroom 10

Wednesday, February 8

New Jersey Agricultural Education Advisory Council

1:30 PM
Sea Isle City Boardroom

Thursday, February 9

9:00 Convention Session

Wildwood Ballroom 28 – Entrance 11

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

9:30 “Lightning” Round

Joe Atchison III
*Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Director,
Division of Marketing & Development, New Jersey
Department of Agriculture*

10:00 Voting Session: Resolutions 14-18 *

11:00 Report from Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences & NJ Experiment Station

Dr. Laura Lawson
Executive Dean

11:15 Voting Session: Resolutions 19-20 *

Vote on Consent Calendar – Resolutions 21-38

11:30 Elections

- State Board of Agriculture

11:50 Closing Remarks

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher
Secretary of Agriculture

* *The Resolutions Chairperson may open
resolution out of the order listed for discussion
during the resolutions sessions.*

The State Agricultural Convention is
presented by the:



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