



2026

**NEW JERSEY
STATE AGRICULTURAL
CONVENTION**

January 21 - 23, 2026

**Harrah's Resort and
Waterfront Conference Center**

Atlantic City, NJ

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 21

Garden State Wine Growers Association
Avalon 1
10:30 AM – Board Meeting
12:00 PM – Monthly Member Meeting

**New Jersey State Board of
Agriculture Monthly Meeting**

Avalon 6 & 7
2:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

**New Jersey FFA Career Development
Event (CDE)**

7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

- Ag Communications
Wildwood 6 & 7
- Farm & Agribusiness Management
Avalon 2 & 3
- Food Science & Technology
Avalon 6 - 8
- Meat Evaluation & Technology
Avalon 9 - 11

Next Generation Ag Summit

Wildwood 17 - 19
1:00 PM

**New Jersey Agricultural Education
Advisory Council**

Avalon 1
1:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

1:00 Open Convention
Avalon Ballroom 28 – Entrance 5

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

1:30 Agriculture Address

Edward D. Wengryn, *Secretary of Agriculture*

1:40 Convention Business Session

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Description of Consent Calendar

2:00 Legislative Listening Session

2:30 Resolutions Voting Session

3:00 Award Presentations

Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year

Brandon Raso

Distinguished Service to Agriculture

Henry D. DuBois Jr.

Mary Powers Nikola

3:30 Youth Speaker – NJ FFA

3:40 Youth Speaker – NJ 4H

3:45 Committee Meetings

- Nominations Committee
Sea Isle City Boardroom
- Resolutions Committee
Avalon Ballroom 28

5:00 Agricultural Ambassadors Reception
Avalon Ballroom Prefunction Area

6:00 Agricultural Convention Banquet
Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance 4

Friday, January 23

8:30 Convention Session
Avalon Ballroom 28 – Entrance 5

- Call to Order
- Roll Call of Delegates

9:00 Report from New Jersey Farm Bureau
Allen Carter, President

9:15 Report from Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences & NJ Experiment Station
Dr. Laura Lawson, *Executive Dean*

9:30 Resolutions Voting Session

12:00 New Jersey Agricultural Society Luncheon

1:30 Resolutions Voting Session
Vote on Consent Calendar

3:45 Elections

- State Board of Agriculture
- Fish and Game

4:00 Closing Remarks
Edward D. Wengryn
Secretary of Agriculture

The State Agricultural Convention is presented by the:



The New Jersey State Board of Agriculture:

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