

2024
NEW JERSEY
STATE AGRICULTURAL
CONVENTION

February 7 & 8, 2024

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

Atlantic City, NJ



Wednesday, February 7

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

Joseph Atchison III
Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

10:00 Convention Business Session

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Description of Consent Calendar

10:15 Agricultural Video Productions

Three videos focused on agricultural production throughout the state:

- *Middlebush Farms*
- *Ashley Farms*
- *Cutts Brothers Cranberry Farms*

10:45 Voting Session: Resolutions 1-5

12:00 New Jersey Agricultural Society Luncheon

Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3

1:30 NJDA-VGANJ Joint Session

New Jersey Agricultural Products in School Feeding Programs

Rose Chamberlain
Director, NJDA Division of Food & Nutrition
Warren DeShields
Food Services Director, Bridgeton Public Schools

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
Chase Sherburne, President

4:25 Youth Speaker – NJ 4H
Michael Powell

4:40 Committee Meetings

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

5:00 Agricultural Ambassadors Reception
Avalon Ballroom Prefunction Area

6:00 Joint Agricultural Convention Dinner Banquet *Avalon Ballroom 30*

Keynote Speaker:

Paul Mobley
Award-Winning Photographer
"American Farmer: The Heart of Our Country"

- Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award
Byron DuBois
- Distinguished Service to Agriculture Awards
James Abma Sr.
James Giamarese
Frank Yesalavich Jr.
- Vegetable Growers of the Year Award
Angelo and Leonard Grasso

Tuesday, February 6

USDA Programs Spotlight: FSA, RD, and NRCS Initiatives in NJ

10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Sea Isle City Boardroom

New Jersey State Board of Agriculture Public Meeting

2:30 PM

Wildwood Ballrooms 12-13

Tuesday, February 6 and Wednesday, February 7

Farmers Market Nutrition (FMNP) Program Vendor Training

12:00 to 1:00 PM

Wildwood Ballrooms 12-13

Wednesday, February 7

New Jersey FFA Career Development Event (CDE)

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Avalon Ballrooms 7-9

New Jersey Agricultural Education Advisory Council

1:30 PM

Wildwood Ballrooms 12-13

Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8

New Jersey Agricultural Leadership Development Program (NJALDP)

Sea Isle City Boardroom

Thursday, February 8

9:00 Convention Session

Wildwood Ballroom 28 – Entrance 11

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

9:30 New Jersey's Food Security

Mark Dinglasan

Director

NJ Office of the Food Security Advocate

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 21-39

11:30 Elections

- State Board of Agriculture
- Fish and Game Council

11:50 Closing Remarks

Joseph Atchison III

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

The State Agricultural Convention is presented by the:



The New Jersey State Board of Agriculture:

Holly L. Sytsema, President

Warren "Barney" Hollinger, Vice President

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