

2025

NEW JERSEY STATE AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION

February 3 - 6, 2025

Harrah's Resort and
Waterfront Conference Center

Atlantic City, NJ



AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Monday, February 3

**Underserved Farmers Network (UFN)
Resource Seminar and Idea Sharing Event**
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Avalon 6 & 7

Tuesday, February 4

Joint Leadership Meeting
*State Board of Agriculture, New Jersey Farm
Bureau, Rutgers Board of Managers, New Jersey
State Grange, New Jersey Agricultural Society,
Organic and Regenerative Board Officers*
10:00 AM
Sea Isle City Ballroom

Tuesday, February 4 and

Wednesday, February 5

**Farmers Market Nutrition (FMNP)
Program Vendor Training**
12:00 to 1:30 PM
Avalon Ballroom 8-10

Tuesday, February 4

**New Jersey State Board of
Agriculture Public Meeting**
2:30 PM
Avalon Ballroom 8-10

Wednesday, February 5

**Food Cooperative Discussion with New Jersey
Farm Bureau**
7:30 to 8:30 AM
Avalon Ballroom 7

Breakfast with the Board

*Burlington, Atlantic and Camden County Boards of
Agriculture*
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Sea Isle City Ballroom

New Jersey FFA Career Development Event (CDE)

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Avalon Ballroom 11-14

NJ SBA Grants Committee LFPA Listening Session: "What Works and What Doesn't"

10:30 AM
Avalon Ballroom 6

Next Generation Ag Summit

1:00 PM
Avalon Ballroom 15-17

New Jersey Agricultural Education Advisory Council

1:30 PM
Sea Isle City Ballroom

Wednesday, February 5

2:00 Open Convention

Wildwood Ballroom 30 – Entrance 2

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

2:30 Agriculture Address

Edward D. Wengryn
Secretary of Agriculture

2:40 Convention Business Session

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Description of Consent Calendar

3:00 Report from New Jersey Farm Bureau

Allen Carter, President

3:15 Youth Speaker – NJ FFA

Niccolo Conte, State President

3:25 Youth Speaker – NJ 4H

Kaitlyn Flynn

3:35 Legislative Listening Session

Avalon Ballroom 8-10

William Spearman, Chair, Assembly
Commerce, Economic Development and
Agriculture

3:35 Committee Meetings

- Nominations Committee
Sea Isle City Ballroom
- Resolutions Committee
Wildwood Ballroom 30

5:00 Agricultural Ambassadors Reception

Avalon Ballroom Prefunction Area
Sponsored by Farm Credit East and
American National Insurance

6:00 Joint Agricultural Convention Dinner Banquet

Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance 2

Keynote Speaker:
Greg Warren
Ag Standup Comedian

Award Presentations:
Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year
Award

Zach Heiken

Distinguished Service to Agriculture Awards
Richard & Rosina Byma
Douglas H. Fisher
John I. Rigolizzo, Jr. *Posthumously*
Vegetable Grower of the Year Award
Brian Porch

Thursday, February 6

8:30 Convention Session

Wildwood Ballroom 30 – Entrance 2

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

9:30 Report from Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences & NJ Experiment Station

Dr. Laura Lawson
Executive Dean

9:45 Voting Session: Resolutions 1-10

12:00 New Jersey Agricultural Society Luncheon

1:30 PFAS Discussion

Frank Minch, *Director*
NJDA Division of Agricultural & Natural Resources

1:45 Voting Session: Resolutions 11-17 Vote on Consent Calendar – Resolutions 18-45

3:45 Elections

- State Board of Agriculture
- Fish and Game Council

4:00 Closing Remarks

Edward D. Wengryn
Secretary of Agriculture