

2018

SCHEDULE

NEW JERSEY STATE AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION

February 7 & 8, 2018

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
- Invocation

9:10 Remarks

Dr. Deba Dutta
Chancellor, Rutgers University - New Brunswick

9:40 Convention

- Introduction of State Board of Agriculture
- President's Remarks
- Introduction – Bruce Eklund, NASS Update

10:00 Agriculture Address

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher
Secretary of Agriculture

10:25 Convention Business Session

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Description of Consent Calendar

10:40 U.S. Small Business Administration

Christine Myers, *Region II, Office of Advocacy*

10:45 NRCS Seeks Farmer Feedback

Carrie Lindig, *NRCS State Conservationist,
Somerset State Office*

11:00 Voting Session: Resolutions 1-6

12:00 New Jersey Agricultural Society Luncheon

Avalon Ballroom 30 – Entrance Avalon 3

Keynote Speaker:

Honorable Philip D. Murphy
Governor of New Jersey

1:30 Updated Outlook on the Federal Approach to Agriculture and Farm Labor

Craig Regelburgge, *Senior Vice President of Industry Advocacy & Research, AmericanHort*

2:30 Legislators' Remarks

2:45 Voting Session: Resolutions 7-13

4:00 Report from New Jersey Farm Bureau

Ryck Suydam, *President*

4:15 Youth Speaker – NJ FFA

Renee Stillwell, *President*

4:30 Award Presentations

- Patrick Mullen Quality Grading
- Commercial Fishing Industry Award
- 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
New Jersey Senate President

Thursday, February 8

9:00 Convention Session

Wildwood Ballroom 28 – Entrance 11

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

9:15 Youth Speaker – NJ 4-H

Brittany Smith, Warren County

9:30 Latest Trends in Produce Marketing

George Szczepanski, *Director of Business Development, Global Sponsorships and Events, Produce Marketing Association*

10:15 Voting Session: Resolutions 14-17

11:00 Unoccupied Aerial Vehicles (Drones) in Agriculture

NJAES, Rutgers

11:30 Voting Session: Resolutions 18-20

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 Urban Agriculture in New Jersey

Dr. Laura J. Lawson

Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs, Rutgers

2:15 Voting Session: Resolutions 21-25

Vote on Consent Calendar – Resolutions 26-45

3:00 Elections

- State Board of Agriculture
- Fish and Game Council

3:20 Closing Remarks

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher
Secretary of Agriculture

Wednesday, February 7

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:

Mitchell D. Jones, President

Shirley Todd Kline, Vice President

Ed Overdevest

Angelo Trapani

Daniel O. Farrand

August V. Wuillermin

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