

2026

**NEW JERSEY
STATE AGRICULTURAL
CONVENTION**

January 21 - 23, 2026

**Harrah's Resort and
Waterfront Conference Center
Atlantic City, NJ**



**PRELIMINARY
AGENDA**

Wednesday, January 21

**New Jersey State Board of
Agriculture Monthly Meeting**
2:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

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

7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

- Ag Communications
- Farm & Agribusiness Management
- Food Science & Technology
- Meat Evaluation & Technology

Next Generation Ag Summit

1:00 PM

**New Jersey Agricultural Education
Advisory Council**

1:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

1:00 Open Convention

- 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 or
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
- Resolutions Committee

5:00 Agricultural Ambassadors Reception
Avalon Ballroom Prefunction Area

6:00 Agricultural Convention Dinner Banquet

Friday, January 23

8:30 Convention Session

- 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 Legislative Listening Session or Resolutions Voting Session

1:45 Resolutions Voting Session

Vote on Consent Calendar

3:45 Elections

- State Board of Agriculture

4:00 Closing Remarks

Edward D. Wengryn
Secretary of Agriculture

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