Sclerotinia white mold caused significant losses in 2014 due to the wet season. New Cornell plant pathologist Sarah Pethybridge will explain white mold development, cultural practices and fungicide choices/timing to reduce risk, and new research ideas. Progress on breeding for white mold resistant dry beans, and improved yields will be reported.

Results of Cornell variety trials comparing yield, maturity, canning quality, etc. will be presented.

Western bean cutworm (WBC) feeding damage on beans has now been detected in several locations. The 2014 WBC moth survey will be summarized, and recommendations for bean damage control will be provided.

Final results of a reduced tillage dry bean weed control trial, and trials of potential new herbicides, will be presented. The effects of long-term reduced tillage, rotation and cover crops on dry bean yield and root rot will be described. There is increased cost-sharing available for such good soil management.

There will be a report from the U.S. Dry Bean Council, and a summary of the February 9 Organic Dry Bean Discussion. The NYS Dry Bean Industry Committee will meet at 2:30 PM, and decisions on funding 2015 dry bean research will be made.