

# 2025 Eastern New York Fruit & Vegetable Conference



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**Wednesday, February 19**  
**Thursday, February 20**

The Desmond Conference Center  
660 Albany Shaker Road  
Albany, NY 12211



**Cornell Cooperative Extension**  
Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program

# 2025 Eastern New York Fruit & Vegetable Conference

**DEC pesticide recertification credits will be available for multiple sessions in categories 1A, 10, 21, 22, 23, and 24.**

Attendance throughout the entire session is required for DEC credits.

**TRADE SHOW** - Vendors will be set up in the Fort Orange Courtyard and the King Street Courtyard. Over 20 exhibitors will be present to visit with growers from 8:00am until 5:30pm on February 19 and 8:00am until 2:00pm on February 20.

**LUNCH** - A hot buffet lunch will be available in the Fort Orange Ballroom. Lunch is included with your conference registration.

**LODGING** - To receive the discounted room rate, individual guests may call the hotel directly using the local number provided below, or may reserve online using the provided link to book their room(s). Reservations must be received no later than **January 28, 2025**, to get the discounted rate.

When requesting a room, guests may refer to the Group Code: EZQ. Call 518-869-8100 directly to make your reservation. Alternatively, use the following link to make your reservation: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50949900>

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*The Red Roof Inn*

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*Best Western Albany Airport Inn*

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# Conference Overview

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## **Wednesday, February 19**

### **Tree Fruit Sessions**

King Street Ballroom 9:00am - 4:00pm  
3.75 DEC credits in categories 1A, 10, and 22

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## **Wednesday, February 19**

### **Small Fruit Session**

Town Hall 9:00am - 12:00pm  
2.0 DEC credits in categories 1A, 10, and 22

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## **Wednesday, February 19**

### **Grape Session**

Shaker Room 9:00am - 11:45am  
1.25 DEC credits in categories 1A, 10, 22 | 0.75 Core Credits

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## **Wednesday, February 19**

### **H2A Session**

Shaker Room 1:20pm - 3:30pm

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## **Thursday, February 20**

### **Tree Fruit Session**

King Street Ballroom 9:00am - 12:00pm  
0.5 DEC credits in categories 1A, 10, and 22

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## **Thursday, February 20**

### **Vegetable Session**

Town Hall 1:20pm - 3:50pm  
1.5 DEC credits in categories 1A, 10, 21, 23 | 0.25 Core Credits

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## **Thursday, February 20**

### **Bedding Plants and Transplants Session**

Town Hall 9:00am - 11:30am  
1.25 DEC credits in categories 1A, 10, 23, and 24

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## **Thursday, February 20**

### **Business Sessions: Marketing and Funding Opportunities**

King Street Ballroom 9:45am - 3:40pm

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Day One

Tree Fruit

## ***Tree Fruit - King Street Ballroom***

- 8:00am*                      *Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show*
- 9:00am - 9:05am            **Welcome and DEC Sign-up**  
Dan Donahue, CCE ENYCHP
- 9:05am - 9:50am            **Updates on the Newest Research, Products,  
and Regulatory Concerns for Apple Disease  
in New York**  
Dr. Kerik Cox, Cornell AgriTech
- 9:50am - 10:20am        **Disease Control and Disease Forecasting  
Updates from the Hudson Valley Research  
Laboratory**  
Dr. Scott Cosseboom, Cornell University,  
Hudson Valley Research Laboratory
- 10:20am - 10:35am        **2024 Streptomycin Resistance Survey:  
Updates and Insights**  
Isabella Yannuzzi, Cornell AgriTech
- 10:35am - 11:05am        **Why did Scab Programs Fail in 2024?  
Looking back with NEWA**  
Dr. Kerik Cox, Cornell AgriTech, and Anna  
Wallis, NYSIPM
- 11:05am - 11:35am        **NYAA Apple Marketing Update**  
Cynthia Haskins, NYAA
- 11:35am - 11:50am        **NYSHS Government Relations Update**  
James Bittner, NYSHS
- 11:50am - 12:00pm        **Regulatory and Marketing Q&A**  
Cynthia Haskins, NYAA  
James Bittner, NYSHS  
Dan Donahue, CCE ENYCHP
- 12:00pm - 1:15pm*        *Lunch & Trade Show*  
*Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom*



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1:15pm - 1:20pm

**Welcome and DEC Sign-up**

Mike Basedow, CCE ENYCHP

1:20pm - 1:50pm

**Insights into Pest Dynamics and Management in New York Apple Orchards**

Dr. Andres Antolinez, Cornell University, Hudson Valley Research Laboratory

1:50pm - 2:20pm

**2024 Hudson Valley Horticultural Research Review**

Dan Donahue, CCE ENYCHP

2:20pm - 3:00pm

**Updates on the Storage Research of Traditional and New Apple Varieties**

Chris Watkins, Cornell University CALS

3:00pm - 3:30pm

**Optimizing Systemic Herbicides to Manage Problematic Perennial Weeds**

Mike Basedow, CCE ENYCHP

3:30pm - 4:00pm

**Robots with Frickin Laser Beams? Up-and-Coming Technology for Weed Control in Perennial Crops**

Dr. Lynn Sosnoskie, Cornell AgriTech



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Small Fruit



## ***Small Fruit - Town Hall***

- 8:00am***                      ***Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show***
- 9:00am - 9:15am**            **Welcome and DEC Sign-up**  
Heather Kase, CCE ENYCHP
- 9:15am - 9:45am**            **A Snapshot of Strawberry Production in the Northeast**  
Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon, CCE ENYCHP
- 9:45am - 10:15am**        **Cover Crops Species Selection for Intended Benefits**  
Joseph Amsilli, Cornell University CALS
- 10:15am - 10:45am**       **Juneberries and Honeyberries - Promising Specialty Fruit**  
Mike Davis, Cornell AES, Willsboro Research Farm
- 10:45am - 11:15am**       **Eleven Years of No Worries about Spotted Wing Drosophila in Blueberries and Fall-Bearing Tunnel Raspberries**  
Dale Ila-Riggs, The Berry Patch, Stephentown, NY
- 11:15am - 11:45am**       **Strawberry Fruit Rot Control Utilizing Prediction Methods**  
Dr. Scott Cosseboom, Cornell University, Hudson Valley Research Laboratory
- 11:45am - 12:00pm**       **Berry Pest Monitoring Updates**  
Dr. Anna Wallis, NYSIPM
- 12:00pm - 1:15pm***        ***Lunch & Trade Show***  
***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***



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## ***Grapes - Shaker Room***

- 8:00am***                      ***Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show***
- 8:50am - 9:05am**            **Welcome and DEC Sign-up**  
Jeremy Schuster, CCE ENYCHP
- 9:05am - 9:15am**            **Research Updates**  
Jeremy Schuster, CCE ENYCHP
- 9:15am - 9:45am**            **Grower Discussion and Feedback**
- 9:45am - 10:30am**        **Pesticide Regulations for the Agricultural Producer**  
Dan Wixted, NYSIPM/PSEP
- 10:30am - 11:00am**       **Introducing Cornell Grapevine Breeder**  
Maddy Oravec, Cornell AgriTech
- 11:00am - 11:45am**      **Preparing for Grape Disease Control with Mancozeb**  
Dr. Katie Gold, Cornell AgriTech
- 11:45am - 1:15pm***        ***Lunch & Trade Show***  
***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***

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Grapes



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H2A on the Small Farm

## ***H2A on the Small Farm - Shaker Room***

***11:35am - 1:15pm***      ***Lunch & Trade Show***  
***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***

**1:15pm - 1:30pm**      **Welcome and DEC Sign-up**  
Liz Higgins, CCE ENYCHP

**1:30pm - 3:25pm**      **TBD**





*Thank you to our trade show vendors  
(as of January 7, 2025 - more to come!)*

Arthur Carroll Insurance Agency

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Carolina Eastern Vail

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Clifton Seed Company

Corteva Agriscience

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Hoosac Valley Farmers Exchange

Huron Fruit Systems

LaGasse Machine and Fabrication, Inc.

Miller Chemical

Mobile Repair Services

New York Farm Bureau

Packaging Corporation of America

Rovensa Next

Rupp Seeds

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Seedway

Syngenta

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Day Two

Tree Fruit



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## ***Tree Fruit - King Street Ballrooms***

*8:00am*

*Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show*

8:20am - 9:05am

**Welcome and DEC Sign-up**

Dan Donahue, CCE ENYCHP

9:05am - 9:35am

**Soil Health in NYS Orchards**

Dr. Deborah Aller, NYS Soil Health

9:35am - 10:05am

**Implementing Mating Disruption in New York Orchards**

Dr. Monique Rivera, Cornell AgriTech

10:05am - 10:35am

**Orchard Irrigation**

Terence Robinson, Cornell University CALS

10:35am - 10:55am

**Agritourism in Italy**

Lindsey Pashow, CCE Harvest NY

10:55am - 11:35am

**Interpoma: Tree Fruit Production Technology and Marketing in Italy**

Dan Donahue, CCE ENYCHP

11:35am - 12:00pm

**The Retailer's Perspective: TOPS and Price Chopper**

Jeff Caddy, VP of Produce and Floral, Price Chopper

*12:00pm - 1:15pm*

*Lunch & Trade Show*

*Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom*



**February 20, 2025**  
**Bedding Plants and**  
**Vegetable Transplants**

***Bedding Plants and Vegetable Transplants - Town Hall***

- 8:00am***                      ***Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show***
- 9:00am - 9:05am**            **Welcome and DEC Sign-up**  
Teresa Rusinek, CCE ENYCHP, and Jingjing Yin,  
CCE CAAHP
- 9:05am - 9:45am**            **Biocontrols for Aphids, Mites, Thrips, and  
more in Early Spring Greenhouse Transplant  
Production**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lamb, NYSIPM
- 9:45am - 10:30am**        **Water Quality Impacts on Container  
Production**  
Jingjing Yin, CCE CAAHP
- 10:30am - 11:00am**       **Ornamental and Vegetable Crossover  
Diseases in Early Spring Greenhouse  
Production**  
Teresa Rusinek, CCE ENYCHP
- 11:00am - 11:30am**       **Pricing Baskets and Transplants: Consumer  
Preference Trends**  
Grower Panel
- 11:35am - 1:15pm***       ***Lunch & Trade Show***  
***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***



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Vegetables

### ***Vegetable Session - Town Hall***

- 11:35am - 1:15pm***      ***Lunch & Trade Show***  
***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***
- 1:15pm - 1:20pm**      **Welcome and DEC Sign-up**  
Chuck Bornt, CCE ENYCHP
- 1:20pm - 2:00pm**      **Climate Interactions with Herbicides,  
Weeds, and Soil Adjuvants**  
Dr. Lynn Sosnoskie, Cornell AgriTech
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm**      **Water Quality and the Impact on Pesticides**  
Fred Whitford, Purdue University
- 2:30pm - 2:55pm**      **Novel Approaches to Weed Control**  
Lynn Sosnoskie, Cornell University CALS
- 2:55pm - 3:30pm**      **Temperature Stress in Vegetables: Too Hot,  
Too Cold, and What We Can Do**  
Steve Reiners, Cornell Vegetable Program
- 3:30pm - 3:50pm**      **Assessing Corn Earworm (*Helicoverpa zea*)  
Management Strategies in Sweet Corn**  
Dr. John Mahas, Cornell University CALS





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Marketing and

Funding Opportunities

## ***Marketing - King Street Ballrooms***

*8:00am*                      *Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show*

8:50am - 9:05am        **Welcome**

9:05am - 12:00pm      **TBD**

*12:00pm - 1:15pm*      *Lunch & Trade Show*  
*Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom*

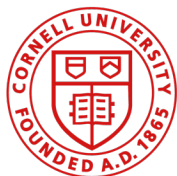
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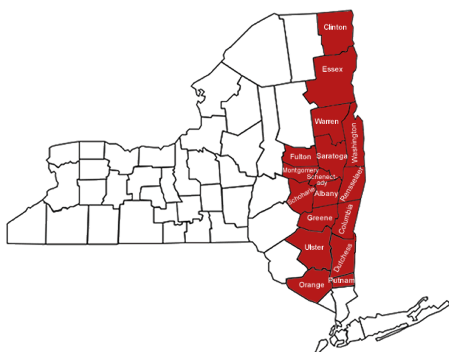
## ***Funding Opportunities - King Street Ballrooms***

1:15pm - 1:30pm        **Welcome**

1:30pm - 3:40pm        **TBD**



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