

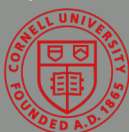
# 2026

## Eastern New York Fruit & Vegetable Conference



**Wednesday, February 25**  
**Thursday, February 26**

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



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

# 2026 Eastern New York Fruit & Vegetable Conference

**DEC pesticide recertification credits will be available for multiple sessions in categories 1A, 3A, 10, 22, 23, and 24, as well as Core Credits in certain sessions.** Attendance throughout the entire is *required* for DEC credits. Please sign in at the beginning of each morning and each afternoon session. DEC sign in tables will be set up outside the room that that session is taking place in, and will be monitored for attendance. *Please be sure to sign in at the correct session table for DEC credits.*

**TRADE SHOW** - Vendors will be set up in the Fort Orange Courtyard and the King Street Courtyard. Over 40 exhibitors will be present to visit with growers from 8:00am until 4:30pm on February 25 and 8:00am until 2:00pm on February 26.

**LUNCH** - A hot buffet lunch will be available in the Fort Orange Ballroom on both February 25 and 26. Lunch is included with your conference registration.

**LODGING** - To receive the discounted room rate (\$150/night) at the conference hotel, individual guests may call the hotel directly using the local number (518-869-8100) and provided group code (YFV), or may reserve online using the link or QR code to book their room(s): <http://tiny.cc/eny-fvc-2026-HOTEL>. Reservations must be received by February 3, 2026 to receive the discounted group rate.

After February 3, guests are still welcome to book at the Desmond at the standard nightly rate using the phone number listed above.

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# Conference Overview

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## **Wednesday, February 25** **Wash and Pack Session**

King Street Ballroom 9:00am - 4:00pm

2.75 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22, 23 | 0.25 Core Credits

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## **Wednesday, February 25** **Tree Fruit Sessions**

King Street Ballroom 9:00am - 4:00pm

3.5 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

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## **Wednesday, February 25** **Grape Session**

Shaker Room 9:00am - 12:00pm

2.0 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

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## **Wednesday, February 25** **Trade Show**

Fort Orange & King Street Courtyards 8:00am - 4:30pm

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## **Thursday, February 26** **Tree Fruit Session**

King Street Ballroom 2,4 9:00am - 4:00pm

1.25 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

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## **Thursday, February 26** **Bedding Plants and Transplants Session**

King Street Ballroom 6,8 9:00am - 11:30am

1.75 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 3A, 10, 24, 25 | 0.5 Core Credits

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## **Thursday, February 26** **Vegetable Session**

King Street Ballroom 6,8 1:00pm - 4:00pm

2.5 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 23

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## **Thursday, February 26** **Small Fruit Session**

Shaker Room 9:00am - 12:00pm

2 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

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## **Thursday, February 26** **Trade Show**

Fort Orange & King Street Courtyards 8:00am - 2:00pm

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# February 25, 2026

## Wash/Pack

### ***Wash/Pack- Town Hall***

***8:00am***

***Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show***

**9:00am - 9:30am**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon, CCE ENYCHP

**9:30am - 10:00am**

**Post-Harvest Water Management**

Donna Clements, Produce Safety Alliance

**10:00am - 10:15am**

**Break**

**10:15am - 11:30am**

**Post-Harvest Water Management Activity**

Donna Clements and Don Stoeckel, Produce Safety Alliance

Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon, CCE ENYCHP

**11:30am - 12:00pm**

**Cleaning and Santizing: Establishing an Effective Sanitation Program**

Don Stoeckel, Produce Safety Alliance

***12:00pm - 1:00pm***

***Lunch & Trade Show***

***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***



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

1:00pm - 2:15pm   **Cleaning and Sanitizing Activity**  
Donna Clements and Don Stoeckel, Produce  
Safety Alliance  
Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon, CCE ENYCHP

2:15pm - 2:30pm   **Break**

2:30pm - 3:15pm   **Introduction to the FSMA Traceability Rule  
(2024)**  
Donna Clements, Produce Safety Alliance

3:15pm - 3:30pm   **Evaluations and Q&A**  
Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon, CCE ENYCHP

3:30pm - 3:50pm   **Final Look at Equipment Displays**  
Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon, CCE ENYCHP



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Tree Fruit



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

***8:00am***

***Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show***

9:00am - 9:10am

**Welcome and DEC Sign-up**

Dan Donahue, CCE ENYCHP

9:10am - 9:30am

**2025 Apple Pest Updates and Insecticide Trial Results**

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

9:30am - 9:50am

**Disease Control Research Updates from the Hudson Valley**

Dr. Scott Cosseboom, Cornell University,  
Hudson Valley Research Laboratory

9:50am - 10:10am

**Orchard IPM - Tools to Keep Your Monitoring and Scouting Game Sharp**

Dr. Anna Wallis, Cornell IPM Program

10:10am - 10:30am

**Agricultural Labor Update**

Dr. Richard Stup, Cornell Ag Workforce  
Development

10:30am - 10:50am

**Fixed Costs and Profitability: Strategies for Making Investments in Your Business**

Elizabeth Higgins, CCE ENYCHP

10:50am - 11:10am

**Cornell Hudson Valley Lab Update**

Dr. Jared Buono, Cornell University, Hudson  
Valley Research Laboratory

11:10am - 11:30am

**NYSHS Government Relations Update**

James Bittner, NYSHS

11:30am - 11:50am

**NYAA Marketing Update**

Cynthia Haskins, NYAA

***12:00pm - 1:10pm***

***Lunch & Trade Show***

***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***



- 1:10pm - 1:20pm **Announcements**  
Mike Basedow, CCE ENYCHP
- 1:20pm - 1:40pm **Evaluating G-Series Apple Rootstock Cold Hardiness**  
Dr. Jason Londo, Cornell University CALS
- 1:40pm - 2:00pm **NY1 'SnapDragon®' Apples: Trials to Reduce Internal Browning and Prolong Storability in Interaction with Storage Temperature and Storage System**  
Dr. Yosef Al Shoffe, Cornell University CALS
- 2:00pm - 2:20pm **What Growers Should Know About Spray Adjuvants**  
Dr. Christophe Duplais, Cornell AgriTech
- 2:20pm - 2:40pm **Rhizomatous Perennial Weeds Can Be Difficult to Manage in Orchards**  
Dr. Maria Gannett, University of Massachusetts Extension
- 2:40pm - 3:00pm **What to Expect When Being Inspected**  
Sarah Whelen, NYSDEC
- 3:00pm - 3:20pm **Three Years Thinning with Accede in Northern NY**  
Mike Basedow, CCE ENYCHP
- 3:20pm - 3:40pm **It's Been a Long Time Coming: Brevis™ for Thinning Apples and Pears**  
Jon Clements, University of Massachusetts Extension
- 3:40pm - 4:00pm **Opportunities for Improved Orchard Profitability Now and in the Future**  
Dr. Terence Robinson, Cornell AgriTech
- 8:00am - 4:30pm Poster Session**

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Grapes

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

*8:00am*

*Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show*

9:00am - 9:05am

**Welcome and DEC Sign-up**

Jeremy Schuster, CCE ENYCHP

9:05am - 9:35am

**Marketing Wine in an Ever-Changing Market**

Elizabeth Higgins, CCE ENYCHP

9:35am - 10:05am

**Best Practices for SLF Management and Updates on Vineyard Disease Management**

Kyle Bekelja, Cornell IPM Program

10:05am - 10:35am

**Regulatory and Survey Update from NYSDAM Division of Plant Industry**

Chris Logue, NYS Department of Ag and Markets

10:35am - 11:05am

**UV-C Update on Disease Control**

Jennifer Brons, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

11:05am - 11:35am

**Floor Management Trial for Water and Nutrient Conservation in Non-Irrigated Grapes for Vine and Soil Health**

Jennifer Russo, CCE Lake Erie Regional Grape Program

11:35am - 11:45am

**Hudson Valley Research Lab Research Updates and Closing Remarks**

Jeremy Schuster, CCE ENYCHP

*11:45am - 1:15pm*

***Lunch & Trade Show***

*Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom*







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Small Fruit

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

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|-------------------|--|
| 8:00am            | <i>Registration, Refreshments, &amp; Trade Show</i>  |
| 9:00am - 9:10am   | <b>Welcome and DEC Sign-up</b><br>Heather Kase, CCE ENYCHP   |
| 9:10am - 9:40am   | <b>Management of Up and Coming Strawberry Diseases in the Northeastern US</b><br>Nate Westrick, Connecticut Ag Experiment Station                          |
| 9:40am - 10:10am  | <b>Updates on SWD Biocontrol</b><br>Dr. Greg Loeb, Cornell AgriTech  |
| 10:10am - 10:40am | <b>Raspberry Production</b><br>Anya Stansell, CCE Harvest NY   |
| 10:40am - 11:10am | <b>Neopestalotiopsis Leaf, Fruit, and Crown Disease of Strawberry: An Upcoming Threat for New York Growers</b><br>Dr. Daniel Heck, Cornell University CALS |
| 11:10am - 11:40am | <b>Season Review and Discussion</b><br>Heather Kase, CCE ENYCHP  |
| 11:40am - 11:50am | <b>Evaluations and Q&amp;A</b><br>Heather Kase, CCE ENYCHP   |
| 12:00pm - 1:15pm  | <i><b>Lunch &amp; Trade Show (Last Look!)</b></i><br><i>Fort Orange Courtyard &amp; Ballroom</i>   |

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Tree Fruit

## ***Tree Fruit - King Street Ballrooms 2,4***

<b><i>8:00am</i></b>	<b><i>Registration, Refreshments, &amp; Trade Show</i></b>
9:00am - 9:10am	<b>Welcome and DEC Sign-up</b> Mike Basedow, CCE ENYCHP
9:10am - 9:30am	<b>Refining Management of Woolly Apple Aphid: Understanding the Influence of Early-Season Pyrethroid Use and Season-Long Management</b> Dr. Monique Rivera, Cornell AgriTech
9:30am - 10:10am	<b>2026 Apple Disease Field Research Updates from Geneva</b> Dr. Kerik Cox, Cornell AgriTech
10:10am - 10:30am	<b>Managing Ambrosia Beetles in Apple Orchards: Beetle Biology, Species Threats, Predictive Models, and Push-Pull Trials</b> Sandra Lizarraga, Cornell AgriTech
10:30am - 10:50am	<b>How to Enhance Red Color Development in Apple?</b> Dr. Lailiang Cheng, Cornell University CALS
10:50am - 11:10am	<b>Techniques to Improve Red Color on Evercrisp®</b> Daniel Donahue, CCE ENYCHP
11:10am - 11:30am	<b>Update on managing watercore and storage physiological disorders of 'MAIA-1' (EverCrisp®) apples during short- and long-term storage</b> Dr. Yosef Al Shoffe, Cornell University CALS
11:30am - 11:50am	<b>Evercrisp® Quality and Marketing</b> Grower Panel
<b><i>12:00pm - 1:00pm</i></b>	<b><i>Lunch &amp; Trade Show (Last Look!) Fort Orange Courtyard &amp; Ballroom</i></b>



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## ***Tree Fruit - King Street Ballrooms 2,4***

***12:00pm - 1:00pm***

***Lunch & Trade Show (Last Look!)***  
***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***

***1:00pm - 4:00pm***

**Cornell Tree Fruit Research and Extension  
Program Work Team Grower and Industry  
Advisory Meeting (*Open to All*)**  
Dr. Anna Wallis, Cornell IPM Program

Share your input on Cornell fruit research and outreach! This session will include a guided listening sessions led by Cornell faculty members seeking feedback on fruit programs, including entomology, pathology, and horticulture. All are welcome to attend.

***8:00am - 4:30pm***

***Poster Session***



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Bedding Plants and Vegetable  
Transplants

***Bedding Plants and Vegetable Transplants -  
King Street Ballrooms 6,8***

***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 - 9:35am

**Worker Protection Standard and DEC  
Updates**

Garret Yuhas, NYSDEC

9:35am - 10:05am

**Abiotic Disorders**

Teresa Rusinek, CCE ENYCHP

10:05am - 11:05am

**Fertilizer Practices for Healthier Bedding  
Plants and Transplants**

Dr. Neil Mattson, Cornell University CALS

11:05am - 11:50am

**Optimizing Biopesticide Use in Greenhouses  
Against Invertebrate Pests**

Dr. Samantha Willden, Cornell University CALS

***11:50am - 1:15pm***

***Lunch & Trade Show (Last Look!)  
Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***



Image Source: Valley View Produce

## ***Vegetables - King Street Ballrooms 6,8***

- 11:50am - 1:15pm Lunch & Trade Show (Last Look!)***  
***Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom***
- 1:15pm - 1:20pm Welcome and DEC Sign-up**  
Chuck Bornt, CCE ENYCHP
- 1:20pm - 1:55pm Herbicide Carryover and Vegetables - What to Look For**  
Dr. Kurt Vollmer, University of Maryland
- 1:55pm - 2:25pm What the Heck is Tar Spot and Corn Stunt?**  
Dr. Daniel Heck, Cornell University CALS
- 2:25pm - 3:00pm Irrigation Filter Selection and Maintenance**  
Anthony Tasselli, Ag Irrigation, and Trevor Hardy, Brookdale Fruit Systems
- 3:00pm - 3:35pm Managing Cucurbit Downy and Powdery Mildew in 2026**  
Dr. Daniel Heck, Cornell University CALS
- 3:35pm - 3:55pm Fresh Market Slicer Tomato Trial - Year 1 Results**  
Teresa Rusinek and Chuck Bornt, CCE ENYCHP
- 3:55pm - 4:00pm Evaluations and Q&A**  
Chuck Bornt, CCE ENYCHP

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Vegetables

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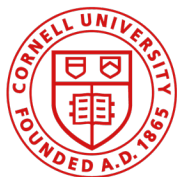


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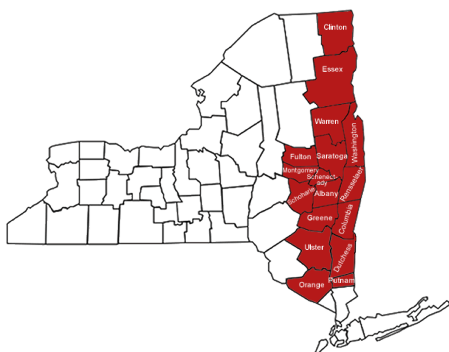
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