

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

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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>
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Conference Overview

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

Wednesday, February 25 **Tree Fruit Sessions**

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

3.5 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

Wednesday, February 25 **Grape Session**

Shaker Room 9:00am - 12:00pm

2.0 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

Wednesday, February 25 **Trade Show**

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

Thursday, February 26 **Tree Fruit Session**

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

1.25 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

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

Thursday, February 26 **Vegetable Session**

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

2.5 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 23

Thursday, February 26 **Small Fruit Session**

Shaker Room 9:00am - 12:00pm

2 DEC credits - Categories 1A, 10, 22

Thursday, February 26 **Trade Show**

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

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Wash/Pack

Wash/Pack- Town Hall

<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show</i>
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 Sanitizing: Establishing an Effective Sanitation Program Don Stoeckel, Produce Safety Alliance
<i>12:00pm - 1:00pm</i>	<i>Lunch & Trade Show</i> <i>Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom</i>





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	<i>Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show</i>
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	<i>Lunch & Trade Show</i> <i>Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom</i>

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

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

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Tree Fruit

Tree Fruit - King Street Ballrooms 2,4

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



Image Source: Jennifer Stanton

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

<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Registration, Refreshments, & Trade Show</i>
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 Invertabrate Pests Dr. Samantha Willden, Cornell University CALS
<i>11:50am - 1:15pm</i>	<i>Lunch & Trade Show (Last Look!)</i> <i>Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom</i>



Image Source: Valley View Produce

Vegetables - King Street Ballrooms 6,8

11:50am - 1:15pm	Lunch & Trade Show (Last Look!) <i>Fort Orange Courtyard & Ballroom</i>
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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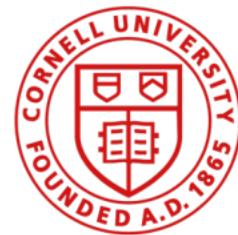
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