

# 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

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**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.

Additional hotels in the area include:

*The Hilton Garden Inn*

800 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY | 518-464-6666

*The Red Roof Inn*

188 Wolf Road, Albany, NY | 518-459-1971

*Best Western Albany Airport Inn*

200 Wolf Road, Albany, NY | 518-458-1000

*\*Mentioning these facilities does not mean CCE ENYCHP is endorsing them.  
We are simply offering this information as an alternative to The Desmond.*

# 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

## Tree Fruit



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

<b>8:00am</b>	<b><i>Registration, Refreshments, &amp; Trade Show</i></b>
9:00am - 9:10am	<b>Welcome and DEC Sign-up</b> Dan Donahue, CCE ENYCHP
9:10am - 9:30am	<b>2025 Apple Pest Updates and Insecticide Trial Results</b> Dr. Andres Antolinez, Cornell University, Hudson Valley Research Laboratory
9:30am - 9:50am	<b>Disease Control Research Updates from the Hudson Valley</b> Dr. Scott Cosseboom, Cornell University, Hudson Valley Research Laboratory
9:50am - 10:10am	<b>Orchard IPM - Tools to Keep Your Monitoring and Scouting Game Sharp</b> Dr. Anna Wallis, Cornell IPM Program
10:10am - 10:30am	<b>Agricultural Labor Update</b> Dr. Richard Stup, Cornell Ag Workforce Development
10:30am - 10:50am	<b>Fixed Costs and Profitability: Strategies for Making Investments in Your Business</b> Elizabeth Higgins, CCE ENYCHP
10:50am - 11:10am	<b>Cornell Hudson Valley Lab Update</b> Dr. Jared Buono, Cornell University, Hudson Valley Research Laboratory
11:10am - 11:30am	<b>NYSHS Government Relations Update</b> James Bittner, NYSHS
11:30am - 11:50am	<b>NYAA Marketing Update</b> Cynthia Haskins, NYAA
<b><i>12:00pm - 1:10pm</i></b>	<b><i>Lunch &amp; Trade Show</i></b> <b><i>Fort Orange Courtyard &amp; Ballroom</i></b>



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- 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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Tree Fruit

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

<b>8:00am</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!)</i></b> <b><i>Fort Orange Courtyard &amp; Ballroom</i></b>



## ***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***