

Farm Labor: Times of Change
Becker Forum
January 11, 2021
Online via Zoom

Agenda

- 8:30 Welcome and Orientation
- Recognition of Bob Becker
- 8:45 **Session 1: Update on the NY Wage Board Report:**
David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau President, and other members of the wage board
- 9:35 10 minute break
- 9:45 **Session 2: Washington Legislative and H-2A Update:**
Michael Marsh, National Council of Agricultural Employers
- 10:35 10 minute break
- 10:45 **Session 3: New York Legislative Panel: (Rick Zimmerman to moderate)**
Invited speakers: Senator Jessica Ramos, Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor; Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture; Assemblyman Harry Bronson and other members of the New York legislature
- 11:45 **Lunch break**
- 12:30 **Session 4: Grower Strategies for Responding to Union Organizing**
Attorney Michael Saqui, Partner, The Saqui Law Group
- 1:45 10 minute break
- 1:55 **Session 5: Grower panel on overtime and day-of-rest, what strategies and tactics are producers using to manage? (Libby Eiholzer to facilitate.)**
Brian Reeves, Reeves Farm
Clayton Hemminger, Hemdale Farms
David Zittel, Amos Zittel & Sons
- 2:50 10 minute break
- 3:00 **Session 6: COVID-19, Outlook on the Virus and Update About Vaccines**
Kalmia Kniel, Ph.D., Professor of Microbial Food Safety, University of Delaware
Ellen Hey, Chief of Quality, Finger Lakes Community Health
- 3:50 Wrap Up, Evaluation
- 4:00 Adjourn