

Farm Employment Practices: Planning for the Future
Becker Forum
January 14, 2019
Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY at Exit 37

Agenda

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:15 Washington Update: What Can We Expect From the New Congress and the Administration?
Lynn Jacquez, CJ Lake LLC, Washington DC
- 10:00 New York State Labor and Health Updates and Discussion
- Updates from NYS Department of Labor. Caylin Gwise, NYSDOL, Rochester, NY
 - Updates from NYS Department of Health, Upgrading Housing and Repurposing Older Housing Stock, Nancy Hagopian, NYSDOH, Albany, NY
 - Open questions and discussion with Nancy and Caylin
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Role of the State Monitor Advocate and Services for Finding Local Workers
Belen Ledezma, NYSDOL, Albany, NY
- 11:45 How Dairy Farms are Getting Workers Using H-2A
Caylin Gwise, NYSDOL, Rochester, NY
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Immigration Enforcement Trends and Worksite Issues
Lynn Jacquez, CJ Lake LLC, Washington DC
- 2:00 Financing Farm Worker Housing
Ed Urbanick, Farm Credit East, Batavia, NY
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Housing Issues Grower Panel: Best Practices for Managing Employer-provided Housing
- Dale Hemminger, Hemdale Farms & Greenhouses (dairy and vegetables), Seneca Castle, NY
 - Brett Kast, Kast Farms (fruit), Albion, NY
 - John Mueller, Willow Bend Farm (dairy), Clifton Springs, NY
- 3:45 Sexual Harassment Prevention, What You Must Know and Do as an Employer
Attorney Michael Sciotti, Barclay Damon Law Firm, Syracuse, NY
- 4:45 Wrap Up and Closing Remarks
Richard Stup, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 4:50 Adjourn