

2024 Becker Forum

January 22nd, Syracuse Oncenter

AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration**
- 8:50 Welcome and Introductions**
Richard Stup, Director, Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development
- 9:00 Remarks from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets**
Richard Ball, Commissioner
- 9:15 H-2A Program Changes and Updates, including Job Classifications and Wage Rates**
Brian Pasternak, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, U.S. Department of Labor
- 10:15 Break**
- 10:30 Most Frequent Violations of Labor Laws and Best Practices for Growers During an Audit**
Sarah Decker and Ivette Vigano, Wage & Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor
- 11:15 Washington Legal and Policy Update**
Attorney Chris Schulte, Smith Gambrell Russell law firm
- 12:00 Lunch Break**
- 12:50 NY Overtime Tax Credit**
Sara Carlson, Project Coordinator, NY Department of Taxation and Finance
Tim Pezzolesi, Assistant Director, NY Department of Agriculture and Markets
- 1:15 Albany Legislative Update**
Jeff Williams, Public Policy Director, New York Farm Bureau
- 1:30 NY Farm Labor Union Update**
Attorney Joshua Viau, Fisher Phillips law firm
- 2:30 Break**
- 2:45 Farm and Food Worker Relief Program**
Hannah Smith-Brubaker, Executive Director, Pasa Sustainable Agriculture

3:10 Lightning Rounds

- Worker's Compensation for Farm Labor Contractors: Attorney Chris Schulte
- Overcoming Language Barriers and Developing Spanish-speaking Leaders: Mary "Bess" Lewis, Cornell Ag Workforce Development
- Worker Protection Standard: Dan Wixted, Cornell Pesticide Safety Education Program
- Farm Safety and Health Update: NYCAMH
- Unemployment Insurance and Partial Employment: Faith Clancy, Farm Credit East
- Grow NY Farms Update: Brian Reeves, NYS Vegetable Growers

4:15 Wrap Up and Evaluations

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