

Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance
87th Annual Meeting and Forum

February 5-7, 2012

Marriott Hotel
Albany, NY

Animal Agriculture: The Future for the Northeast

Sunday February 5, 2012

Super Bowl Party: Marriott Lounge

Monday February 6, 2012

9:00 am Registration Opens

10:00 am Bus leaves for Capitol legislative briefing on the bus

10:30 am – Issues briefing

11:00 am – 2:00 pm Group meetings with legislative leaders

2:15 pm Return to Hotel

3:00 pm Feed Alliance Seminar Series

- Animal Rights Movement: Update and Outlook
Kay Johnson Smith, Executive Vice President, Animal Agriculture Alliance
- Earning Consumer Trust and Confidence
Terry Fleck, Executive Director, Center for Food Integrity

5:00 pm Welcome Reception with legislative guests

7:00 pm Dinner on the Town

8:30 – 11:30 Hospitality Room Open

Tuesday February 7, 2012

7:00 am Continental Breakfast in the Foyer

8:00 am Annual Meeting Call to Order

- President's Address
- Financial Report
- Executive Director's Report
- Election of Board Members

9:00 am Annual Forum

Prospects for Growth in the Dairy Industry: Overall View
Craig Alexander, Upstate-Niagara Cooperative

- 9:00 am – 4:14 pm Spouse’s Tour – Tour of Norman Rockwell Museum, lunch at the Red Lion Inn, shopping at Lee Prime Outlets.
- 9:45 am Dairy Industry Development from an economic developer’s perspective:
- Jo Bradley, CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority
 - Patrick Hooker, Empire State Development Corp.
 - Jay Matteson, Jefferson County Agricultural Development Corp
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:30 am The Chobani Yogurt Story, Melissa Stagnaro, Agro Farma
- 12:30 pm Awards Luncheon
- Distinguished Service Award
 - Keynote Address: Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy (invited)
- 2:00 pm Dairy Industry Growth from the perspective of our agriculture departments: Panel discussion
- Diane Bothfeld, Deputy Commissioner, VT
 - Matthew Morgan, Deputy Commissioner, NY
 - Michael Pechart, Executive Deputy Secretary, PA
 - Moderator: Tom Overton
- 3:00 pm Break/Networking
- 3:30 pm Breakout Sessions: smaller group meetings on issues impacting a segment of our membership
- Rail Road service issues: Randy Gordon, NGFA
 - Effectively advocating for your cause: Jeff Williams, New York Farm Bureau
 - National Issues Update: Richard Sellers, AFIA
- 5:00 pm Break/ Networking
- 6:00 pm President’s Reception
- 6:30 pm Annual Banquet
Magician Timothy Stone
- 8:30- 11:30 pm Hospitality Room Open