

Research Center Administrators Society (RCAS)

Summer Tour, New York, September 8-11, 2019

AGENDA

Sunday, September 8

- 1:00 – 2:00 PM Registration, Woodcliff Hotel, Fairport, NY
- 2:00 – 4:30 PM Board Meeting at Woodcliff Hotel
- Dinner on your own, at the hotel or in Fairport, NY (free shuttle)

Monday, September 9

- 6:00 – 7:15 AM Breakfast at Woodcliff Hotel
- 7:30 AM Start of the all-day bus tour
- 8:00 – 8:45 AM Tour: Foodlink, Rochester
Community food resource center and food bank working to eradicate the symptoms and root causes of hunger.
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM Tour: Intergrow Greenhouses, Albion NY
Large greenhouse operation focused on tomatoes, using Dutch growing methods.
- 11:40 AM – 12:40 PM Lunch: picnic at Lakeside Beach State Park
- 1:15 – 2:15 PM Track 1 – Tour: Oxbo, Byron NY
Manufacturer of innovative harvesting equipment and related products.
- Track 2 – Tour: Torrey Farms, Elba NY
Large family farming operation, managing all aspects of growing and selling produce.
- 3:15 – 4:15 PM Tour: Noblehurst Farms, Linwood NY
Large dairy, milking 1,800 cows and working over 2,500 acres of corn, alfalfa, and wheat; water treatment plant, methane digester, and creamery.
- 6:00 PM Check into Ramada Lakefront Hotel, Geneva NY
- Dinner on your own, Geneva NY

Tuesday, September 10

- 6:00 – 7:45 AM Breakfast at Ramada Lakefront Hotel
- 7:45 AM Load buses

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Tour: Cornell AgriTech, Geneva NY</p> <p><i>One of Cornell's two agricultural experiment stations, a preeminent center for food and agricultural research and education.</i></p> <p>The tour includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCarthy Farm with talks by faculty from the Plant Genetics Research Unit • Research fields and orchards • Field Research Facility and Pesticide Storage Facility • Food Venture Center/Pilot Plant/Hyperbaric Chamber
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<p>Lunch: at Cornell AgriTech, Geneva NY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Jan Nyrop, Director of Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Stations
1:15 – 2:15 PM	<p>Tour: Red Jacket, Geneva NY</p> <p><i>Large farm store, 600-acre family orchard and producer of cold-pressed fruit juice: growing apples, apricots, berries, currants, cherries, peaches, plums, and more.</i></p>
3:00 – 4:00 PM	<p>Tour: Bejo Seeds, Geneva NY</p> <p><i>Vegetable seed production, with operations in more than 30 countries.</i></p>
4:45 – 5:45 PM	<p>Tour and wine tasting: Anthony Road Winery, Penn Yan NY</p> <p><i>Multiple vineyard locations, using Vine Balance, New York state's sustainable viticulture program. Home of AgriTech's extension vineyard.</i></p>
7:15 PM	<p>Check into Hotel Ithaca, Ithaca NY</p> <p>Dinner on your own, Ithaca NY</p>

Wednesday, September 11

6:00 – 7:45 AM	Breakfast at Hotel Ithaca
7:45 AM	Load busses
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Driving tour of Cornell campus, Ithaca NY
8:30 – 9:30 AM	<p>Tour Cornell's Dairy Plant, enology and processing labs in Stocking Hall</p> <p>Speech by Dean Kathryn Boor, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences</p>
9:40 – 9:55 AM	<p>Tour: Cornell Compost Facility, Ithaca NY</p> <p><i>The four-acre facility, managed by the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station (Cornell AES), diverts about half of the university's total solid waste stream.</i></p>
10:00 AM – 12:45 PM	<p>Track 1 – specialty and fruit crops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour: Cornell Orchards, Ithaca NY <p><i>Living laboratory, supporting teaching, research, and outreach. Research projects focus mostly on apple and grape production. Part of Cornell AES.</i></p>

- Tour: Cornell's Thompson Vegetable Research Farm, Freeville NY
The 260-acre farm is specialized in vegetable and grain research and includes 30 certified organic acres. Part of Cornell AES.

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM Track 2 – dairy and agronomic crops:

- Tour: Cornell's Teaching Dairy Barn, Ithaca NY
State-of-the-art facility, with a system that separates manure from sand bedding material.
- Tour: Cornell's Musgrave Research Farm, Aurora NY
The 450-acre farm is specialized on field crop and soil science research and includes 20 certified organic acres. Part of Cornell AES.

1:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch at Musgrave Research Farm (BBQ)

2:00 – 4:15 PM Load busses, travel back to Woodcliff Hotel, Fairport NY

Stop at Montezuma Winery, Seneca Falls NY

4:30 PM Arrive at the Woodcliff Hotel, Fairport NY