



New York State Cheese Manufacturers' Association

SPRING
MEETING
2026



**March 2-3, 2026
Conference
Presenters**

Monday



Chris Wolf
Cornell University,
E. V. Baker Professor of
Agricultural Economics

Observations on US Dairy
Demand



Katie Moore
Ever.Ag

Culture Meets Code: Taking Data
and AI beyond Buzzwords



Dereth Glance
Department of Environmental
Conservation

Good Cheese Pairs Well with Clean
Water: New York State's
Environmental Regulations, Permits,
and Practices



Casey McCue
New York State Department of
Agriculture and Markets, Milk
Control

Regulatory Updates



**Robert Aguilera, Jimmy Rowe,
& Nicole Bowling**
Novonosis

Brainstorming Together For The
Changing Consumer Diet And
How Dairy Can Capitalize



Diego Diel, DVM, MS, PhD
Cornell University
Department of Population Medicine and
Diagnostic Sciences

H5N1 virus risks in raw milk
and cheeses: updates and future
directions



Tuesday



Sam Alcaine
International Dairy Foods Association

Current Regulatory Landscape



Kyle Jensen
Bioionix

Sustainability with ROI:
Eliminate Chemicals and Save
Water in Food Processing



Olivier Laurin
Rheolution

Improving Yields with Real-Time
Coagulation Monitoring



Drew Frommelt
Dairy Farmers of America

Dairy Market Outlook



Carl Moody
Lactalis USA

The Company Story

Agenda Monday, March 2

All Day	Company Exhibits in Superior/Erie Room
8:15am	Presidential Address / Business Meeting
9:00am	Observations on US Dairy Demand Chris Wolf, Cornell University, E. V. Baker Professor of Agricultural Economics
9:45am	Culture Meets Code: Taking Data and AI beyond Buzzwords Katie Moore, Ever.Ag
10:30am	Cheese Judging, Contest & Clinic / Break Chad Martin, NYS Dept. Ag & Markets Heather Spraker, Cornell University Steve Funk, Nelson-Jameson
11:30am	Good Cheese Pairs Well with Clean Water: New York State's Environmental Regulations, Permits, and Practices Dereth Glance, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
12:15pm - 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm - 2:00pm	Company Exhibits (<i>all exhibitors must leave hall at 2pm so staff can prepare room for buffet</i>)
1:15pm	Regulatory Updates Casey McCue, NYS Dept. Ag & Markets, Milk Control
2:00pm	Brainstorming Together for the Changing Consumer Diet and How Dairy Can Capitalize Robert Aguilera, Jimmy Rowe, Nicole Bowling Novonesis
3:45pm	H5N1 virus risks in raw milk and cheeses: updates and future directions Diego Diel, Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Cornell University
5:30pm	Cheese Reception / Co-host Cocktail Party

Agenda Tuesday, March 3

All Day	Company Exhibits in Superior/Erie Room
9:00am	Current Regulatory Landscape Sam Alcaine, IDFA
9:45am	Sustainability with ROI: Eliminate Chemicals and Save Water in Food Processing Kyle Jenson, Bioionix
10:05am	Improving Yields with Real-Time Coagulation Monitoring Olivier Laurin, Rheolution
10:25am	Panel Discussion Q&A
10:45am	Break
11:00am	Dairy Market Outlook Drew Frommelt, Dairy Farmers of America
11:45am	Company Story Carl Moody, Lactalis USA
12:15pm	Awards Luncheon

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Registered Attendees

Anthony Ridley	Acuriant Technologies, Inc.
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Bela Sandor	Agri-Mark Inc
Brett Wheeler	Agri-Mark Inc
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Jeff Kent	Arena Products
Edward Valenta	BelGioioso Cheese Inc
Kyle Jenson	Bioionix
Holli Sande	Bioionix
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Dave Taplin	Burkert Fluid Control Systems
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Diego Diel	Cornell University
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Ana Gabriela Ortiz Quezada	Cornell University
Martin Wiedmann	Cornell University
Chris Wolf	Cornell University
Beth Chapin	Cornell University FPD
Nicole Martin	Cornell University MQIP
Heather Spraker	Cornell University, Dairy Foods Extension
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Drew Frommelt	Dairy Farmers of America
Laura McCranie	Dairy Farmers of America
Stephanie Warn	Dairy Farmers of America
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