

# **Cornell Agribusiness Economic Outlook Conference**

## **The Agricultural Economy in an Uncertain Financial and Regulatory Environment**

ITHACA, N.Y. —Cornell University's annual Agribusiness Economic Outlook Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 8, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. On-site registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the foyer of the David L. Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall.

The morning session will begin with a welcome by Loren Tauer, Chair of Applied Economics and Management (AEM). Steven Kyle, Associate Professor of AEM, will provide the national perspective on the economy and agriculture. The department will then feature Dr. Brent Gloy, Associate Professor of AEM, with a discussion of the financial uncertainty and what it means for the agricultural economy. Dr. Antonio Bento, Associate Professor of AEM will discuss the future of New York Agriculture in the new carbon constrained economy.

There will be two concurrent sessions in the afternoon that will each examine specific commodities and topics in more depth.

**Feed Grains, Dairy Markets and Farm Worker Fair Labor Practices Update** – Bill Tomek, Professor Emeritus of AEM and Todd Schmit, Assistant Professor of AEM, will describe the outlook for feed grains. Andrew Novakovic, Professor of AEM, will shed light on the dairy market and policy situation and outlook. Thomas Maloney, Senior Extension Associate of AEM will discuss the implications of the Farm Worker Fair Labor Practices Act for the New York State agriculture.

**Specialty Crops and Perishable Products** – Bradley Rickard, Assistant Professor of AEM will discuss the fruit and vegetable situation and outlook examining consumer response to various food labeling approaches. Jerry White, Professor Emeritus of AEM and Miguel Gómez, Assistant Professor of AEM, will describe the grape, wine, and nursery situation and outlook. And finally, Dr. Isabelle Lesschaeve, Director of Consumer Insights & Product Innovation for Vineland Research and Innovation Centre, Ontario, Canada will have an overview of horticultural production and marketing activities for Ontario, Canada.

This conference will address your many questions concerning the outlook of agriculture. The popularity of the conference makes pre-registration important. The pre-registration fee is \$65 if postmarked by November 25; \$80 if postmarked after November 25 or if registering on-site. The registration fee for Cornell University and CCE staff is \$30. The fee for media personnel with valid ID will be waived. Parking permits are available for \$6 each. For further information or to obtain a pre-registration form, please see

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