

Monday, October 20, 2025

Ithaca Marriott Downtown on the Commons – 120 S Aurora St, Ithaca, NY 14850

12:45 – 5:45 PM	12:45 – Gather in hotel lobby – 120 S Aurora St, Ithaca, NY 1:00 – Board bus and travel to campus 1:15 – Cornell Botanic Gardens Tour – 124 Comstock Knoll Dr, Ithaca, NY 3:00 – Stocking Hall Dairy Plant Tour & Ice Cream – 411 Tower Rd, Ithaca, NY 4:30 – Cornell Orchards & Cider Tasting – 709 Dryden Rd, Ithaca, NY	Cornell Campus
4:00 PM	Hotel check in available	Ithaca Marriott Downtown on the Commons
Evening	Explore Downtown Ithaca & Dinner on your own	Ithaca Commons

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

All Tuesday activities will be in the **Ithaca Downtown Conference Center First Floor Meeting Room ABC**

8:00 AM	Breakfast & Conference Registration
9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks – Andy Turner, Associate Dean & Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension – Chris Smart, Director, Cornell AgriTech – Toni DiTommaso, Director, Cornell University Agricultural

	Experiment Station
9:15 AM	Topics in Extension and Research Discussion
10:15 AM	Introductions and State Reports
10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Time for Open discussion regarding the federal shutdown. If the government reopens, we may be able to have: USDA NIFA updates – Kimberly Whittet, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Grants and Financial Management, USDA NIFA
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Sugarbush Agroforestry Systems – Aaron Wightman, Extension Associate, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell
1:30 PM	How Cornell Managed Holds & Stops on USDA Funds – Janet Strait, Associate Director, Sponsored Financial Services, Cornell
2:15 PM	Multistate Research Projects and NIMSS Updates – David Liebovitz, Coordinator, agInnovation Northeast
3:15 PM	Break
3:30 PM	AgInnovation Brand and Regional Updates – David Liebovitz, Coordinator, agInnovation Northeast
3:45 PM	State Reports Continued
4:30 PM – Evening	Explore Downtown Ithaca & Dinner on your own

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

All Wednesday activities will be in the **Ithaca Downtown Conference Center First**

Floor Meeting Room ABC

8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Taste NY Presentation (during breakfast) – Victoria Giarratano, Assistant Director for Food Systems, Cornell Cooperative Extension
9:00 AM	Strategic Discussion: Strengthening Regional Collaboration – Dr. Richard C. Rhodes III, Executive Director, agInnovation Northeast
10:00 AM	NEMO Business Meeting
10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Closing remarks
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Conference ends