

Empire State
Council of Agricultural Organizations, Inc.

TO: Members of the Empire State Council of Agricultural Organizations

SUBJECT: **CAO Lobby Day – February 13, 2024**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (CAP 250 - Blue Room)

The Empire State Council of Agricultural Organizations (CAO) Lobby Day will be in-person on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Your organization's participation is strongly encouraged. Given today's political climate and state budget, it is essential that our industry advocate for agricultural priorities before members of the New York State Assembly, Senate and their staffs.

To register, please contact Keith VanAmburgh in the CAO office either by email (keith@nysta.mobi) or phone (518-783-1322) with the name(s) of the representative(s) that will be attending. ***The deadline for registration is February 10, 2024!***

Please plan to be at the Blue Room (Room 250 in the NYS Capitol) for our briefing session starting promptly at 8:00 a.m. At the briefing, we will discuss the priority issues and provide an overview of the appointments that have been made. At 9:30, CAO members will be joined by Commissioner Richard Ball and NYS Deputy Secretary for Food and Agriculture, Kevin King.

Talking points on priority issues, along with handouts, will be provided for your legislative visits. The legislative visits will conclude no later than 4:00 p.m. In order to find parking, I encourage you to arrive at the Empire State Plaza early for parking in the visitor "V" parking lot.

As a member of CAO, you know how important it is to advocate for our industries. Please invest the time to come to Albany on February 13, 2024. **Contact Keith before the February 10th deadline to confirm your attendance at CAO Lobby Day.**

Thank you in advance for your involvement in CAO Lobby Day!

To Register for CAO Lobby Day, Contact:

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(Please provide your name, organization, Assemblyperson and Senator when you register)