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Directions

From the West & East:

To the Farm Tour at Cottonwood Farms
10770 Cook Road, Pavilion, NY:

Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) to exit 47 to I-490 toward NY-19, LeRoy/
Rochester; continue on I-490 E and take exit 1 toward NY 19, LeRoy/
Brockport. Continue on NY 19 South, then turn left onto the ramp to
US-20 W and turn right onto US-20 W, then turn left onto Cook Rd.

To BW's Restaurant at Davis Countryside Meadow
11070 Perry Rd., Pavilion, NY:

Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) to exit 47 to I-490 toward NY-19, LeRoy/
Rochester; continue on I-490 E and take exit 1 toward NY 19, LeRoy/
Brockport 5.9 miles and turn left onto Perry Road and travel for 5.5 miles
until you reach the restaurant.

From the South (south central PA and NY):

While using GPS or doing a Google or Mapquest search is recommended
if coming from this direction, here are general directions, with specifics as
you get close to Pavilion, NY:

To the Farm Tour at Cottonwood Farms:

Merge onto I-86 W/NY-17 W/NY-15 N via EXIT toward Rochester/
Jamestown. Take I-390 N. Take the NY-408 exit, EXIT 7, toward NY-63/
Geneseo. Turn right onto Mount Morris Geneseo Rd/NY-408, which
becomes NY-63. Stay on NY 63 for approximately 14.5 miles and then
turn right onto Cook Road. 10770, Cottonwood Farm is on the left.

To BW's Restaurant at Davis Countryside Meadow:

Follow the above directions until you travel approximately 12.5 miles
on NY 63, then turn right on Perry Road, Highway 50. The restaurant
is on the left.

Accommodations

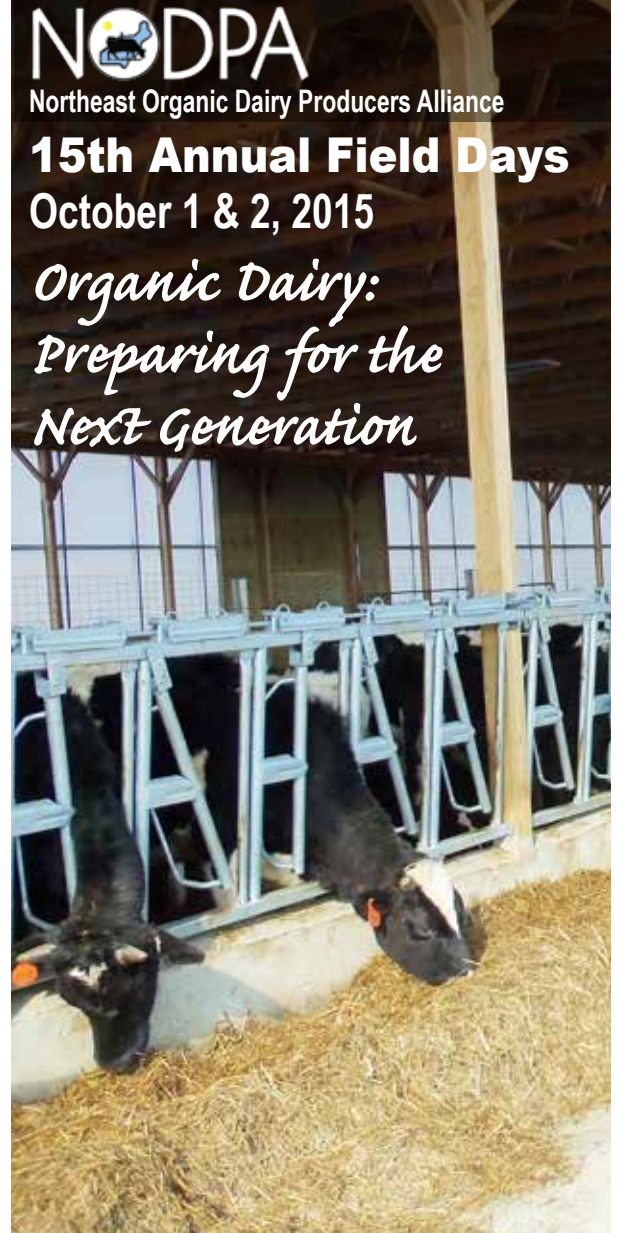
Batavia and Geneseo are both approximately 15 minutes from Pavilion
NY. There are moderately priced motel accommodations in Batavia,
NY and slightly more expensive options in Geneseo, NY. Visiting travel
websites such as www.expedia.com or www.kayak.com will help you find
good lodging options in the area. Campgrounds and RV Sites are about
15 minutes away, too. Lei-Ti Campground & Recreational Community,
9979 Francis Rd, Batavia, NY 14020, has trailer hook-ups and cabin
rentals but no tent camping: www.leiti.com/, and Genesee Country
Campgrounds, 40 Flint Hill Rd, Caledonia, NY 14423, has tent, trailer
and cabin options: www.geneseecountrycampground.com/

About NODPA

The mission of the Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance is to en-
able organic dairy family farmers, situated across an extensive area, to have
informed discussion about matters critical to the wellbeing of the organic
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Thursday, October 1, 2015

8:30 – 9:00 am Farm Tour registration, Cottonwood Farms, The Tillotson Family Farm, 10770 Cook Road, Pavilion NY, 14525 Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

9:00 – 11:30 Farm Tour: There is plenty to see and learn about at Cottonwood Farm. Paul and Jason Tillotson manage this 625 acre organic dairy and are in the process of working on a generational transfer. They have 300 milking cows plus replacements and young stock, and use robotic milkers. The farm has an automated calf feeding system, a compost heifer barn, a sophisticated manure management system, a separate barn for compost production, and a substantial grazing program.

Noon – 1:00 pm Field Days Registration and Lunch, BJ's Restaurant and Banquet Facility, Davis Countryside Meadows, 11070 Perry Road, Pavilion NY 14525

1:00 – 2:30 Organic Dairy and Robotic Milking: a useful tool to balance a farmer's life or an expensive toy? Richard Kirshbergen, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, who recently spent time in the Netherlands studying robotic milking systems, will share his experiences and discuss the future of robotic milking in the US.

2:30 – 3:00 Milk Break

3:30 – 5:00 The Next Generation of Organic Dairy Farmers: What do 'Millennials' see as the future of farming? A panel of young men and women who have chosen to farm will give their perspectives on farming in the future and why they've chosen farming as their career path. Virginia Chamberlain, Alfred State University Farm Manager, Stephen Gould, HAR-GO Farm, Pavilion, NY, Eric Beiler, Willow Creek Farm, Belmont, NY, Peter Martens, Lakeview Organic Grain, Penn Yan, NY, invited; moderated by Joan Petzen, Farm Business Management Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension.

5:00 – 6:00 Social Hour and Trade Show

6:00 – 7:00 Banquet Dinner and NODPA Annual Meeting Liz Bawden, NODPA President and Ed Maltby, NODPA Executive Director

7:00 – 8:00 The Organic Brand: Where we've been and where we are going Keynote speaker and recent National Organic Coalition Executive Director Liana Hoodes will share her experiences and thoughts about how the Organic industry is, or is not, evolving.

8:00 – 9:00 Working Together for a Sustainable Organic Dairy Future A discussion facilitated by A. Fay Benson, Project Manager, NY Organic Dairy Initiative, Cornell University Coop. Extension, Cortland, NY. If we keep doing the same thing the result will be the same – how do we not get trapped in the same path as conventional ag in moving forward? Producers will have the opportunity to air their views on what needs to be done to ensure that there is a profitable and attractive future for themselves and their families, especially regarding NY and the Northeast.

9:00 pm Meeting ends

Featured Events



Keynote Speaker

Liana Hoodes has worked on organic and sustainable agriculture policy for over 20 years, most recently as the founding Director of the National Organic Coalition, which she left in January 2015. Currently, Liana is consulting and organizing to advance high-integrity organic as the alternative to the current United States food and agriculture system in the grassroots, regional, and federal arenas.

Farm Tour

Cottonwood Farm, Pavilion NY



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Letchworth State Park



The 15th Annual NODPA Field Days wraps up on Friday afternoon at Letchworth State Park at a cookout hosted by the New York Organic Dairy Initiative. Letchworth State Park, renowned as the "Grand Canyon of the East," is one of the most scenically magnificent areas in the eastern U.S. The Genesee River roars through the gorge over three major waterfalls between cliffs--as high as 600 feet in some places--surrounded by lush forests. Plan to join us for lunch, socializing, and the door prize drawing in this beautiful setting.

Friday, October 2, 2015

6:30 – 9:00am Continental Breakfast

7:00 – 9:00 Producer-only Meeting

Facilitated by Henry Perkins, Maine Organic Milk Producers president and past NODPA president.

9:00 – 9:45 Grass Milk: Checking in on the trend of grass-fed organic dairy and the 'grass-milk' market. Tim Joseph, Maple Hill Creamery, invited, and other invited guests from the retail sector.

9:45 – 10:00 Milk Break

10:00 – 10:45 What's New in Washington?

Q & A with Ed Maltby, NODPA Executive Director, and invited guests, who will give an update on what we can anticipate regarding organic regulation and policy.

10:45 – 11:00 Travel to Cottonwood Farm, 10770 Cook Road, Pavilion, NY

11:00 – 1:00pm Optimizing Cow Comfort in the Barn and throughout the Farm at Cottonwood Farm

Gerald R. Bertoldo, DVM, Dairy Management Specialist, NWNYS Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team, Cornell University/Pro-Dairy, will lead this on-farm workshop in which participants will identify key factors impacting cow comfort and strategies for optimizing cow comfort and health.

1:00 – NODPA Field Days Cookout:

The New York Organic Dairy Initiative will host a cookout at Letchworth State Park to conclude this year's NODPA meeting. The Door Prize Drawing will take place at the cookout. It is a beautiful time of year to view the magnificent falls of the Genesee River.

Questions? Contact Nora Owens, Field Days Coordinator: noraowens@comcast.net, or call 413-772-0444

REGISTRATION

NODPA's 15th ANNUAL FIELD DAYS & PRODUCER MEETING & DINNER

Cost		Qty.	
Registration: Thursday & Friday			
Free	Organic dairy & transitioning producers & families		
\$30	All who aren't organic dairy producers		
Meals			
\$10	Thursday lunch for Adults		
\$5	Thursday lunch (under 11)		
\$25	Thursday dinner for Adults		
\$12.50	Thursday dinner (under 11)		
Free	Transitioning farm member & farmers under 30, Thursday evening dinner		
\$5	Friday breakfast		
Free	Friday lunch (please check if attending)		
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