



# MILK MARKETING ADVISORY COUNCIL

## AGENDA

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**Date:** Friday, December 6, 2024

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** State Fairgrounds, Art and Home Center, 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY or virtually via Webex (<https://meetny.gov.webex.com/weblink/register/r1f0acf9e4134a174031a21d882886c84>)

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- 10:30 – 10:40**      **Opening Remarks**  
Speakers: Commissioner Ball, Deputy Commissioner Howard and Chair Chris Wolf
- 10:40 – 12:00**      **Dairy Workforce Challenges Discussion**  
Introduction: Laura Ginsberg, Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center  
Group Discussion: Facilitated by Deputy Commissioner Howard
- 12:00 – 12:35**      **Lunch Break**
- 12:35 – 1:50**      **Dairy Transportation Challenges Discussion**  
Panel Discussion:  
Barney McConnell, Sr. Director of Transportation and Distribution, DFA  
Mike Davis, General Manager, Membership & Bulk Sales Division, Upstate Niagara  
Keith Kimball, La Case de Leche, LLC, Red Maples Dairy, LLC, NEDPA Chair  
Charlie Elrod, President & CEO, Natural Biologics, NEAFA Vice President  
Michael Howlett, Howlett Farms, NEAFA Member  
Group Discussion: Facilitated by Tonya Van Slyke, Executive Director, NEDPA
- 1:50 – 2:15**      **Dairy Economic Outlook**  
Speakers: Ed Gallagher, Catherine de Ronde & Jodi Smith Krzysiak
- 2:15 – 2:30**      **Public Comment Period and Closing Remarks**  
Speakers: Commissioner Ball, Deputy Commissioner Howard and Chair Chris Wolf

Disclaimer: This is a public meeting and procedure will follow all rules set forth in Open Meetings Law. This meeting will abide by the agenda. The last 15 minutes will be open to the floor for public comment. This meeting will be recorded and posted on the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) website, along with meeting minutes and additional materials presented. Use the following link to access the webpage: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/milk-marketing-advisory-council>