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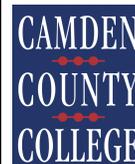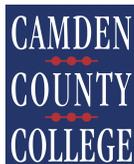## AI and Farm Viability
2nd Annual Farm to Roundtable Conference
Camden County College, Friday February 20, 2026
Connector Building
(building 2 on campus map; parking in Lots P3 or P4)
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PROGRAM
(tentative and subject to change)
(Abstracts of talks on p. 3-5 and information on breakout groups on p. 6-7)

TIME	EVENT (All events are in the Auditorium, Connector Building, except for breakout discussion groups)
8am	Registration and breakfast (Atrium) Pre-conference questionnaire: https://forms.gle/nYhPgXZX6sdttY7P8
9am	<u>Welcoming remarks</u> **Sarah Iepson**, Vice President, Camden County College **Peggy Brennan-Tonetta**, Treasurer, NJBDA **Ed Wengryn**, NJ Secretary of Agriculture
9:15-10am	<u>Keynote 1</u> **Jeff Everett**, Executive Director, Garden State Preservation Trust **Brian Schilling**, Director, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Senior Associate Director, NJAES
10-10:30am	<u>Lightning talks (5 minutes)</u> (Moderator: Peter Oudemans, Rutgers University) 1. **Ik Jae Lee**, Associate Professor, Rowan University *Using Interactive Web Maps to Communicate Drone-Based Agricultural Data* 2. **Juan Gonzalez**, Post Doctoral Research Associate, Rutgers University *Seeing Turf Differently: Drone-Based Phenotyping with Computer Vision and AI* 3. **Gina Sideli**, Assistant Professor, Rutgers University/NJ Agricultural Experiment Station *A Smart Breeding Program for Blueberry and Cranberry* 4. **Janine Spies**, Statewide Program Leader, Assistant Professor, County Agent III in Fruit IPM, Rutgers University/NJ Agricultural Experiment Station

	5. **Yu Jiang**, Assistant Professor, Cornell AgriTech, Cornell University (virtual talk) *Integrating AI and Robotics into Agriculture Research and Management: From Tools to Agents*
10:30-10:45am	BREAK
10:45-11:30am	<u>Keynote 2</u> **Jack Rechcigl**, Professor of Soil and Water Science and Director, U. Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center *Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture: From Innovation to On-Farm Impact and the Creation of the University of Florida AI Center for Applied Agriculture*
11:30-12:30pm	<u>Breakout session</u> (Moderator: Josh Kohut, Rutgers University) Discussion groups (see p. 6-7 for rooms, topics, and assignments)
12:30-1:10pm	<u>Lunch</u> (Atrium, Connector Building) Sticky-note comments - feedback to findings from breakout groups Group photo
1:10-1:40pm	<u>Panel 1</u>: (Moderator: Josh Kohut, Rutgers University) Reports from breakout group facilitators
1:40-2:15pm	<u>Lightning talks</u> (Moderator: Hieu Nguyen, Rowan University) 6. **Kristin Dana** 7. **William Heritage**, William Heritage Winery *AI Pocket Agronomy Pros and Cons* 8. **Suma Reddy**, CEO, Gather Agriculture 9. **Jonathan Hopkins**, Arrowfoot.ai *Tackling Large System Efficiencies in Poultry Production* 10. **Ty Blitstein**, NJ Economic Development Authority; **Frances Keel**, New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology *Cultivating Innovation in the Garden State: Funding Opportunities and State Resources to Grow Your Business or Nonprofit* 11. **Patrick Williams**, Chief Agronomist, Skysense AI Inc (virtual talk) *Skysense - Drones & AI for Wildlife Mitigation*
2:15-2:30pm	BREAK
2:30-2:40pm	<u>AI Agriculture: A Challenge for New Jersey</u> State official
2:35-3:25pm	<u>Panel 2</u> (Moderator: Kristin Dana, Rutgers University) 1. **William Heritage**, William Heritage Winery 2. **Suma Reddy**, CEO, Gather Agriculture 3.
3:25-3:30pm	<u>Closing</u> Acknowledgements Post-conference questionnaire: https://forms.gle/M4sfYf6dP6FqDhSh7

	Please send snapshots of your notes from breakout session to: nguyen@rowan.edu
3:30-4pm	Networking