

Soil and Water Conservation Society Empire Chapter

Annual Meeting Agenda

November 13, 2008

Holiday Inn - Waterloo

2468 NYS Route 414 in Waterloo, NY

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CCA Credits Pending Approval (0.5 S&W; 1.5 CM; 0.5 PM)

- 8:00 AM Empire Chapter Business Meeting / Coffee – All members are welcome and encouraged to participate
- 9:00 Program Registration / Coffee
- 9:30 Welcome and Introduction – Greg Albrecht
NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets and President-Elect Empire SWCS
- 9:35 Specific Climate Observations and Trends for the Northeast – Art DeGaetano
Professor, Cornell University, Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences; Director Northeast Regional Climate Center (NRCC)
- 10:30 Climate Change Impacts on Northeast Agriculture – Dave Wolfe
Professor, Cornell University, Dept. of Horticulture
- 11:30 Climate Change Conservation Initiative – Paul Salon
Plant Materials Specialist, USDA-NRCS New York
- 11:45 Discussion
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:45 Empire Chapter Updates, Awards, and Scholarships – Empire Council Members
- Address from Bill Boyer, SWCS Secretary – National Capital Chapter & Board of Directors – Northeastern Region
- 1:15 Biofuel Opportunities and Impacts for NY Farms, NYS, and the Northeast – Tom Richard
Associate Professor, Penn State University, Dept. of Agricultural and Biological Engineering;
Director, Penn State Institutes of Energy and the Environment
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Northeast Biofuels Update – Brian Roach
General Manager, Northeast Biofuels, Fulton, New York
- 2:45 Manure Storage Cover Case Studies – Sarah Ploss
EVP of Business Development, Environmental Credit Corp.
- 3:15 Farm Bill Update – Don Pettit
Assistant State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS New York
- 3:45 Discussion
- 4:00 Adjourn