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2026 Tompkins County Agricultural Summit

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Location: Foundation of Light

Draft Agenda and Speakers

9:30am – Arrival and Sign In - coffee and pastries provided

10am – Welcome – John Fleming, Chair, Tompkins County AFPB

10:15pm – Farm Transition and Estate Planning - Will Schonfeld, FarmNet Financial Consultant

11pm – Communication for a Successful Farm Transitions – Amber Russell, Ag Mediation Services

11:45 pm – SWCD, NRCS, DEC (wetlands), FSA, FarmNET, AFT, CADE, Ag Mediation Services, Others? – quick update and tabling during lunch/breaks

12:00pm – Lunch - Local food catered by JoJo Cooks

1:00pm – Farmer Panel – Examples of Successful Farm Transitions

- Thor Oechsner – Ochsner Farms
- Eric Carey – Carey Farm
- Maryrose Livingstone – Northland Sheep Dairy

2pm - Break

2:15pm – Business Planning for a Successful Transition – Farm Credit East

3pm – Tools and Resources for Farmland Transitions - Alexandra Morency, American Farmland Trust

3:45pm – Wrap up and thank you (John)

4pm – End

A big thank you to the sponsors of this event!

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