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**NYS COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY TO MEET OCTOBER 20 IN ITHACA  
Group to hear from Cornell Academics and Discuss Food Policy Recommendations**

The Governor's New York State Council on Food Policy will hold its annual fall meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Moakley House, 215 Warren Road in Ithaca, New York.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin with presentations from Cornell University academics from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Topics covered will include, but are not limited to: the state of New York's Dairy Industry; Cornell University's Small Farms Program; and the New York State Food Venture Center, which is an outreach program of Cornell University's Food Science and Technology Department and housed at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station.

The group will break for lunch and reconvene at 1:00 p.m. at the Moakley House. Commissioner Hooker will proceed over the Council on Food Policy Roundtable discussion from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public for observation only.

From 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. there will be a public comment period. Those wishing to present comments are asked to RSVP no later than Friday, October 16, 2009 and provide comments in writing. Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker. To RSVP, please call the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets at 518-485-7728 or email [maryann.stockman@agmkt.state.ny.us](mailto:maryann.stockman@agmkt.state.ny.us).

The New York State Council on Food Policy is tasked to establish food policies for the State that will help ensure the availability of safe, fresh, nutritious and affordable food for all New Yorkers, and expanding agricultural food production. The Council's recommended State food policies focus on four key issues areas: maximizing participation in food and nutrition assistance programs; strengthening the connection between local food products and consumers; supporting efficient and profitable agricultural food production and food retail infrastructure; increasing consumer awareness and knowledge about healthy eating; and improving consumer access to safe and nutritious foods. For more information, please visit the New York State Council on Food Policy website: [www.nyscfp.org](http://www.nyscfp.org).

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