



The Vegetable Growers Association of New Jersey
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Dear VGANJ Member:

Once again, it is time to renew your VGANJ membership. Membership is **\$120.00** and includes attendance to the 2019 NJ Agricultural Convention educational sessions and the trade Show (free coffee & danish each morning) for the farmer and a guest, one printed copy of the 2019 Commercial Vegetable Recommendation Guide and the meeting's proceedings (one per farm), and refreshments at the Social & Auction held Tuesday evening. The guest may be the farmer's spouse, partner, manager or child. There will be a charge of \$25 for any additional attendees to the Annual Convention. The price of memberships that are collected at the convention will be **\$150.00**. We are raising the dues this year to include a free printed copy of the Vegetable Recommendation Guide to all members. Please remember if you pay your dues before the convention, check with the registration desk for badges before going to the one day pass/new membership window.

Membership in the VGANJ runs from July 1 through June 30. By paying the membership dues in advance of the Convention, your name tag will be waiting for you at the registration table, making your registration as efficient as possible and costing you **\$30** less. Daily passes continue to be available for those guests that prefer to attend both the Trade Show and the Educational Sessions for just one day. The price of a one day pass has been raised to **\$75**. One day passes do not include the Proceedings and Recommendation books; these can be purchased for an extra fee. **Please fill in the attached form completely and return to John Rigolizzo, Jr. at the address on the top of the form. You can also go to our website www.njveggies.org and register online using PayPal. If you do not feel comfortable sending your form through the mail with your credit card info, please send Marita Rigolizzo an email and request an invoice. She will email you an invoice that will have a link to pay online. Her email address is marita.rigolizzo@gmail.com. Please do not email your credit card information; email is not secure for this type of information.**

The 2019 NJ Agriculture Convention and Trade Show is slated for **February 5 to 7, 2019** at the Harrahs Resort Waterfront Conference Center. You can check our website **www.njveggies.org**, our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Njveggies) and now on Twitter @njveggies to find any updates that will be posted for the convention. The educational session's preliminary schedule has already been posted on the 2019 Convention tab. When you receive the Convention information in November/December, you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Awards Banquet held on Wednesday evening, any luncheons that will be held, as well as the necessary information regarding hotel accommodations.

Again, VGANJ encourages distributors/vendors/buyers to exhibit in the Trade Show. This is a great opportunity to network and establish new contacts for your farm products. Also, we are seeking exhibitors of large equipment. The room for the exhibits provides easy access through large overhead doors directly onto the Trade Show floor. If you have any suggestions for possible new exhibitors, please contact **John Banschler at banscherfarm@comcast.net, Donna Dugan at donnavga52010@comcast.net or Wayne Knerr at knerrw@helenachemical.com**. In addition, VGANJ has offered all agricultural organizations the opportunity to participate in the 2019 convention. It is our hope that by getting as many agricultural groups as possible involved that The New Jersey Agricultural Convention and Trade show can enhance the services it provides to reach an even broader section of the agricultural community.

The Officers, Board of Directors, and the NJDA are all looking forward to seeing you in Atlantic City, at the Harrahs Resort Waterfront Conference Center for an exciting 2019 NJ Agriculture Convention.

Sincerely,

John Banschler, President, VGANJ
Enclosure