



## 2018 NEW YORK STATE FFA CONVENTION ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

### Tours

#### Thursday 1pm

- ***Bonduelle*** is a French family-run company and is the current world leader in ready-to-use vegetables, in all their forms. Founded in 1853 by Louis Bonduelle, our group provides over 100 countries with vegetables that are preserved using natural processes, in line with the fundamental values at the base of the company's creation and development.
- ***Post Dairy Farms:*** Post Dairy Farms LLC is a fifth generation dairy farming operating in the town of Elba, Genesee County. The Post family operates 8 Lely milking robots. The farm has 520 milking cows and 450 young stock. Operating on about 900 acres the Post's grow corn for silage and grain, alfalfa, wheat and triticale. The ownership consists of brothers John and Dan Post and Dan's son Jeff. Post Farms employs 4 other people to round out its work force. All of the crops are grown and harvested by the Post's and all the youngstock is grown on site as well. THIS TOUR DEPARTS AT 12:30PM.
- ***McCann's Local Meats:*** McCann's Local Meats is located right in the city of Rochester. They butcher, store and prepare all meat product that are sold in their shop and their restaurant and bring the meat in from local producers. They try to limit the amount of the carcass they waste by creating bird suet, making stock from bones, and make dog treats from pig ears and snouts. THIS TOUR LEAVES AT 1:30PM  
<http://www.mccanslocalmeats.com/>
- ***Crop Production Services:*** From seeds, to fertilizers, turf, ornamental products and nutritional supplements for crop lands- Crop Protection Services has the backs of growers in the fields and landscapers on golf courses and in backyards. This tour will allow participants to see numerous seeds, landscaping products, wet and dry fertilizer mixing bays, and equipment used by members of CPS

## Friday 8am

- ***Bolton Hydroponics:*** Bolton Farms is a hydroponic greenhouse facility in Hilton, NY. They pride ourselves in growing the safest, highest quality produce. Their nutritious and delicious product line includes spicy microgreens, fancy lettuces, herbs, greens, chards, greenbeans, and heirloom tomatoes. With innovative growing techniques and sound business practices, they can provide a consistent, year round supply of absolutely fresh produce.
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- ***Ward's Natural Sciences:*** Tour Real-Life Science Labs: Come visit a lab full of living materials from algae to bullfrogs; view the creation of a microscope slide from start to finish; watch how your rock specimens are prepared for the classroom; see a working science laboratory; and much more. A tour of Ward's Science facilities will reveal the numerous intriguing processes that happen here everyday. Your students will see how science materials are prepared for their classroom, and learn how science can be seen all around them.

Meet Real Scientists: Go behind the scenes with the Ward's Plus Us team of scientists! Students will love seeing where and how the products they use in school are developed, produced, and sent out to their teachers. For those students considering careers in science, it is even more encouraging to see the opportunities available in their own backyard.

Engage in Hands-On Science: This is not your traditional field trip—at Ward's Science there's so much to see and do. Because of our passion for hands-on learning, we like to involve the students in the tour. Many parts of the tour will include a "hands-on" portion and opportunity to touch a giant tropical millipede and more. Our fun, friendly tour guides look forward to leading a hands-on learning opportunity for your students outside of the classroom.

- ***Wegmans Zero Waste Store:*** At Wegmans, they are aware that environmental concerns will have profound effects on the lives of our children and grandchildren. There are no simple solutions to these challenges. Still, we all have a responsibility to be aware and be accountable. Wegmans promises to take steps to protect our world for future generations—it's part of our commitment to make a difference in every community we serve. Join us on this journey. As our company learns new ways to reduce, reuse and recycle our resources, we'll share our discoveries with you. Taking steps—even little steps—together can make a difference.

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- **SJ Starowitz Farms** is located in Byron, NY. The farm grows and stores cabbage, corn, wheat, and soybeans. The packing house on property trims and ships bulk or big packs of cabbage. Attendees to this tour will be able to see the preparation of cold storage cabbage from storage, to the line, to packing and possibly shipping.
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- **Wegman's Organic Farms:** Following our customers desire for fresh produce that is both organic and sustainably grown, we operate our Organic Farm & Orchard to develop and share best practices with our customers and regional partner-growers. We continually work to grow the best-tasting varieties and extend the northeastern growing seasons, making local farms more economically sustainable.