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## NJFPA August 2026 Newsletter



### GOLF OUTTING

**DATE:** September 14, 2026

**LOCATION:** Running Deer Golf Club  
1111 Parvin Mill Rd, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

**REGISTRATION PRICING:**

Individual Golfer (*member*) - \$315

Individual Golfer (*Non-Member*) - \$393.75

Foursome (*Member*) - \$1,260

Foursome (*Non-Member*) - \$1,575



### Member Events

#### **Register Today for NJFPA 2026 Annual Golf Outing**

**Monday, Sept. 14**

**9:30 a.m. — 6:30 p.m. EST**

There's still time to join us on **Monday, Sept. 14**, at **Running Deer Golf Club in Pittsgrove, N.J.**, for the NJFPA 2026 Annual Golf Outing.

One of NJFPA's favorite annual traditions, the outing brings together food processors, associate members and industry partners for a full day of golf, networking and relationship-building in a relaxed outdoor setting.

Whether you're joining as an individual golfer or bringing a foursome, the outing is a terrific opportunity to reconnect with industry colleagues and build new relationships while enjoying **championship golf at Running Deer.**

Registration options include individual golfers and foursomes, with special pricing available for NJFPA members. Don't wait to reserve your spot for one of the association's signature member events.

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## ON THE ROAD EXCHANGE

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**M&T Bank**

**DATE:**

Thursday, October 29,  
2026

**CHECK-IN:**

5:30PM - 6:00PM

**NETWORKING:**

6:00PM - 8:00PM

**LOCATION:**

In Napoli, 116 Main St.  
Fort Lee, NJ, 07024

**REGISTRATION PRICE:**

Members - \$50

Non-Members - \$65



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### Member Events

#### **NJFPA Heads North for October “On the Road” Exchange**

NJFPA is heading to North Jersey for our next **“On the Road” Exchange on Thursday, Oct. 29, at In Napoli in Fort Lee, N.J.**

The NJFPA “On the Road” series brings the food processing community together at locations across the state. Food processors, associate members and industry partners can connect outside of the traditional conference setting, meet new people and strengthen existing relationships. Whether you’re a regular at NJFPA events or joining us for the first time, it’s a fantastic way to connect with professionals from across the food and beverage industry.

The evening begins with check-in from **5:30–6 p.m. EST**, followed by networking from **6–8 p.m.** Registration includes a two-hour open bar and light food.

Thank you to [M&T Bank](#) for sponsoring this North Jersey networking event.

Registration is **\$50 for members** and **\$65 for non-members** and **closes Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. EST**

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**2027 FOOD PROCESSORS  
EXCHANGE**

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**The Future of Food Processing Starts Here.**  
Connecting People. Exchanging Ideas. Sharing Knowledge.

**DATE**  
April 1-2, 2027

**LOCATION**  
The Westin Mt Laurel

**SPEAKERS**

**Charles J. Vaccaro,**  
Partner, Greenbaum, Rowe,  
Smith & Davis LLP.

**Luis Villalobos,**  
Chief Operation Officer,  
Rastelli Foods Group

**More speakers to come!**

## Member Events

### Registration Open for 2027 Food Processors EXCHANGE

Registration is now open for the **2027 Food Processors EXCHANGE**, set for **April 1-2, 2027**, at **The Westin Mount Laurel, N.J.**

NJFPA's largest annual conference brings together food processors, suppliers and industry professionals from across the region for two days of networking, learning and meaningful conversations with others throughout the food manufacturing community.

The EXCHANGE begins Thursday evening, April 1, with an **opening reception and networking in the Exhibit Hall**. Attendees will return Friday for a full conference program featuring educational sessions, industry panels, exhibits, coffee breaks, the annual luncheon and awards, and a closing featured presentation.

Featuring Keynote speaker **Luis Villalobos**, **Chief Operating Officer of Rastelli Foods Group**, presenting **Rastelli's AI Journey: Where are they now? The good, the bad and the ugly**. Additional speakers, educational sessions and program details will be announced as they are confirmed.

NJFPA has secured a special \$169-per-night group rate at The Westin Mount Laurel, with hotel reservations available through March 11, 2027.

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## Member Events

### Join the Conversation at Two Upcoming Virtual Exchanges

NJFPA's Exchange Roundtable Series continues this fall with two virtual sessions created specifically for food processor members to share ideas, discuss shared challenges and learn from industry peers.

#### **Marketing Exchange: Go-To-Market Marketing & Channel Mix**

**Friday, September 18, 2026**

**10 a.m. EST**

Facilitated by [Alissa Davis](#), **Strategic Advisor, Food & Beverage at Whitepenny**, the Marketing Exchange will explore what's currently shaping go-to-market strategies across the food and beverage industry.

The conversation will cover the evolving consumer marketing mix, social media and influencer strategies, B2B versus B2C communications, earned media and content, and paid advertising. Participants will have the opportunity to compare what's working now and discuss how brands are adjusting their channel mix to reach business and consumer audiences.

#### [Register for the Marketing Exchange](#)

#### **HR Exchange: Go-To Workforce Insights & HR Connections**

**Friday, October 2, 2026**

**10 a.m. EST**

Facilitated by [Mark Macellaro](#), **Senior Manager of Human Resources at Aspire Bakeries**, the HR Exchange will bring members together for a peer-driven discussion about workforce trends and people-focused challenges facing today's food processors.

Topics will include recruitment and retention, employee engagement, workplace culture, HR challenges specific to food processing environments, and practical workforce strategies.

Both virtual Exchange Roundtables are open exclusively to NJFPA food processor members and are designed to encourage candid discussion and practical peer-to-peer learning.

#### [Register for the HR Exchange](#)

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## New Members Spotlight

In this issue, NJFPA is excited to welcome five new members: **Thomas Foods International, USA; Santeck; Solace Water Solutions, LLC; Forvis Mazars, LLP; and Eukodyne, LLC.**



**Thomas Foods International, USA** provides premium protein sourcing and processing solutions backed by a global supply chain and local New Jersey operations. Its 265,000-square-foot SQF-certified processing facility in Swedesboro supports custom meat processing and a portfolio that includes lamb, beef, goat, Wagyu and specialty proteins. With a focus on quality, traceability and responsive service, Thomas Foods International brings extensive food processing expertise to the NJFPA community.

[Learn About Thomas Foods International, USA](#)



**Santeck** has provided contract food sanitation services for more than 35 years, helping processors strengthen food safety, compliance and operational efficiency. The company works with poultry, meat, vegetable, seafood and dairy processors operating under USDA, FDA, SQF and BRCGS standards. Through specialized sanitation programs, training and onsite support, Santeck helps manufacturers protect their products while keeping production running efficiently.

[Learn About Santeck](#)



**Solace Water Solutions** is a New Jersey-based company focused on advanced clean-water technology and industrial water solutions. The company develops technology centered on gas exchange and water treatment applications designed to address industrial water needs. Its focus on innovative water solutions brings another valuable technical resource to NJFPA's growing network of manufacturers and industry partners.

[Learn About Solace Water Solutions](#)

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**Forvis Mazars, LLP**, is a leading professional services firm providing assurance, tax and consulting services to organizations domestically and internationally. As an independent member of the Forvis Mazars global network, the firm combines industry-specific knowledge with access to professionals and resources around the world.

[Learn About Forvis Mazars](#)



**Eukodyne, LLC**, is a New Jersey-based manufacturing software company helping process manufacturers improve planning, execution, quality, inventory, logistics and other plant operations. Its MFX Manufacturing Operations Management platform has been developed and refined in production environments for more than 17 years, with experience supporting food and beverage manufacturing. The company is also developing AI-enabled capabilities designed to help manufacturers make better use of real-time operational data.

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### Partner Program

#### **Explore Packaging Innovation and Cost Savings with Acme Corrugated Box**

NJFPA member **Acme Corrugated Box** is hosting a live webinar on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, from **1–2 p.m. EST**, focused on how smarter packaging decisions can help manufacturers improve efficiency, maximize space and uncover potential cost savings.

During “Innovation, Expertise, & Cost Savings—Adding Value Where It Matters,” **Acme NPD Engineer Brian Winning** will walk attendees through packaging strategies that are helping customers address rising costs and make better use of their packaging investments.

The webinar will take a closer look at **preprint options**, including when preprint may offer advantages over direct print and litho-lamination. Winning will also explore package optimization and how space-efficient box designs can maximize pallet and truck capacity to help reduce freight costs.

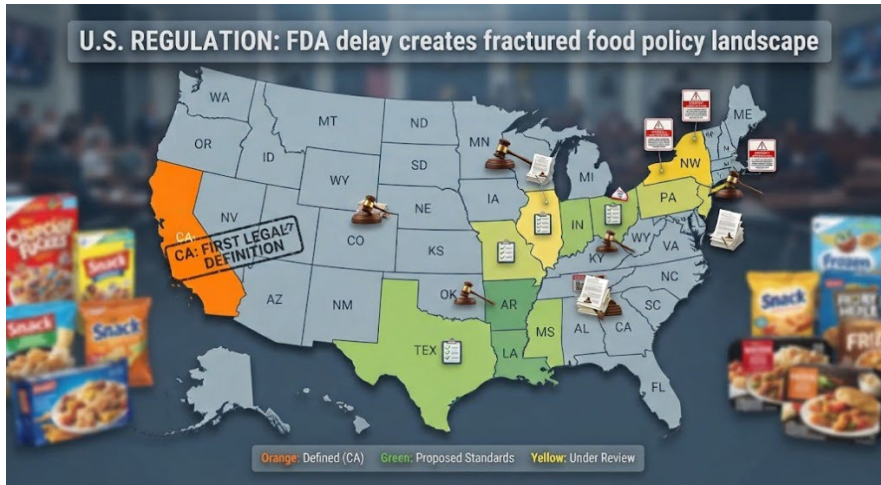
Attendees will also learn about Acme’s jumbo box capabilities and “total package” approach, with insights for improving packaging strategies, freight efficiency and overall packaging spend.

**Date:** August 26, 2026

**Time:** 1–2 p.m. EST

**Location:** Live Webinar

[Register for the Webinar](#)



## Industry News

## Who Will Define Ultra Processed Foods?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has delayed the release of its anticipated definition of ultra processed foods. The delay leaves Congress and individual states to move forward with their own approaches.

**Two proposals in Congress could create different standards.** One would require warning labels on certain ultra processed foods. The other would direct the FDA to establish definitions for terms including “ultraprocessed,” “not ultraprocessed” and “natural.”

**States are also taking action.** California, for instance, has already established the nation's first legal definition of ultra processed foods, adding to the possibility that manufacturers could face different requirements across jurisdictions.

For food processors, the lack of a consistent definition could create new considerations around product formulation, labeling and regulatory compliance as federal and state policies continue to develop.

## Get the Latest

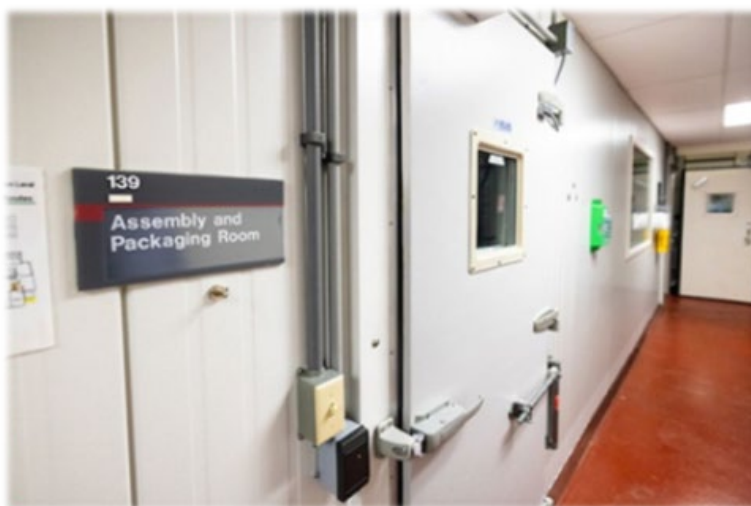
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## Member News

### Scale Your Operations at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center



Looking for Room to Grow? The Food Innovation Center (FIC) at Rutgers in Bridgeton, N.J., has two move-in-ready production suites available for food businesses ready to grow.

Available space includes:

- **Ready for Production:** Choose from 1,586 or 812 square feet within an FDA- and USDA-inspected, GMP-certified facility.
- **Flexible to Fit Your Operation:** Configure the space with refrigeration, HEPA filtration and full utility hookups based on your production needs.
- **More Than Just Space:** Access shared resources including clean rooms, blast chillers, a bottling line and expert support for food safety, R&D and commercialization.

Interested in taking a look? [Email Executive Director Nolan Lewin](#) to schedule a tour and learn more about the available space.

[Book Your Tour Now](#)



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## Equipment - Co-Packers – Space

Are you looking for a wash and a chop? Single-serving packaging? Commercial kitchen space? A particular piece of equipment?

Hands down, one of the most frequent questions we get at NJFPA is where to find a local processor, especially a New Jersey co-packer.

Contact us at [info@njfoodprocessors.com](mailto:info@njfoodprocessors.com) and get involved in the [NJMEP Made in NJ program](#).

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