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NJFPA January 2026 Newsletter #2

Member Events

Cut Your Conference Costs by \$300 by Joining or Renewing with NJFPA

Become a member of the New Jersey Food Processors Association (NJFPA) and receive **\$300 off registration** for the 2026 NJFPA Annual Conference, set for March 5-6 at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City.

Members receive a substantial discount on conference registration:

- **NJFPA member rate:** \$275
- **Non-member rate:** \$575

That's a savings of \$300 simply by renewing or joining before you register.

What to Expect in Atlantic City

The two-day conference will bring together food processors, manufacturers, suppliers and industry professionals from around the region for timely discussions on key industry challenges in 2026.

Featured topics include **food safety, regulatory compliance** and other critical issues shaping your industry.

Why Join NJFPA?

NJFPA membership extends beyond the conference, offering valuable networking opportunities, industry intelligence, educational programming and exclusive member benefits throughout the year.

Secure your savings and strengthen your industry connections by renewing or joining today.

[Renew and Save Now](#)

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NJFPA Kicks Off 2026 with 40-Plus Attendees at 1st OTR Event

NJFPA rang in the new year with a full house and a strong showing at its first “On the Road” (OTR) networking event of 2026.

The event was held Thursday, Jan. 22, at Death of the Fox Brewing Company in Clarksboro, N.J.

More than 40 attendees were on hand, including members from three new member organizations. The evening featured food, drinks and meaningful connections among food industry professionals.

Both longtime OTR attendees and first-time guests took part. **NJFPA thanks its sponsors Pack Expo East** and looks ahead to more ITR events this year.

PACK EXPO East is back in Philadelphia, Feb. 17–19.

The show puts packaging, processing and automation solutions under one roof to help food companies innovate and scale. Manufacturers can compare technologies side by side, meet leading suppliers and learn from industry experts.

Organizers say the event delivers a sharp look at emerging trends and practical ideas to fuel growth in the year ahead.

Exclusive offer: Register for FREE. Use code NJFPA26 at packexpoeast.com.

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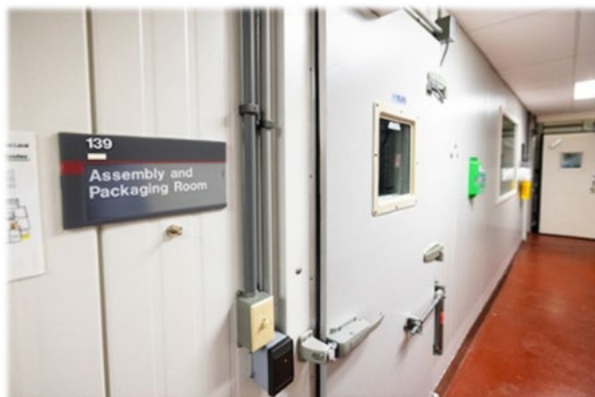
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2 Certified, Move-In-Ready Production Suites Open at Rutgers FIC

Ready to scale your food or beverage business? The Food Innovation Center (FIC) at Rutgers in Bridgeton, N.J., offers two move-in-ready production suites: 1,586 and 812 square feet.

The FDA- and USDA-inspected, GMP-certified facility is built for commercial production and can be tailored with refrigeration, HEPA filtration and full utilities.

Tenants also tap shared assets like blast chillers, clean rooms and a bottling line, plus expert guidance in food safety, R&D and commercialization.

Ideally located for Mid-Atlantic distribution, the FIC at Rutgers gives growing brands room to grow.

Contact Executive Director Nolan Lewin to learn more or schedule a tour.

[Book Your Tour!](#)

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Grant-Funded Training Now Available to NJ Food Council Members

Big news for New Jersey Food Council (NJFC) members.

The NJFC, in partnership with Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE), is offering **grant-funded training exclusively for member companies.**

For 20-plus years, the program has secured funding from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, delivering up to \$2.6 million in grants and training hundreds of thousands of employees statewide.

Offerings include required food safety and sanitation training delivered on-site, with 8- and 16-hour ServSafe and SafeMark Supermarkets courses available.

Members can also access customized professional development, offered in-house or online to boost workforce skills and productivity.

Enrollment is simple. To learn more, email rutgerswd@njaes.rutgers.edu or call **609-392-8899**.

[Email to Learn More](#)

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New Member Spotlight



ARCO

In this issue, we spotlight a new NJFPA member, ARCO.

ARCO Design/Build delivers fast, efficient industrial construction through a single-source design-build approach. From food and beverage facilities to distribution, cold storage and manufacturing, ARCO helps companies build smarter, scale faster and stay on schedule.

With local Philadelphia expertise and national reach, ARCO reduces risk, controls costs and keeps projects moving from concept to completion.

See how ARCO can support your next project.

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NJFPA Job Board

[Maintenance Manager](#)

B & B Poultry Co., Inc. — Elmer, N.J.
Full-Time

Posted: Jan. 1, 2026
Application Deadline: N/A

[Manger, Supply Chain FSQA & Nutrition Systems](#)

Jersey Mike's Subs — Manasquan, N.J.
Full-Time

Posted: Nov. 17, 2024
Application Deadline: N/A

[Click here to post a position you need to fill!](#)

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Equipment - Co-Packers – Space

Are you looking for a wash and 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 business, especially a NEW JERSEY co-packer.

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

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