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**New York produce industry builds on relationships, resilience and regional strength**

**By**

**Keith Loria**

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New York's produce industry enters the second half of 2026 facing many of the same challenges affecting the rest of the country - weather volatility, inflationary pressures and rising transportation costs.

Yet the state continues to benefit from a unique combination of agricultural diversity, a strong wholesale infrastructure and a deep network of growers, distributors and marketers that have helped keep fresh produce moving throughout the Northeast.

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**PRO\*ACT Crop Update: Hearts tight, melons light, lemons in sight**

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[The lettuce market remains one of the most challenging supply situations the industry has seen in years.](#) Iceberg, Romaine and Romaine hearts have all been under pressure for an extended stretch, with historically elevated markets lasting longer than normal.

Harvestable yields across the Salinas Valley continue to be impacted by soil-borne disease, INSV pressure and weather-related stress, which has reduced field productivity and kept carton availability below normal.

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**¡Yo Quiero! earns Good Housekeeping's Best Snack award for Black Bean Dip**

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¡Yo Quiero! announced that its Black Bean Dip has been named a winner in the 2026 Good Housekeeping Best Snack Awards under the Dips & Spreads category.

The annual awards from Good Housekeeping recognize standout snacks that deliver on taste, nutrition, convenience and innovation. This year, the Good Housekeeping Institute Nutrition Lab reviewed hundreds of snack options, evaluating ingredient lists, nutrition labels, packaging claims and flavor profiles. Real-life testers also weighed in on taste and overall snacking appeal, helping determine the final list of winners.

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**Church Bros. promotes Chuck Clunn to VP of harvesting**

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Church Bros. Farms has promoted Chuck Clunn to vice president of harvesting, recognizing his decades of leadership and contributions to the company's harvesting operations across the western United States.

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**Key statistics and consumer trends for fresh asparagus**

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The Peruvian Asparagus Importers Association has released its Fresh Asparagus Consumer Trends & Statistics Report 2026-27.

“This annual report is a powerful resource for the fresh asparagus industry, providing the insights needed to drive stronger sales and marketing efforts. From key statistics and consumer trends to purchasing behavior, the report gives retailers and foodservice operators the tools to build more effective fresh asparagus promotions and programs,” said Priscilla Lleras, executive director of PAIA.

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## **Applewood Fresh Growers expands Michigan apple programs**

**By**

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Michigan continues to play a critical role in the success of Applewood Fresh Growers, as the company prepares for another strong apple season supported by expanded grower partnerships, new packing investments and growing consumer demand for premium varieties.

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