

KEANAN & REUBEN STONE

Keanan and Reuben Stone own and operate Valley Bio Limited, a registered seed establishment and varietal research site, as well as Stone Farms, a 1000 acre seed production farm specializing in pedigree seed production of hemp, soybeans, cereals and other niche crops. Keanan is also currently General Manager of UniSeeds Inc., an agri-business focused on development and marketing of industrial hemp cultivars.



Born and raised in rural Ontario, the Stones are committed “advocates” and avid community volunteers. Keanan and Reuben are also active members of several industry associations, including the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance, Canadian Seed Growers Association and Canadian Seed Trade Association. They currently reside in Micksburg, Ontario with



TIMOTHY SWEENEY, J.D.

Tim Sweeney is an Agricultural Policy Analyst with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, where his portfolio includes the Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program. Prior to coming to his current position, Tim was a Principal Analyst at the NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources. Tim has an Associate’s degree in plant science from

SUNY Cobleskill, a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law.

NORTH COUNTRY HEMP EXPO 2020

Guest Speakers



Hemp Expo; Friday April 3rd, 10:00-3:00, SUNY Canton

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:00	Welcome	Dean Neisser and Dr. Bhavsar
10:05	Opening Remarks	President Szafran
10:15	Hemp: What It Is and What It Offers	Jennifer Gilbert-Jenkins
10:45	What the Research Tells Us	Chris Becker
11:15	Growing Hemp for Fiber, Seed, or Oil	Reuben and Keanan Stone
11:45	North Country Soils and Conditions	Kitty O'Neil
12:15	Lunch	
1:00	Harvesting and Processing Hemp	Marc Privitera
1:30	Markets	Allan Gandelman
2:00	Policy and law	Tim Sweeney
2:30	Resources and Conclusion	Jennifer Gilbert-Jenkins



ALLAN GANDELMAN

Allan is owner and cofarm manager of Main Street Farms. As a high school social studies teacher, he realized the lack of fresh, nutritious food was an obstacle for his students. He started Main Street Farms in 2011. Today, the farm grows more than 50 types of vegetables just outside the City of Cortland, NY. Allan is passionate about organic agriculture, providing healthy food for CSA members and customers and creating sustainable jobs for people in the community. He is now on a mission to grow hemp for CBD and to create safe, effective and affordable remedies to those seeking natural alternatives to traditional healthcare.



CHRIS BECKER, Ph.D.

Chris is a research scientist with BAAR Scientific LLC, located in Phelps, NY. Chris is a plant pathologist and conducts independent research with pest management products, biostimulants, and nutritional products for Northeastern crops. His latest research is focused on the cultivation and processing of hemp. He noted there are about 50,000 products that can be made with hemp — ranging from hemp seeds which can be added to foods, extracted hemp oil for lotions, cosmetics, salad dressings/marinades and even paint and varnishes; the fibers, which can be used in textiles, paper, as animal bedding and in building materials like insulation and floorboards; and even the highly absorbent leaves, which can be used as mulch and in compost.

JENNIFER GILBERT-JENKINS, Ph.D.

Jennifer is an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Science at SUNY Morrisville. With a Ph.D. in soil chemistry and nutrient management, her research has previously focused on practices to maximize nutrient use efficiency in field crops. As of 2016, Jennifer has been the lead professor of the Morrisville Industrial Hemp Program, concentrating on understanding the agronomic practices necessary to maximize hemp seed and fiber quality and quantity in both organic and conventional settings.



KITTY O'NEILL, Ph.D.

Kitty serves Northern New York agriculture as a Regional Field Crops and Soils Specialist and is Team Leader of the Northern New York Regional Ag Team. Her work focuses on providing field crop producers, consultants, and industry representatives with the knowledge and educational resources necessary to improve crop production and management practices. She helps farmers implement changes to enhance farm prosperity and resilience, while minimizing environmental impacts. Her overall goal is sustainable growth of ag industries in Northern New York.



MARC PRIVITERA, CEO, PreProcess, Inc.

As a Chemical Engineer, Marc uses his expertise in the long-established and regulated food, beverage, and pharma industries to aid clients in scaling hemp and cannabis grows, extractions, and processing a diverse finished product set. As an industrial hemp grower and processor himself, he is aware of the challenges industrial hemp and marijuana growers face. PreProcess is focused on manufacturing full spectrum CBD, THC, terpene oils, pressed seed fatty acid triglyceride oil from the grain, meal from the grain, carbon for energy storage devices from the stalk, and non-woven fiber materials. The company is also working to develop pulp and fiber products, biofuels, and other product sets.

