

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

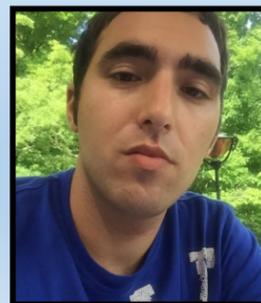
Brian Ziehm

I grew up in Cambridge on a 50 cow dairy farm, attended Cornell and graduated with a degree in agricultural business. I worked on multiple large farms across the state before coming home. I'm currently a partner in Tiashoke Farms, LLC where we milk 1,200 cows, raise 800 head of young stock and crop 2,000 acres. I oversee crop production, machinery purchases and maintenance, along with building and facility upkeep. I'm a member of Farm Bureau because it is the one organization that makes all policies at the grassroots level and has the lobbying power to get things done. It works for all sizes and all agricultural commodities which is important to keep agriculture strong. I am a past president of Washington County Farm Bureau and have also served on the Cambridge Planning Board and the Agriculture Stewardship Association board. In my spare time I enjoy golfing, hunting, and playing at the pool with my boys, Tyler, Jacob, and Sam.



Brandon Trinkle

I currently live in Argyle but my family has farmed in Center Cambridge for many years. Agriculture background: I currently teach agricultural education at Granville Central School District and have worked on my family's dairy farm during the summer. I joined Farm Bureau when I started teaching in Beekmantown. I feel Farm Bureau is a very important organization to agriculture and witnessed all the good Farm Bureau does for our local agricultural community. Fun fact: Currently we have five dairy heifers which we started raising with the goal of showing them at the county and state fairs.



New York Farm Bureau Website

Check out the new and improved NYFB website www.nyfb.org. It's easier to navigate and improves access to NYFB programs and services for members.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



New York Farm Bureau
Young Farmers & Ranchers

**YOUNG FARMERS -
AGRICULTURE'S LINK TO THE FUTURE**

MARCH 16-17, 2018
HOLIDAY INN, AUBURN



SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Keynote Speaker - Matt Lohr, Lifting the Limits, The Strongest Link
- Know Your Beef Beyond the Label
- YF&R Competitive Events 101
- How an Idea gets from the Kitchen Table to the Delegate floor

Registration Costs
NYFB Members: Young Farmer Package = \$125

Hotel Costs:
\$100.57 per room [includes taxes]
Call Holiday Inn, 315-255-4531 for your hotel reservation

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MARCH 7, 2018

To Register:
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**Saratoga County Farm Bureau
Rural Urban Dinner**

**Saturday, March 3
Panza's Restaurant
510 NY-9P, Saratoga Springs
Starting at 6 p.m. - Dinner 7 p.m.
\$35 pp/payable at the door.**

**Speaker: Congresswoman Elise Stefanik
on 2018 Farm Bill**

**This event serves as a bridge for
individuals outside the agricultural
community to learn and interact with
farmers in their neighborhood. Everyone
is encouraged to attend and bring your
non-farmer neighbor**

**Raising money for Regional Food
Bank of Northeastern NY.**

**To ensure a seat, RSVP before Feb. 23 to
Eastern NYFB Regional Office:
eny@nyfb.org or 1-866-995-7300**

President's Report (cont'd)

keep us posted if there is an event at your farm that you would like Farm Bureau to participate in. We plan to have an open house in March with the opportunity for you to meet your board members, learn more about what we do, and just ask questions. There will be more information on this once the details are finalized. We had good success last year with the Young Farmers & Ranchers outings and are planning to do more this summer. If you'd like to show off your place of business as part of this, please contact Allison Akins, Washington County Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Chair, at 315-528-1538.

There is quite a bit of new information in this newsletter including introductions for our two newest board members, Brandon Trinkle and Brian Ziehm. Brandon comes to us after teaching in the North Country. It's good to see a young community member stepping up for the position. Brian has past experience on the board, having served previously as president. He brings with him a good understanding of Farm Bureau along with some fresh ideas. We welcome them both. The entire board is looking forward to an exciting 2018. Please feel free to reach out to any board member with questions or concerns. Thank you! *Tricia Lockwood*

2018 Lobby Day

This year's New York Farm Bureau Lobby Day is Tues., Mar. 6. Members of the board will be attending Lobby Day to meet with our local representatives as well as adopted representatives to discuss NYFB's priorities for the upcoming year. These include such issues as requesting to double the minimum wage tax credit for farms in order to help offset some of the increase in the minimum wage and securing state funding for critical farm programs that support research, technical assistance and promotion of the diverse commodities grown in the state. NYFB is pleased to see that Governor Cuomo continues to make strides in state procurement efforts and support for marketing programs like Taste NY. His latest budget ask includes \$10 million in the education budget to expand the school lunch reimbursement program for districts who purchase at least 30% of their food that is grown, produced or processed in New York. The reimbursement rate would jump from \$0.06 per meal to \$0.25 per meal. The final top priority is a new policy put forth at December's State Annual Meeting which supports efforts to combat tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease. NYFB is supportive of increasing funding for both enhanced detection and vaccine development.

Silver Key Awards

Washington County Farm Bureau was presented with eight Silver Key Awards at the New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting, held Dec. 5-6 in Albany, NY. The Silver Key Awards are presented to county Farm Bureaus that have exhibited excellence in a variety of categories relating to effectiveness in policy implementation, promoting agriculture among the public and in classrooms, leadership development and membership building. The awards were presented to county Farm Bureau for excellence in the following categories: Membership; Agricultural Promotion and Education; County Financials; Information and Public Relations; Leadership Development; Policy Implementation—Local; Policy Implementation—State and National; and Young Farmers. In addition, Washington County Farm Bureau President, Patricia Lockwood from Hudson Falls, was recognized with the Distinguished President Award for overall county Farm Bureau programming.

While at the State Annual Meeting, farmer members also took part in the grassroots process of laying the groundwork for the year ahead. More than 150 delegates from across New York proposed, discussed and voted on resolutions that will guide NYFB's public policy agenda for 2018.

Trivia Night Recap

Washington County Farm Bureau hosted its second annual trivia night, a fundraiser for local FFA chapters to attend the State and National FFA conventions. The event was held on Fri., Nov. 10 and was attended by over 135 people from the agricultural and non-agricultural community in Washington and Saratoga Counties. The evening featured dinner catered by DJ Herrington followed by trivia. Thanks to generous local sponsorship and event participants, Washington County Farm Bureau was able to raise \$3,000 for FFA chapters in Washington County and Schuylerville FFA in Saratoga County. Over the two year history, the event has raised \$4,800 in total.

Save The Date
2018 Trivia Night
Fri., Nov. 2, 2018
The 1925 Barn, Hudson Falls
More information to follow.

P.O Box 5330
Albany, NY 12205



Washington County
Farm Bureau News

Ag Literacy Week-March 19-23

Book: Before We Eat: From Farm to Table

By Pat Brisson and Illustrated by Mary Azarian

From the busy hub of New York City, to the mountains of the Adirondacks, and to the fertility of the Finger Lakes, our state is expansive and encompasses all types of agricultural industries

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To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture



President's Message: I'd like to take the opportunity with this issue to remind our members that New York Farm Bureau is strong because of your support. Thank you! With that being said, we are always looking for more members. As agriculture continues to evolve, so does our membership. We need all farm types and all farm sizes to continue to be strong and make our voices heard. It is the responsibility of all members to do our part to encourage our friends and neighbors to become Farm Bureau members. If you know someone who should be a member and isn't, please let a member of the board know. As we begin to plan our programs for 2018, please *(cont'd inside)*

New York Farm Bureau Partners with FFA

We wanted to let you all know about an exciting new initiative that NYFB is working on in conjunction with FFA chapters around the state. FFA Chapters now have the opportunity to encourage others to join NYFB as a source of fundraising for the local chapter. It is a win-win opportunity for both NYFB and FFA. NYFB has the opportunity to gain some new members, and our FFA partner has a new way of obtaining additional program funding.

Each chapter has been provided with NYFB membership brochures specific to the program and instructed to write their chapter name on the inside. For every membership that comes to us in connection with an FFA chapter, the chapter will receive a \$20 donation from NYFB.

NYFB is confident that this will be an excellent program that will help strengthen the relationship with FFA, while helping to expand membership, and providing even more support to the FFA organization.

If you know someone who is looking to join NYFB, please encourage them to reach out to one of the chapters in Washington County. We have FFA chapters in Argyle, Granville, Greenwich, Hartford and Salem. Thank you!

*NYFB/FFA membership program is available for NEW MEMBERS ONLY! Renewing members, please call NYFB at 1-800-342-4143 or visit NYFB.org to renew.

Scholarship Applications For Students Attending NYS FFA Convention



Washington County Farm Bureau will once again be offering scholarships to students attending the upcoming State FFA Convention being held May 17-19. Funds raised from trivia night will be used to sponsor students. Applications are available from FFA Chapter advisors. If you know of a student that plans to attend the convention, please encourage them to apply. Application submissions are due by Mar. 3 and should be sent to New York Farm Bureau Eastern Regional Office, c/o Washington County Farm Bureau, PO Box 370, Salem, NY 12865.

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