

Policy Development Meeting
Monday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m.
CCE of Oneida County • 121 Second Street, Oriskany

One of the ***most valuable benefits*** of your Farm Bureau membership is the ability to develop and shape policy for the organization. NYFB's policy, approved each December at the State Annual Meeting, is what all Farm Bureau members and staff use as a guide to act on legislation and regulations that deal with farm business and landowner issues. ***It all starts with you!***

You have an idea about how to improve agriculture:

- * Talk with your fellow members
- * Attend your county policy development meeting
- * Submit your idea to the county policy development committee

Your county considers your idea:

- * Provide background information to the committee
- * County policy development committee considers your idea and makes a recommendation

Attend your County Annual Meeting to support your idea:

- * County votes on your policy resolution at the annual meeting in the fall
- * Local resolutions become county Farm Bureau policy and are submitted to NYFB Resolutions Committee to be considered at the State Annual Meeting in December.



We ***strongly encourage*** you to bring *your* ideas, issues and concerns for consideration. We will also be discussing issues including:

Should New York State Department of Environmental Conservation have a streamlined permitting process for farmers to complete work in water bodies?

Should New York Farm Bureau support legislation offering undocumented residents the ability to obtain a "standard" driver's license?

Should the quarterly employer payroll threshold for unemployment insurance for agricultural labor be increased from \$20,000? If so, what should it be increased to?

If New York State legalizes the recreational use of marijuana, how should New York farmers play a role, if any, in the regulatory process, production and distribution?

Should a milk support program be created similar to the Cotton Ginning Cost Share program?

Additional discussion topics can be found in the July issue of Grassroots which is available at NYFB.org, when logged in. If you have questions or are unable to attend, but want to be involved, please feel free to reach out to any county Farm Bureau board member.



Oneida County Farm Bureau is looking for **talented students between the ages of 16 and 21** to be considered for the **8th Annual Student of the Year Award.**

Candidates must be a student member or the child of a Farm Bureau member in Oneida County. Eligible students should be active in youth groups (such as 4-H, FFA, Dairy Princess and Ambassador Program, etc.), have demonstrated leadership skills and an understanding of the importance of agriculture in their community. The winners will be announced at the annual meeting on Oct. 15. First place will receive \$300, second place \$200 and third place \$100. **To request an application, email jrossi@nyfb.org or call 315-252-1367. Completed applications must be submitted by Oct. 10.**



Oneida County CCE Ag Programming

Aug. 15 - Soil Compaction Field Day

2221 Greens Crossing Rd, Saugoit

RSVP by Aug. 10 to 315-736-3394 ext 120

Aug. 17 - BQA Training

Bob Curtin Farm, 1108 State Rt. 8 in Cassville

Reservations required by Aug 13.

315-736-3394 ext 132

Sept. 6 - Climate Smart Twilight Talk

Jakes Gouda Cheese, Deansboro

RSVP by Sept. 4 to 315-736-3394 ext. 131

Sept. 14 - Livestock Program

Profitable Meat Marketing

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No cost, reservations required by Sept. 10

315-736-3394 ext 132

Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov.8 and Nov. 15 - Estate Planning

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To learn more call 315-736-3394 ext 104.

Register by Oct. 22

Visit cceoneida.com/events

2018 Farm Fest a Success



Oneida County Farm Bureau was a proud sponsor of the 2018 Farm Fest. The annual event, coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension, is a great opportunity for the community to learn more about agriculture. ***Thank you*** to the DiNitto family for opening your farm to over 3,000 visitors. The day kicked off with 700 students who learned about agriculture through a series of fun, educational interactive stations.



Top left: Eileen Jensen of the NY Animal Agriculture Coalition speaks to students. Bottom right: Sheriff and Farm Bureau member Rob Marciol. Bottom left: county Farm Bureau board member Pat van Lieshout gives students a tour of the milking parlor.



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President’s Report



Oneida County Farm Bureau has been active over the last few months advocating on your behalf at the local, state and national level. We have elected officials who have been willing to listen to those of us on the front lines about the challenges and issues our farmers face and are working with us to propose positive solutions that will keep Oneida County agriculture moving in the right direction.

It is now your turn to get involved. Our policy development season officially kicks off next month (details inside). This is a great opportunity for you to shape Farm Bureau’s public policy for the coming year. We value your ideas and possible solutions that could improve the way we do business. I encourage you to join us on Sept. 17 and be part of this truly unique grassroots process. If you would like to participate, but are unable to attend, please give me a call at 315-361-5430.

Kevin Angell



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Save the date for... Oneida County Farm Bureau’s 3rd Annual Ag-Trivia & Raffle Event



When: Friday, November 30th, 2018 Doors open at 6:00 pm Buffet dinner at 7:00 pm
Cost: \$25 per person
Where: Daniele’s Banquet Specialists, 8360 Seneca Turnpike (State Rt. 5), New Hartford

What: Prior to dinner you will have time to socialize and make raffle entries. After dinner will be an Ag-Trivia contest & winning raffle numbers pulled.

Ag-Trivia will be teams of up to 6. If you don’t have a team and wish to participate, no worries, we can add you to a team when you get there.



Raffle: Buy sheets of raffle tickets to try and win baskets or items you want. We had over 70 items raffled off last year! Lots of chances to win!!

Proceeds raised will benefit... Oneida County Agricultural Youth Programming and Scholarships. The money raised last year helped fund Oneida County Farm Fest, Ag Literacy Week books, Ag Coloring books for elementary classes and Scholarship Awards for students.

More information will be coming this fall.

