

2019 Jefferson County Proposed Policy Resolutions

State Policies

- 1. We oppose allowing New York to set up a program of tax incentives to encourage farmers to hold resources available lest they are needed by local municipalities or the state (fire department use of dry hydrant, town highway use of grader or trucks).
- 2. We support and encourage New York State DEC to have a streamlined permitting process for farmers to complete work in water bodies.
- 3. We support allowing eWic cards for use at farmers’ markets in New York State.
- 4. We oppose legislation offering undocumented residents the ability to obtain a “standard” driver’s license.
- 5. We support increasing the quarterly employer payroll threshold for unemployment insurance for agricultural labor to \$80,000.
- 6. We oppose allowing pet dealers to buy rabbits from hobby rabbit breeders who do not have a license.

National Policies

- 1. NRCS staff, as well as an independent qualified geologist, should be able to complete geologic reviews for conservation practices.
- 2. We support making up to 50% of the anticipated amount of the cost incurred for the purpose of purchasing material or services to implement a conservation practice available to all participants.

For Consideration

- 1. Should New York Farm Bureau support legislation prohibiting the use of state funding for the construction or operation of wind electric generation facilities being cited within the radar zone of a military installation in New York State?



Annual Fall Outreach Dinner  
Northern New York Chapter  
Fellowship of Christian  
Farmers

Friday, October 5• South Jefferson Historical Society  
Sixtown Town Meeting House • Church St., Adams

For more information or to make a reservation,  
call David Porter at 315-778-6304 or 315-778-5247

Cost is \$14. Farmers and non-farmers are invited to attend an evening of food, fun, friends, faith and fellowship. The Jefferson County Dairy Princess and her court will be serving refreshments at 6:30 p.m. followed by an old fashioned style, homemade turkey dinner. Guest Speakers: Ron and Deb Herrold.

Jefferson County Farm Bureau  
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2019 Proposed Additions to the By-Laws of  
Jefferson County Farm Bureau

Article I

Section 3. Supporting Members. Persons not directly associated with farming or agriculture may make application to become a supporting member and, if accepted, shall upon acceptance be entitled only to a limited set of benefits as annually established by the board of directors. Supporting members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 4. Agricultural Alliance Members. Agriculturally-related associations, both incorporated and unincorporated, and agriculturally-related cooperatives interested in the preservation, advancement and profitability of agriculture may make application to become an agricultural alliance member and, if accepted, shall upon execution of a membership agreement be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an agricultural alliance membership. Agricultural alliance members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. Student Members. Youth who are interested in agriculture, are in the age range of 16-21 years, and are enrolled in a *bona fide* educational program may apply for a student membership. Student members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Article III

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of meetings of the board shall be deemed to be duly given if notice thereof has been either mailed or sent electronically to each director, at the email address they have supplied for such purpose, at least ten days prior to such meeting. Directors may waive such notice either before or after such meeting. Such waiver can be written or electronic.

Section 5. Electronic Participation. The board, any committee of the board, and any committee of the corporation may participate in the meeting by means of conference, telephone, electronic video screen, or similar communications equipment allowing persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time and participate without limitation in all matters before the board. Participation in the meeting by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 6. Action without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the board, any committee of the board, or any committee of the corporation may be taken without a meeting if all persons entitled to vote at such meeting consent thereto. Such consent may be written, or electronic, and such consent is filed with the minutes documenting such action.

Article VI

Section 9. Conflicts of Interest. The board of directors of this corporation shall maintain and abide by a conflict of interest policy, which fully complies with both state and federal law. Such conflict of interest policy shall be reviewed at least annually by the board of directors.

All Young Farmers  
18-35



YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS

Young Farmers and Ranchers Cider Pressing  
Saturday, October 20 at 5 p.m. at Country Belle Farms  
8376 State Rte 289 in Belleville

JCFB is happy to welcome the NYFB State Young Farmers  
and Ranchers Committee for a fun, free evening.  
You do not need to be a member to attend.  
RSVP to [jrossi@nyfb.org](mailto:jrossi@nyfb.org)/315-252-1367

Extend the fun and join  
us on Sunday, **Oct. 21**, for  
a **Field Gleaning**,  
10 a.m.at North Branch  
Farms in Belleville to  
benefit the **Food Bank of  
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159 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12205



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*All are cordially invited to attend  
Jefferson County Farm Bureau's  
Annual Meeting*

*Wednesday, October 17*

*at the*

*Old McDonald's Farm Event Center*

*14369 County Route 145 (North Harbor Rd.), Sackets Harbor*

*6 p.m. Cocktails • 6:30 p.m. Dinner – Catering by RJ's*

*One FREE dinner with a paid 2019 Farm Bureau membership\*  
or \$20 per person*

*Please join us at the Old McDonald's Farm for a delicious meal provided by RJ's Catering with wine, beer and cider available for purchase from Otter Creek Winery. We will be electing members to the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and voting on policy resolutions.*

*Your RSVP is requested by Wed., Oct. 10 to [eny@nyfb.org](mailto:eny@nyfb.org) or 1-866-995-7300. We hope to see you there!*

*As in the past, 2019 Farm Bureau dues that are paid by the night of Oct. 17 will automatically enter you into a drawing to reimburse you for your Farm Bureau dues.\* 2019 membership payments will be accepted at the door.*