

2019 Oneida County Proposed Policy Resolutions

State Policies

- 1. We oppose a New York State 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 trucks).
- 2. We support New York State DEC having a streamlined permitting process for farmers to complete work in water bodies.
- 3. We support the use of eWIC cards at farmers’ markets in New York State
- 4. We support allowing the interstate shipment of hard cider in New York State.
- 5. We support legislation offering undocumented residents the ability to obtain a “standard” driver’s license.
- 6. We support increasing the quarterly employer threshold for unemployment insurance to \$80,000.
- 7. We support that community supported agriculture markets (CSAs) be eligible for state assistance for equipment costs associated with electronic benefit transfer (EBT) technology.
- 8. We support state funding to assist farmers with disposing of tires that are no longer compliant with DEC Part 360 solid waste regulations.
- 9. We recommend doubling the basic state support for County Law 224, which would provide additional resources to county cooperative extensions throughout New York State. (Reaffirmation of current policy #17, pg. 17, section on Cooperative Extension)
- 10. We support changes to the NYS Building Codes that would require footer drains to be daylighted to roadside ditches and/or other water bodies.

National Policies

- 1. We support developing a federal tax credit for agricultural employers who hire employees who are United States citizens. This would help reduce the demand for foreign labor and allow the agricultural sector to better compete for workers that have been lured away to other sectors of the economy that have benefited from recent economic expansion. It could be a substantial credit of \$2 - \$3 per hour.

**Pay your Farm Bureau dues by
Nov. 1 and save \$10.**



1-800-342-4143 or NYFB.org

Florence Relief Fund....Our farm friends in North Carolina are still reeling from the devastating impact of Hurricane Florence. If you would like to help, checks should be made payable to North Carolina Farm Bureau Foundation, Inc., and designate to “*Florence Relief Fund*”
Mail to: North Carolina Farm Bureau Foundation
(Florence Relief Fund) ATTN: Perry Crutchfield
PO Box 27766
Raleigh, NC 27611

Still Time to Apply– Student of the Year

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.

USDA Secretary of Agriculture
Sonny Perdue Visits Oneida County

Oneida County farmers welcomed USDA Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Congresswoman Claudia Tenney to Brabant Farms in August to discuss issues facing local farmers. Nearly 50 farmers came to share their concerns, ask questions and advocate for meaningful change on the national level. Secretary Perdue talked about the challenges facing farms of all types, with a focus on dairy, on issues based on milk pricing structure, trade, tariffs and labor. Secretary Perdue’s visit was the first time in 20 years that a U.S. Secretary of Agriculture visited the region.

Thank you to the vanLieshout family for hosting a wonderful event. **Thank you** to Congresswoman Tenney for working to find solutions to this historic dairy crisis and allowing local farmers to share their stories with Secretary Perdue. **Thank you** to New York Farm Bureau and all who participated on behalf of every farmer.



Saturday, October 27, 2018
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
North Star Orchards
4741 Route 233 in Westmoreland

The Taste of Central New York is an event to highlight local foods from Central New York. Foods that are prepared with locally sourced ingredients will be available to purchase.

Free taste testing and samples!

Live entertainment!

Fun for the entire family!

Don't forget to register for your chance to win a basket of donated local foods from our vendors. This event is **free to the public**. No need to register, just stop by.

Interested vendors can register at:
reg.cce.cornell.edu/TCNY_230



From left to right, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, OCFB President Kevin Angell, Pat vanLieshout of Brabant Farms and USDA Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue

159 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205



Oneida County Hi-Lite

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September 2018



Oneida County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Monday, October 15

Delta Lake Inn • 8254 Fish Hatchery Road, Rome

7 p.m. Social Time • 7:30 p.m. Dinner

Cost is \$20 per member*

**1 FREE dinner with a paid 2019 membership*

Membership payment will be accepted at the door, please have a separate check. As in the past, any Oneida County Farm Bureau member with a paid 2019 membership will receive a FREE dinner. Payment for dinner and dues will be accepted at the door. Cost for non-members is \$25. Your RSVP is requested by Mon., Oct. 8 to Lory vanLieshout at 315-363-9138 or lorypat@hotmail.com.

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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.