

## 2018 Jefferson County Proposed Policy Resolutions

### State Policies

1. We support extending the 10-year Real Property Tax Exemption (RP-483) for newly constructed or reconstructed agricultural structures.
2. We support prohibiting the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UVA'S) for the hunting of wildlife, but support an exemption for their use in filling DEC nuisance permits.
3. We support the creation of a New York State tax credit for carbon farming.
4. We oppose the creation of a tax credit program for insurance companies to invest in rural business growth funds as it has proven unsuccessful in other states.
5. We oppose any attempt to create a state standard for a "pollinator friendly solar array", as a means to allow developers to receive tax credits.
6. We support allowing producers of alcoholic beverages to file their annual New York State tax returns electronically similar to all other businesses in the state.
7. We support allowing koji-based distilled spirits being defined under the NYS Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and being allowed to be eligible for sale at retail for consumption at locations that are currently licensed to sell wine.
8. We do not support a re-establishment of the New York State Barn Restoration and Preservation grants program.
9. We support establishment of line item funding in the NYS Budget for the New York State Agricultural Mediation Program
10. We support the sale of deer urine by deer farms in New York State that have been certified Chronic Wasting Disease-free. We support the use of deer urine by hunters for scents, lures, or attractants while hunting. (Re-affirmation of existing policy #41 on pg. 109 in the section on Hunting Issues)
11. We oppose the creation of an annual ingredients reporting form for holders of a New York Farm Brewery License.
12. We oppose any efforts to define shelter in the animal cruelty statute.

### National Policies

1. We support maintaining Federal funding in the Farm Bill for the Agricultural Mediation Program.
2. We oppose requiring all aspects of the CNMP (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan) being completed to receive EQUIP funding, only those practices that are part of the EQUIP funding should have to be completed.

### **Annual Fall Outreach Dinner**

#### **Northern New York Chapter Fellowship of Christian Farmers**

**Friday, October 6 • 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 followed by an old fashioned style, homemade turkey dinner. Guest Speakers: Wayne and Edith Clark.



Jefferson County Farm Bureau has an incredible network of community partners that made the **2017 Day on the Farm** at Windsong Dairy in Adams Center a success. An educational fun filled day gave over 200 people a better understanding of the importance of our dairy farms. This event makes a huge impact on bridging the gap among our non-farm neighbors. We would like to recognize our partners for their dedication, commitment and their generous support for our way of life. **THANK YOU** to the **Hitt Family and the staff at Windsong Dairy** for opening their farm to the public, **Jefferson County Soil and Water** and:

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**Thank you** to our members, Soil and Water staff and CCE staff who used their time to volunteer.

## **2018 Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship**

Open to any 2018 Jefferson County graduating high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field with a student Farm Bureau membership or whose family is a Farm Bureau member are encouraged to apply. District winners will receive \$100 plus a gift and will go on to compete for state-wide scholarships offered in \$1,500, \$1,200 and \$1,000 denominations. **Applications and information are available at NYFB.org or by calling 1-800-342-4143. Completed applications must be submitted by Nov. 16, 2017.**

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*The Jefferson County Farm Bureau Board meets each month on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Community College in Watertown.*



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*All are cordially invited to attend  
Jefferson County Farm Bureau's  
Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, October 4*

*at the*

*Adams VFW, 17 Phelps St., Adams*

*6:30 p.m. Dinner– Catering by RJ's*

*One FREE Dinner with a paid 2018 Farm Bureau membership\*  
or \$20 per person*

*Please join us at the Adams VFW for a delicious prime rib and chicken meal provided by RJ's Catering along with quality discussion and decision making! We will also be electing members to the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and voting on policy resolutions.*

*Your RSVP is requested by Wednesday, Sept. 27  
to [eny@nyfb.org](mailto:eny@nyfb.org) or 1-866-995-7300.*

*We hope to see you there!*

*As in the past, 2018 Farm Bureau dues that are paid by the night of Oct. 4 will automatically enter you into a drawing to reimburse you for your Farm Bureau dues.*

*\* 2018 membership payments will be accepted at the door.*