

**Notice of Tompkins County Farm Bureau
2018 Proposed By-Law Changes**

Article I

Section 1. Members. Only persons and partnerships, unincorporated associations, and corporations organized for agricultural purposes, actively engaged in the business of producing agricultural products, including leasees and tenants of land used for such production, leasors and landlords who receive as rent, either in-kind or cash, all or part of the crop raised on the leased or rented premises, are eligible for membership in this County Farm Bureau, and may make an application to become a member, ~~and~~, if accepted by the board of directors, they shall, upon execution of the membership agreement, be entitled the rights and privileges of membership.

Section 2. Associate Members. Other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations, and corporations, interested in agriculture may make application to become an associate member, ~~and~~ if accepted, they shall, upon execution of the membership agreement, be entitled to all rights and privileges of associate membership. Associate members shall not receive the right to vote or hold office.

Section 7. Membership in Good Standing. A member of this corporation shall be deemed in good standing if ~~his~~ their membership fee has been paid for the current year.

Article II: Meetings

Section 2. Notice. Notice of meetings of members and of all matters concerning this corporation shall be deemed to have been duly given if notice therof in writing has been sent by e-mail when correct e-mail addresses are known, or placed in the mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known post office address of the member, or, if notice therof has been printed in official publication of this corporation or the official publication of the New York Farm Bureau circulated among its members in good standing. Notice of meetings shall be given not less than ten or more than forty days previous to such meeting.

Section 5. Presiding Officer. The president shall preside at all meetings of the members of this corporation. In ~~his~~ their absence the next office in due order who may be present shall preside and for such purpose the order of officers shall be as follows: President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 7. Township or Community Organizations. Members in each township or in each community that may be duly designated and authorized as hereinafter provided, may form a local organization or group to strengthen the work of this County Farm Bureau. Such township , or community organization, may elect officers and adopt such rules as are deemed necessary for suitable conduct of its affairs. (Up for vote to permanently remove from the By-Laws)

Article III: Board of Directors

Section 1. Number and Authority. The business and property of this corporation shall be managed and controlled by a board of directors. The board of directors shall consist of the president, vice-president, and 8 elected members. In addition, if there is a county ~~women's~~ Promotion and Education committee and/or a county young farmers committee, the chairman of each shall be an ex-officio member of the board of directors with voting powers. The term of the elected official will be 3 years.

Section 7. Authorization of Community Organizations. For the purposes of local organization and representation, and in lieu of township organizations in the county as herein provided, the board of directors shall have the authority to duly designate throughout the county, community organizations including one or more contiguous townships or parts thereof in each community. (Up for a vote to permanently remove from the By-Laws)

Article IV: Executive Committee

Section 1. Appointment. The president and vice-president together with the secretary and one other person who shall be designated by the board of directors from among its number, shall constitute an executive committee. The term of office of the designated member shall be one year or until ~~his~~ their successor has been appointed and accepted.

Article V: Officers

Section 5. Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of members, of the board of directors and of the executive committee. He or she shall attend to the giving of all notices required to be given. In addition, he or she shall perform all duties incident to the office of secretary, subject to the control of the board of directors.

Section 6. Treasurer. The treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements and deposit all money, checks and other obligations to the credit of this corporation in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the board of directors; shall disburse the funds of this corporation as ordered by the board of directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements; shall render a statement of account and transactions whenever required by the board of directors and shall make a complete annual statement before each annual meeting, which shall be verified by audit as directed by the board of directors; and generally shall perform all duties incident to the position of treasurer , subject to the control of the board of directors. The treasurer shall furnish a bond conditioned for the faithful accounting of funds and property in his or her custody in such amount as may be fixed by the board of directors. The premium on such bond shall be paid by this corporation.

Article VII: Sundry Provisions

- Section 2.** Order of Business. The order of Business at all meetings, insofar as possible, shall be as follows:
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| a. Call to Order | |
| b. Roll Call <u>Election and Appointments</u> | f. Report of Committees <u>Reports: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committees, Field Advisor</u> |
| c. Reading of the Minutes <u>Announcements</u> | g. Unfinished Business <u>Old Business</u> |
| d. Report of the Secretary <u>Additions to the Agenda</u> | h. New Business |
| e. Report of the Treasurer <u>Approval of the Minutes</u> | i. Election and Appointments <u>Adjournment</u> |
| | j. Adjournment |

Section 6. Disqualification. The holder of federal or state elected office, which office carries with it salaried compensation to the holder thereof, shall not be eligible as a candidate and shall not be qualified as an officer or director of this corporation, or voting delegate, in meetings of New York Farm Bureau, Inc. ~~And~~ In the event that any officer or director in this corporation, or voting delegate, becomes a candidate for such public office, he or she shall be deemed thereby immediately disqualified and ~~his~~ their term of office shall immediately and automatically terminate.

Section 9. TelephonicElectronic Participation. The Board, any committee of the Board, and any standing 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.

159 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205



Presidents Message continued....practices to reduce the nutrient runoff and the blooms have been in our lakes for years. We need to do more to inform our legislature and the public that farmers are actively working on this problem. It makes sense and is a pocketbook item to keep our nutrients on the farm as opposed to having them run off. We are actively advocating on the state and national level and educating consumers. It all starts with the “voice of agriculture,” New York Farm Bureau and Tompkins County Farm Bureau members working together to “serve and strengthen agriculture.”

**Tompkins County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors**

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NYFB Agricultural Youth Scholarship

Open to any 2018 Tompkins 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.**



**Tompkins County
Farm Bureau News**

All are cordially invited to attend an evening celebration of agriculture

Tompkins County Farm Bureau

Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 14 at the Dryden VFW

2722 Dryden Road, Dryden

6:00 p.m. Social Time (Dairy Princess Punch and Appetizers)

6:30 p.m. Dinner (Choice of Steak, Haddock or Vegetarian Lasagna)

Cost is \$15 for Farm Bureau members

\$20 for non-members

Guest Speaker: TBA

Please join us at the Dryden VFW for the Tompkins County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 14. Enjoy a great dinner, visit with friends and do the business of your grassroots Farm Bureau. Your ideas and concerns are the basis of the county resolutions that direct the work of our state office after being reviewed and voted on at the State Annual Meeting in December.

Your RSVP is requested by Monday, Oct. 9. Please call 315-252-1367 or email jrossi@nyfb.org and include your meal selection: Steak, Haddock or Vegetarian Lasagna. We hope to see you there!

A message from President Lin Davidson: Greetings, I hope you will join us for our annual meeting on October 14. A delicious meal will be served along with quality discussion, decision making and fun for all! Among victories this year, Farm Bureau was successful in getting Inherent Risk legislation passed in both houses. The governor has yet to sign this important measure and **I encourage you to visit NYFB.org to E-Lobby and let him know what this means for our farmers.** This is a huge boost to reduce risk exposure to both equine and agritourism businesses, making a huge difference to our equine members and to other farms seeking to engage the public to grow their business.

Many small producers have sought a value-added business due to the short duration of the fresh fruit season to market their products as syrups or jams. Under the federal Food Safety Modernization Act there are many encumbrances to achieve their business plans. Obviously, consumers and producers want safe food but getting through these increased costs, regulations and hoops needs be less onerous. These are some of the issues our county Farm Bureau can pursue.

The public concerns about algae blooms in our lakes are our farmers as well. Farms have long instituted

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