

# Dutchess Putnam Westchester County Farm Bureau News



Summer 2017



## President's Message

Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that works to help policymakers understand the importance of a

vibrant agricultural sector.

Our policy positions start with you, as you air your concerns at the annual policy picnic on July 27. Issues raised at the picnic work their way up the ladder, to the tri-county and state annual meetings. Once adopted, by a majority vote, our policy is presented to legislators in Albany and Washington, or at the local level.

The recently passed inherent risk bill is a perfect example of how Farm Bureau's persistence pays off. On my first visit to Albany as a Farm Bureau delegate in 2002, the idea that equine and pick-your-own operations should be protected from frivolous lawsuits seemed far-fetched. Now it's a signature away from becoming law. We are currently working on many other farm-friendly bills, including legislation to defray the high cost of employee's salaries, and adjustments to the Food Safety Act.

Bring your concerns to the policy picnic. See you there!

Mark Adams



## You're Invited!

Policy Development Picnic

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Tymor Park, 8 Tymor Park Rd.

LaGrangeville, NY

Time: 6:30pm

RSVP – 845-724-5247

DPWCFB will provide BBQ meats and drinks.

Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass. Come meet other farmers and see how our grassroots policies help the agricultural communities in our area.

## Ag Night at Dutchess Stadium

Dutchess Putnam Westchester County Farm Bureau is sponsoring an evening at Dutchess Stadium, 1500 Rt. 9D, Fishkill, NY on Thursday, July 13. Mark Adams will man the booth set-up at the entrance. County Farm Bureau members may come between 6-7p.m. and get free tickets to the Renegades game at the admittance gate. Local farm products as well as NYFB exhibits will be on display at the booth. Come out for a fun-filled evening with other Farm Bureau members.

## *It's Almost Fair Time!*

*The Dutchess County Fair is August 22 -27. If you would like to volunteer to manage the Dutchess Putnam Westchester County Farm Bureau booth, call 845-724-5247. Tickets will be supplied. Our booth is in the "Salute to Agriculture Tent" inside the track area.*

*The fair runs from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. each day, so the block of hours to help would be: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 2-6 p.m.; or 6-9 p.m.*



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### Brookby Farm Awarded with Century Farm

The Vincent family from Dover Plains was recently honored by "New York Century Farms Award" for six generations of work on their farm. It has been in existence for the past 200 years. This family-owned and run farm produces and sells raw milk and has a farm store on-site. They also raise eggs, chicken, beef and pork on the farm. Congratulations to this family who recently had the seventh generation born! Brookby Farm lands will be forever protected by the Dutchess County Partnership for Manageable Growth(PMG) along with Destined Wind Farm in Amenia.

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