



NYS DOL Rules to Increase Overtime and Wages on Farms

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New York State Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon dealt a double blow Sept. 30 when she moved to lower the overtime threshold and raise the upstate minimum wage on

the same day.

Reardon accepted the Farm Laborers Wage Board Report on the first day she could legally do so, just days after the public comment period ended for the report's findings. Her announcement sets in motion for the farm-worker overtime threshold to go from

60 hours to 56 hours in 2024, with it eventually hitting 40 hours by January 1 of 2032.

NYS DOL will now be undergoing a rule making process to enact the new overtime threshold which will include

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George Allen, right, of Allenwaite Farms highlighted animal care on his farm in Schaghticoke

NYFB Legislative Farm Tour Exposes Decision Makers to Major Issues in State Agriculture



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Assemblyman Robert Smullen examines fall raspberries at Gardenworks Farm in Salem.

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New York Farm Bureau hosted its annual Legislative Farm Tour Oct. 12, coinciding with National Farmer's Day. It was a great opportunity to remind New York State lawmakers, staff members, and agency officials about the great work of our members.

The tour featured six diverse farms and agricultural businesses in Washington County, including Allenwaite Dairy Farm, Slack Hollow Organics, Gardenworks Farm, Battenkill Fibers, BetterBee, and Victory View Vineyard. This was the

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first multi-stop legislative tour since the pandemic. The past two years involved bringing multiple farmers to one farm to meet with everyone.

Each stop, the farmers and business owners spoke about the importance of what they do, the benefits to their community, and the issues they face. It is a good way for participants to see challenges and opportunities firsthand and have their questions answered.

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AFBF Sets Farm Bill Priorities

American Farm Bureau Federation
The American Farm Bureau Federation recently released its priorities for what may be the most consequential legislation for agriculture in 2023 - renewal of the farm bill. The priorities were identified by a working group of Farm Bureau members and staff from across the country.

AFBF's overarching priorities include:

- Continuing current farm bill program funding;
- Maintaining a unified farm bill that includes nutrition programs and farm programs together;
- Prioritizing risk management tools that include federal crop insurance and commodity programs;
- Ensuring adequate USDA staffing and resources to provide technical assistance.

"The farm bill is the most significant piece of legislation that affects farmers and ranchers across the country," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Since enactment of the 2018 farm bill, farmers have faced significant challenges from market volatility, increased input costs and devastating natural disasters. Despite these headwinds, farmers

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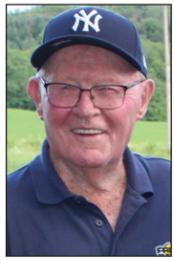
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Former NYFB President Celebrating 100th Birthday

Family and friends will be celebrating **Dick McGuire's** 100th birthday at a celebration in Salem, NY on Nov. 6 at the community room of the Salem Firehouse. Dick served as NYFB President as well as the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. He has contributed much to New York's farmers through the years and is considered an agricultural historian.



Dick McGuire

If you can't make the celebration, you can send a card or email to Dick wishing him well at his home address: 56 Scotch Hill Rd., Cambridge NY 12816. His email address is penopefann@icloud.com.

NYFB Wins All Four State Awards of Excellence from AFBF

AFBF recently announced that New York Farm Bureau received all four State Awards of Excellence: Advocacy Coalitions and Partnerships, Education and Outreach Leadership, Business Development Thank you to our dedicated members and staff members who worked hard all year on our programs to move NYFB and agriculture forward. A special thank you to **Tim Bigham**, who organized and submitted NYFB's applications.

AFBF Announces Registration for 2023 Conference in Puerto Rico

The American Farm Bureau Federation recently announced the opening of general registration for the 2023 American Farm Bureau Convention. The convention will be held in-person Jan. 6-11, 2023, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. AFBF assessed the status of San Juan and the convention facilities following Hurricane Fiona and determined that all are fully operational.

"Mi Familia (My Family)" is the theme of AFBF's 104th consecutive convention, an event that offers attendees the inside track on policies and perspectives that will affect farms, ranches and agribusinesses in 2023 and beyond.

Attendees may participate in a variety of educational workshops to advance their leadership skills, expand business proficiency and gain insights from industry visionaries about food production-related policies and trends. The convention also offers the opportunity to learn about innovations in agriculture, hear from powerful speakers and explore a vibrant trade show with exhibitors showcasing the latest in agricultural technology, tools and services.

More than 50% of the land in Puerto Rico is used for agriculture. An exciting aspect of this convention is the opportunity for farmers and ranchers from the 50 states to see and learn about crops and agricultural practices unique to Puerto Rico.

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LOOKING BACK:

Identical twins Carolyn and Marilyn Kreher stayed busy at their family's farm, Kreher Eggs during the 1940s. They were the daughters of Kreher Farm founders, Henry and Wilhelmina Kreher. Kreher Farm was established in East Amherst, NY in 1924 as a small operation with cows, pigs, and chickens. The farm later included a hatchery and eventually an egg farm. Now located in Clarence, NY, Kreher Family Farms has grown to include compost and fertilizer production and crop production for its hens and customers. Kreher Farms is now located in Clarence in the northeastern part of Erie County, north of Buffalo.



Do you have photo of New York farming history you'd like to share?

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Important Dates for Election 2022

Farmers across the state are carefully watching candidates for election to offices at all levels of government. New York Farm Bureau wants to remind individuals of the following important election dates:

- **Nov. 7-** Deadline to request absentee ballot at local Board of Elections
- **Nov. 8 -** General Election
- **Nov. 8 -** Absentee voting: postmark date for ballot
- **Nov. 15 -** All absentee ballots must be received

Official Notice of New York Farm Bureau, Inc. Annual Meeting

The New York Farm Bureau, Inc. (NYFB) Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel, Buffalo, New York on Dec. 7, 2022. The voting delegate business session will convene on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022. All Farm Bureau members are invited and encouraged to attend the NYFB Annual Meeting.

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 6 - "Focusing on the Future of Farming in the Northeast"

Conference

Dec. 7 - State Annual Meeting

Dairy is Retro-Hot with Demand that's Back to the 1950s

With this year's USDA report on per-capita U.S. dairy consumption, the industry has finally moved past the 1960s. In terms of favor with the public, dairy has returned to 1959.

The USDA's annual report on per-capita U.S. dairy consumption released Sept. 30, saw an emphatic rise in domestic dairy demand, going from 655 pounds per person in 2020 to 667 pounds per person last year.

That's a level of dairy popularity that surpasses 1960, when it was 659 pounds, and is approaching 1959's consumer appeal of 672 pounds.

In other words, the last time Americans wanted as much dairy as they do today, Elvis was in the Army and the 1959 population of the United States was then only slightly more than half of what it is now. And exports, which now take up nearly 20% of domestic production, barely existed back in those days.

National Milk Producers Federation



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BY LAURA BACKAUS/NYFB STAFF

NYFB Elections 2022: Candidate Statements

Elections will be held during the 2022 New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting on Dec. 7, 2022. NYFB leadership positions up for election include State Board Directors from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10, State Board President and State Board Vice President. The positions of State Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee chairperson and State Promotion and Education Committee chairperson will



be elected at separate business sessions in conjunction with the NYFB State Annual Meeting.



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David Fisher NYFB President

I am a candidate for a fourth term as president of New York Farm Bureau. We are continuing to change and adapt as we evolve from the chaos caused by the pandemic. The issues we face seem even more daunting to produce food and fiber in a sustainable way especially as it relates to economics on our farms. This just reinforces the value of Farm Bureau and the need to be together to discuss issues and make good policy. The production side of the agricultural industry came together like never before to fight the over-



David Fisher

time issue. The next step needs to be to involve many other groups on the processing and distribution side of the food system to educate consumers and politicians who are driving issues affecting us as farmers. I am confident with your support and involvement we will adapt and continue to grow opportunities for New York Agriculture. It has been an honor to serve for the last six years and I would be humbled to have your support to represent you for two more years.

Darleen Krisher-Meehan NYFB Board of Directors, District 4 Representative

I reside in Steuben County with my and husband and two adult children where together we own and operate Country Crossroads Feed and Seed LLC in two locations, Addison NY and Andover NY. We farm approximately 1,000 acres of corn, hay, wheat, rye, and oats and most of these crops are sold at retail back through our retail stores.

I have been involved with Farm Bureau in Allegany County for approximately 10 years. I served as



Darleen Krisher-Meehan

Director, Vice President and my last position was President of the board up until October of 21. I have been on the New York Farm Bureau Board of Directors for the last two years as Promotion and Education Chair. I enjoy being on the State Board and feel I would be a good representative for District 4. Please consider me as a candidate for District 4 on the NYFB State Board of Directors.

Adam Miner NYFB Board of Directors, District 6 Representative

I am wrapping up my third year on the New York Farm Bureau State Board, and I am running for another term representing District 6.

I enjoy supporting this organization and all of agriculture in different ways, using my skills to build a stronger Farm Bureau. The organization has given back to me as well. I have met great people and received tools and resources to develop my leader-



Adam Miner

ship skills. From my work with the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee to my time at American Farm Bureau Federation events, all of it has inspired me to do more. I have worked hard on things like membership development, and there is much more to do. At the end of the day, New York Farm Bureau does great work, and I want to continue to be a part of that at the state level.

Eric Ooms NYFB Vice President

In last year's Federal budget, eliminating "stepped up basis" for estate taxes was proposed. As a parent of teenagers, this is deeply personal to everything my family has worked toward. Estate planning can sometimes alleviate the impacts of the estate tax, but this change would essentially rob any opportunity to pass on the businesses we work to build. Across the country, many families were concerned about this potential erosion of a life's work. We defeated this bad idea last year and it wasn't proposed this year...hopefully that will remain the case.

Fortunately, we have an organization like Farm Bureau. An organization that provides a structure for our farm families to send a message to leaders that things like this will have a great impact on many. Regardless of the intent of these changes, our Farm Bureau struc-



Eric Ooms

ture exists to push back on destructive ideas. This is one example where one farm, one family, or one state would not have been enough. It required a nationwide effort. Here in New York, the list is even longer with the issues of labor and Extended Producer Responsibility along with many other issues. It can be very frustrating to feel as though we are at best misunderstood, at worst under attack, but it's comforting to know we are not alone.

This is why I have committed to serving as Vice President of New York Farm Bureau. To play a role in helping provide the structure that our farms need to have a voice locally, in Albany, and in Washington, DC. It's not always easy, but it has been a privilege to serve.

I would appreciate your continued support. Thank you.

Paul Molesky NYFB Board of Directors, District 8 Representative

Greetings fellow Farm Bureau members. My name is Paul Molesky and I humbly declare my candidacy for the Board of Directors, representing District 8.

It seems we're on track for a bumper crop of challenges; from commodity markets and the economy to legal and regulatory changes. In the face of these challenges, however, farmers are standing up strong and adapting. There will always be changes and obstacles in front of us, but that is because we are moving forward. Farm Bureau is the effective and well-respected voice of agriculture and I stand ready to contribute to our organization.

The principles that will guide my service on the Board are:

- **Fiscal Responsibility** -- For Farm Bureau to remain a strong and effective voice, proper financial management is a must.
- **Strategic Partnerships**- Our message is more effective when we work together. We should continue working with groups aligned with our goals and search out alliances



Paul Molesky

with other special interests as they arise.

- **Respect for Tradition, Openness to Change-** Let's keep what has worked well for us and carefully evaluate new opportunities and strategies.

My involvement in agriculture runs deep. I grew up on my family's farm, raising beef cows and hay. I was a manager on a dairy for more than 10 years, and now am a trusted advisor to more farms in my role as a Nutritionist. Other past services to Farm Bureau includes my county board, several state committees and I was honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau and as Chair of the AFBF YF&R committee.

I believe in the future of agriculture and I believe Farm Bureau is an integral part of a successful agriculture industry. I am prepared to continue serving agriculture through Farm Bureau and appreciate your support.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Expanding the Conversation About Our Food System

We are in the thick of policy development season here at New York Farm Bureau. County annual meetings are happening around the state in preparation for State Annual Meeting and the first-of-its-kind conference that we are holding in conjunction with it. "Focusing on the Future of Northeast Agriculture: Adapt. Advance. Achieve." Both events on Dec. 6 and 7 will bring members together to discuss what agriculture and Farm Bureau will look like moving forward.

And there will be a lot to discuss. I believe that we need to start expanding our view beyond just farming, to include others all along the food chain. It is important for people in food processing, farm cooperatives, business leaders, and policymakers to look at the big picture when it comes to moving products from the farm to the store.

Two recent events helped put this in perspective for me. In August, the New York Farm Bureau State Board toured Hunts Points Market in the Bronx. This is a major stop for wholesale fruits and vegetables in the Northeast. I asked one vendor where his peppers came from. He answered Holland. Another booth's apples were from New Zea-



David Fisher
NYFB President

land. They were flown from halfway around the world to sit in a warehouse in New Jersey until they can head out to Hunts Point and then to a grocery store. At the same time, New York farmers are growing the same products just up the road without the carbon footprint it takes to haul food from another hemisphere. Somewhere along the way, we are missing the connections.

Just last month, I attended a special meeting in Kansas City for those of us along the dairy food chain, put together by American Farm Bureau Federation. The goal was to examine how federal milk marketing orders need to be adjusted to better support farmers and consumers. We sat at 20 different tables each filled with dairy farmers, milk cooperative

If we can get more people into the room to have substantive discussions to shore up our food system followed by the advocacy to facilitate that change, our farmers and our food system will be the better for it.

officials, major grocery store chains, and government officials. There were a lot of a-ha moments about the complicated milk pricing system in this country. Topics addressed include the Class I milk price and going back to the "higher of," which was changed in the last Farm Bill; make allowances and price discovery, how to simplify the federal milk market orders, and how to continue to build trust in the dairy industry. We had productive, civil conversations, everyone sharing different perspectives about what we can do to reinforce the dairy supply chain in this country, especially looking

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THE ZIPLINE

Courting Wins for America's Farmers and Ranchers

As a young Farm Bureau member, I knew what was happening in my local community. I would occasionally hear about the issues at the Georgia state house or in Congress. I knew that Farm Bureau was active in the legislative process and worked with the executive branch to ensure they knew how rules and regulations would impact agriculture. But I didn't realize how much work was being done on my behalf in our nation's third branch of government - the courts.

This week, that legal advocacy made it all the way to the highest court in the land - the United States Supreme Court. In 2019, the American Farm Bureau, together with the National Pork Producers Council, filed a lawsuit to stop California from regulating how farmers in every other state raise their pigs. After multiple rounds of arguments, we eventually found ourselves advocating for farmers in the most important courtroom in the country.

While we often have great suc-



Zippy Duvall
AFBF President

cess in Congress and through the rulemaking process, sometimes, we need to go to court as we fight for you.

Our team works with legislators and federal rule makers each day to ensure farmers and ranchers can do what we do best - farm. And while we often have great success in Congress and through the rulemaking process, sometimes, we need to go to court as we fight for you.

In August, we won the ability to weigh in on behalf of farmers and ranchers when the court considers changes to the endangered species

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list and other environmental issues. This case involved our support of the government's decision to remove the gray wolf from the list. The law did its job - the gray wolf population was restored. Because wolves are predators on farms, we shared our opinion. However, a lower court rejected our comments, saying we didn't have a right to be heard. The August decision made clear that the perspective of farmers and ranchers is relevant and right to allow in these cases. That's a win for farmers and ranchers everywhere.

In another case this year, a federal

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GUEST OPINIONS

What I've Learned from Growing Up in Agriculture

In this week's column, a seventh-generation rancher reflects on take-aways from her childhood.

Appreciate the little things.

You get to grow up in God's country, with wide open spaces as far as the eye can see.

Where else would you get to spend as much time outdoors? Even better – where else do you get to ride around for hours on end in tractors, rangers, pickups and horses while hanging out with your family. You always hear people say, “take time to stop and smell the roses.” Sometimes you have to stop and look at the view. It's something that words can't even describe.

Responsibility.

There's always something that needs to be done. I've always had chores or “helped” dad before I was big enough to do it myself. I knew when things needed to be done and grew up feeding cattle before I fed



Paige Martindale
Seventh
Generation
Rancher

myself in the mornings. Whether it was getting home from school in time to work cows, or in the summer, while my friends slept in, getting up to do chores in time to go to a concert with my friends later, it was important to learn how to get things done and work hard to accomplish goals.

My friends always thought that it must've been horrible to work this hard. It's rewarding to know that you're contributing to the productivity and success of an operation. Those of us that grew up in agriculture don't know lazy. It's not how we were raised. We learn to put others

before ourselves and take pride in the fact that our work involves being responsible for other living things. Learning to be responsible for something other than yourself is an extremely important lesson that has been a great benefit to me now that I'm older.

There's always something that needs to be done.

Dying is a part of living.

We are responsible for the life cycle of an animal and strive to make sure that while they are in our care, they have the best and happiest life possible. But sometimes, no matter how hard we try, it just doesn't work out.

Growing up on a ranch teaches you at an early age to view death as a part of life. Losing livestock, crops, or loved ones never gets easier, but it does start to become less shocking. Nothing about losing them was easy, and nothing about losing them made sense. You'll become familiar with death, and maybe even start to

accept it. You look back and realize that you did everything you could.

Family is everything.

There aren't many jobs that teach as much about your family and their value as ranching. You work with them and put up with them daily, but they are also your leaning blocks when things go wrong and your support when nothing goes right. With all of the craziness in the world right now, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. In a way it is a blessing, doing what I love with the people I love.

Paige Martindale is the seventh generation on her family's ranch and feedlot operation. Her family focuses on bettering the operation from the land to the cattle and making sure it's better for future generations. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, with a degree in agribusiness. This column was originally published by Nebraska Farm Bureau and is republished with permission.

Innovations Drive Sustainability for the Next Generation

I'm as infatuated with old barns and windmills as I am virtual control of our grain dryer and the GPS-guided nozzle shutoffs on the sprayer we use to apply crop protection products when and where needed.

From the days of water-pumping windmills to modern satellite imagery of plant health, our farm's history is laced with stories of generational innovation, a desire to advance the way we build farmsteads, grow crops, raise livestock and manage the soil and water resources under our care.

The generations before us farmed the best way they knew how with the technology and information available to them at the time. We do, too. For us, innovation lies at the heart of sustainability, our ability to grow food and fuel in a way that will give the next generation that chance, too.

Innovation on the farm advances rapidly from one generation to the next, just as smart phones, online shopping and virtual meetings have changed modern life. Satellite-guided machinery operates with greater accuracy than car navigation systems. This allows precise placement of seed, nutrients and crop protec-



Joanie Stiers
Illinois
Farmer

tion products, reducing waste and supporting environmental stewardship goals. Internet-connected livestock barns automatically control air quality, and high-tech dairy farms scan animal identification tags to deliver feed nutrition customized per cow.

Agriculture can serve among the solutions to global challenges of hunger, energy and climate.

Every year, more farms like ours establish cover crops in their fields between growing seasons to keep soil active and prevent nutrient loss. This year, we plan to test microbial-based products intended to boost soil health and improve nutrient availability to plants, reducing fertilizer needs while producing healthier crops. We hope that health equates



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to more protein and oil content in the crops we grow, enhancing everything from the nutritional value of food to the production of plastics that biodegrade faster.

Across the landscape, lush fields of corn, soybeans, hay and pasture act as nature's carbon-sequestering machines. These green spaces naturally pull carbon from the atmosphere and move it into the soil, making cleaner air for us and storing carbon for the crops and ecosystems that need it.

Agriculture can serve among the solutions to global challenges of hunger, energy and climate. Our kids

observe that, too. The pandemic created a lot of family time to discuss farm technology, how their great-grandparents farmed, and our economic sector's spirit to improve and address problems. The experiences strengthened their passion for the farm, its history and the evolving farm innovations that help fulfill our duty to sustain this essential profession and its resources.

Joanie Stiers farms with her family in west-central Illinois and contributes to Illinois Farm Bureau Partners magazine and website. This column is republished with permission.

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district court struck down Endangered Species Act rules issued in 2019. Here's the thing: the court issued a decision without even considering whether the rules were lawful or unlawful. We challenged that decision saying courts shouldn't

have the power to strike down rules that are lawful. Last month, we scored a big win as the appeals court ruled in our favor and reinstated the rules that better define critical habitat and will help speed up the decision-making process inside the federal government.

I'll highlight one more case because it's another important one. In a separate Supreme Court case this year, we filed a brief to share how

farmers and ranchers would be impacted by the government's Waters of the U.S. rule. This case was argued in front of the Court earlier this month. The decision could have far-reaching consequences that impact how water is regulated on farms and ranches across the country.

These are just a few of the many cases we are involved in that impact you. Legal advocacy, like the work we do on Capitol Hill and with the

executive branch, can take years to bear fruit. But, like farmers and ranchers, we are always looking to the future – and we are in it for the long haul. Our recent successes will help clear the way so you can continue to do what you do best – produce the food, fuel and fiber that our country and world rely on. You have America's back. And Farm Bureau has your back.

Bill Zalakar Candidate for Promotion and Education Chairperson

Greetings fellow Farm Bureau Members. My name is Bill Zalakar and I have been the District 11 Farm Bureau President for the past three years. It has been an honor to serve and represent all members of this district, but my term has ended, and I must move on. With that said, I feel



Bill Zalakar

was built with basic ideologies of the young farmers' and pro-ed programs. Over the years, we all have

strongly about the Farm Bureau system and would love to continue to offer my involvement in the Promotion and Education Committee. It is important to remember how Farm Bureau

seen the general decline of members and farms. We all need to look outside of the box. Every person out there has a direct tie-in one way or another with the agricultural industry. There is an entire rebirth of younger people trying to learn our agricultural systems and processes and it is up to us to foster that connection and grow. I am hoping for your support and look forward to serving all of you across this great state of New York.

Tim Dressel NYFB Board of Directors, District 10 Representative

Tim Dressel is a fourth generation farmer on Dressel Farms in New Paltz, NY. Dressel Farms is a 400-acre fruit farm specializing in apples for wholesale, but also growing peaches, strawberries, grapes, and a handful of other small fruits and vegetables. The farm operates its own small retail stand and U-operation. In 2012 Tim opened Kettleborough Cider House, where he makes and sells hard cider.



Tim Dressel

Tim is currently serving as the President of the Board of Directors for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County as well as the Vice Chair of the New York Farm Viability Institute.



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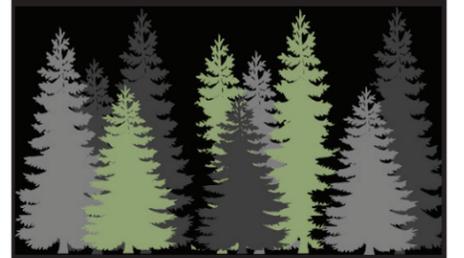
ahead to the next Farm Bill. This forum started as a policy resolution and was able to come to fruition through the hard work of Farm Bureau members.

These are the conversations that need to be happening more often, and our Dec. 6 conference will do just that. It will be a continuation of what New York Farm Bureau started earlier this year when we brought our Agriculture Alliance partners together to discuss challenges and opportunities facing our industry. Farm Bureau is the catalyst to making these things happen. If we can get more people into the room to have substantive discussions to shore up our food system followed by the advocacy to facilitate that change, our farmers and our food system will be the better for it.

I hope to see all of you there next month for the conference and State Annual Meeting. While we will be talking business, it will be great to catch up with many of you personally as well. Until then, may you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Promotion & Education

By Patti Dugan
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Advocacy, Community Outreach Important in Telling the Real Story of NY Agriculture

Fall is sure beautiful every year but there is something extra bright and vibrant about the colors of the trees and their glisten this year.

With the beauty of the color we are often reminded what follows, the question of how bad winter may or not be becomes inevitable on everyone's mind.

Winter is often a slower time of year in a farmer's eyes but I know on our own farm every winter seems to be consumed with repairing and planning for planting the following spring. It really never seems to slow down like we think after planting, scouting, managing and harvesting the crop of the year.

Farmers are very busy people no matter the time of the year and that is why we need to have a strong advocacy group like Farm Bureau — someone to watch out for us while we are busy farming, someone to let us know when we need to make our voices heard.

P&E is equally important in working together to educate the community on the importance of agriculture and to tell our stories of how we do what we do. We all know why we



Darleen Krisher-Meehan

do it but often I feel the world around us don't have a clue of how we do it. We are not out to destroy the climate, hurt our employees in any way or poison our food. We have family and friends and want a future for our children just like anyone

else.

SAM is quickly approaching us in December and the P&E committee has openings on the state board, and various districts that need to be filled. Please consider joining us and helping others educate the many individuals that are not privileged enough to grow up on a farm or to work in the ag industry.

Even if you're only available in the "slower" months of winter, every day, every contact, every person can make a difference. Together in large numbers we can be heard about how we farm and the why will be transparent.

Darleen Krisher-Meehan is NYFB's Promotion and Education Chair.



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Young Farmers & Ranchers

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SPECIAL/STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA

The team has been preparing all year for their upcoming opportunity to represent the NY FFA in Indianapolis at the National FFA Convention. The are, from left, Amanda Brown, Rowan Cady, Alexis Mazzye and Tristan Ellerbruch

Stockbridge Valley FFA Team Heads to Indy

Ever wondering what type of chicken lays the best egg? Are white eggs better than brown eggs? Maybe, you have thought to yourself what breed of chicken provides the best chicken wing for those Sunday football parties? Or perhaps, you have thought about which is better for you turkey or chicken?

Well, the four-member poultry judging team from the Stockbridge Valley FFA might be able to help you out with the answers to these questions and more. The team has been preparing all year for their upcoming opportunity to represent the NY FFA in Indianapolis at the National FFA Convention.

The team started their preparations at the close of this past year's school calendar in June as they prepared themselves for competition at the New York State Fair in August. After placing first at the state fair in Syracuse the team was afforded the chance to be NY FFA's representatives in Indianapolis this October.

According to the National FFA website, the purpose of the Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) is to simulate learning activities related to production and

management, processing, marketing and food safety and quality of poultry products.

As part of the competition the team will evaluate and place live meat-type chickens and laying hens, they will have to defend their rankings in oral arguments with judges.

After judging of live birds is complete the team will move onto grading and evaluating ready-to-cook chicken or turkey carcasses along with taking an exam that will require them to identify carcass parts of the birds.

When this part of the competition is completed, the team will move on to evaluating chicken eggs and grading both interior and exterior quality.

Good luck to the team from Stockbridge Valley!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To learn more about the National FFA Poultry Evaluation CDE you can check out the following website at www.ffa.org/participate/poultry/ and click on the video link.

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER CHRONICLE

Cornell Chapter

Throughout the month of October, the Collegiate ate Chapter at Cornell offered several events and opportunities for members. A group of our members attended Cortland County's Annual Farm Bureau meeting on Oct. 17.

Students enjoyed being a part of the meeting and networking with county members. On October 20th, we held a discussion meet focused

meeting, we had Mark Masler on campus to tell us about his experiences and success in the competition. Mark, a Cortland County Farm Bureau member was a past winner of the NYFB and AFBF Discussion Meet contests. Finally on October 23rd we traveled to Odessa, NY to tour Sunset View Creamery! We had a great month and as always please reach out with any opportunities for our members at Cornell.

Emily Starceski, Chapter President



Compliance Corner

By Lisa Ovitt
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Unemployment Insurance: An Employer's Obligations

NYS law requires all employers to register for unemployment insurance when they meet the conditions for unemployment insurance liability. The conditions for liability differ among businesses. Employers must complete an employer registration form to determine if they are liable under the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law: <https://dol.ny.gov/register-unemployment-insurance-0>.

What is an Agricultural Employer

An agricultural employer is an employer of workers engaged in agricultural labor.

Section 511(6) of the NYS Labor Law defines agricultural labor as services workers perform:

- On a farm, in the employ of any person, in connection with cultivating the soil or raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training and management of livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals and wildlife
- In the employ of the owner, tenant or other operator of a farm in connection with the operation, management, conservation, improvement, or maintenance of the farm and its tools and equipment, or in salvaging timber or clearing land of brush and other debris left by a hurricane, if the major part of such service is performed on a farm
- In handling, planting, drying, packing, packaging, processing, freezing, grading, storing, or delivering to storage or to market or to a carrier for transportation to market, any agricultural or horticultural commodity
 - but only if such service is performed in the employ of an operator of a farm
 - As an incident to farming operations, or
 - In the case of fruits and veg-

etables, as an incident to the preparation of such fruits or vegetables for market

Services are not considered agricultural employment if they are performed in connection with:

- Commercial canning
- Commercial freezing
- Any agricultural or horticultural commodity after its delivery to a terminal market for distribution for consumption

Also, services are not considered agricultural employment, even when located on a farm, if they are done in connection with:

- Converting a primary product to a secondary derivative, such as grapes to wine
- A retail operation

The U.I. law definition of a farm includes:

- Stock
- Dairy
- Poultry
- Fur-bearing animals
- Fruit and truck farms
- Plantations
- Nurseries
- Greenhouses
- Other similar structures, used primarily to raise agricultural or horticultural commodities
- Orchards

An Agricultural Employer's Liability under U.I. Law

Note: If you have questions about liability prior to January 1, 2020, call the Employer hotline at 888-899-8810.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, agricultural employers become liable:

- The first day of the calendar quarter you pay remuneration of \$300 or more OR
- The day you acquire any or all of a business of a liable employer

wage-0. This will also impact the minimum salary levels to be paid to Executive and Administrative exempt employees. The new minimum wage and minimum salary levels are as follows:

- **NYC- Large Employers (11 or more)** - \$1,125/ week (\$58,500 annualized)
- **NYC- Small Employers (10 or less)** - \$1,125/ week (\$58,500 annualized)
- **Long Island and Westchester County** - \$1,125/ week (\$58,500 annualized)
- **Remainder of NY State** - \$1,065/ week (\$55,380 annualized) (There are certain parameters that employees need to meet in order to qualify as executive or administrative positions).

You may terminate liability if:

- You send a written request to the DOL before the end of the quarter if you paid less than \$300 in remuneration during that quarter and the three (3) prior calendar quarters.

Also, beginning Jan. 1, 2020, payments to individuals performing services under an H-2A Visa are excluded from coverage and would not be considered remuneration. (Basically H-2A workers are eligible for unemployment insurance because they are seasonal labor and work for a set period of time.) For more information see <https://dol.ny.gov/unemployment-insurance-handbooks-employers-0>

The information contained in this article is provided for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be, nor should it be considered, a substitute for legal advice rendered by a competent attorney. If you have any questions about the application of the issues raised in this article to your particular situation, seek the advice of a competent attorney.

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- The attorneys offer Farm Bureau members a 15% discount off their fees.
- There is no cost for the referral program. Farm Bureau members are responsible for any attorney's fees, disbursements, or any other costs they incur beyond the initial two hours of consultation.
- The member pays all fees due and owing the attorney for services rendered. The fee will be as agreed upon between the member and the attorney.
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Federal Milk Marketing Order Forum Successfully Brings Sector Together

AFBF

The American Farm Bureau Federation was joined by representatives of the National Milk Producers Federation, dairy cooperatives, processors, state dairy associations and dairy farmers from across the country for a successful first-of-its-kind industry-wide Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) Forum.

The three-day event provided a platform for farmers' voices to be heard while also answering the call from USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack to bring the dairy producer community together to discuss FMMO modernization. Discussions at the forum focused on Class price formulas and de-pooling, among other topics. New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher and State Director Patrick McCormick along with NYFB's National Affairs Director Lauren Williams participated in the discussion.

The American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Milk Producers Federation agreed on a joint statement regarding the need for FMMO improvements. A number of dairy organizations attending the event also supported the joint AFBF-NMPF statement and are listed below.

The AFBF-NMPF statement reads:

"We support the federal milk marketing order (FMMO) system as key to fair market-based farmer milk pricing and recognize the importance of periodically updating the program to reflect changes in the dynamic U.S. dairy industry. With the last major update to the FMMO system occurring in 2000, we believe it is time to consider improvements that better reflect today's milk markets.

"In addition, the pandemic-relat-

Organizations participating in the event and endorsing the joint statement include:

- American Dairy Coalition
- National Farmers Organization
- National All-Jersey
- Georgia Milk Producers
- Indiana Dairy Producers
- Kentucky Dairy Development Council
- Missouri Dairy
- Dairy Producers of New Mexico
- Ohio Dairy Producers Association
- Virginia State Dairymen's Association

ed market disruptions of 2020 also highlighted the need to modernize the program so that it can better mitigate the impacts on producers of disruptions in milk pricing such as occurred then. At that time, a combination of federal order price formulas, temporary market imbalances, and sudden demand disruptions created disorderly marketing of milk, to the detriment of producers.

"We anticipate the prospect of a hearing conducted by USDA in 2023 that could address FMMO price formulas, including all four Classes, as well as the Class I price surface. An amended pricing system should improve price discovery, improve the clarity of the program, continue to support timely payments to producers, and reduce price incentives to de-pool milk.

"We are encouraged by the healthy discussion at this week's Federal Milk Marketing Order Forum and look forward to continuing the discussion about promoting a healthy dairy industry through modernization of federal order pricing."

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Workers' Comp Corner

By Henry Talmage
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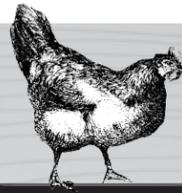
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Commodity Report: Poultry



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Just Ahead of Thanksgiving, Record Turkey and Egg Prices Indicate Strain on Poultry Sector

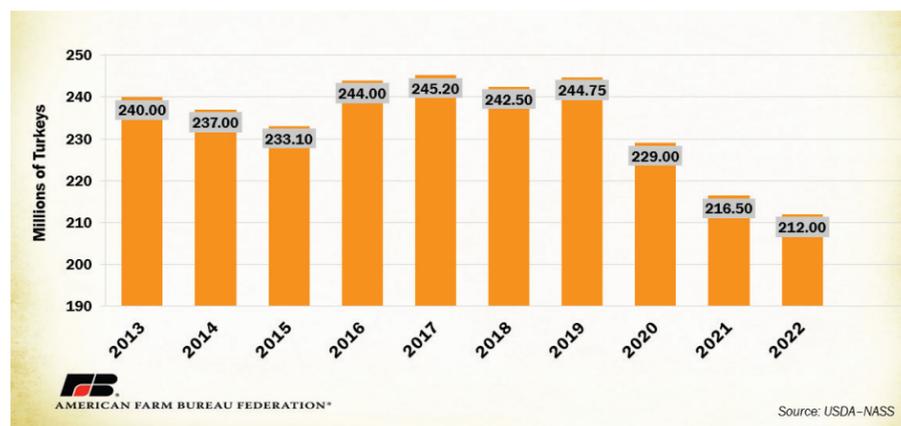
The Effects of HPAI, Inflation and More in Turkey and other Poultry Markets

American Farm Bureau Federation

Fall has arrived and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. As many begin planning for the holiday meal, one of the questions being asked is, "Will there be enough turkeys to go around for Thanksgiving?" There are many factors fueling this question. High prices, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and inflation have garnered attention from consumers and media nationwide. This Market Intel will address the current issues influencing the turkey industry and what consumers can expect as we edge closer to Thanksgiving and beyond.

HPAI

The first U.S. case of HPAI in a commercial or backyard flock since the 2014/2015 outbreak occurred on Feb. 8, 2022, in a commercial turkey meat bird operation in Indiana. Since then, there have been 468 detections of HPAI in 2022. As wild birds made their pilgrimage north in the spring, they spread HPAI to 33 states. Among commercial production, most of the HPAI cases occurred before mid-summer. Until recently, the most recent cases of HPAI in broiler production, ducks, table egg layers and turkey were April 22, June 2, June 7 and July 26. However, the fall migration of wild birds south has reignited the spread of HPAI. Thankfully thus far, the fall spread of HPAI has been significantly less than what occurred



in the spring. The first fall detection in a commercial flock occurred on Aug. 26. Since that date there have been 23 cases of HPAI with active control areas across commercial broiler production, ducks, table egg layers and turkey operations. For context, between Feb. 8 and July 26 there were 159 cases. Similar to the spring wave, this fall, commercial turkey operations have been the most significantly impacted, with 21 of the 23 cases. The remaining two cases have been in commercial table egg laying facilities. While troubling, the number of facilities and birds impacted this fall is still well below the spring outbreak numbers.

Supply

HPAI has had a significant impact on turkey production in 2022. According to USDA's September 2022 Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, August 2022 turkey production came in at 450.6 million pounds, 16%

below July, and 9.4% below the same time in 2021. Turkeys raised in the United States are forecast at 212 million in 2022, down 2% from 2021. Recently, processing weights have been below historic levels.

The risk of HPAI outbreaks has incentivized growers to market younger birds, resulting in lower market weights. The average weight of a mature turkey for the first two weeks of September was just under 29 pounds, 4.5% below August, and 7% below the average weight in September 2021. July marked the only month where average processing weights have increased since the HPAI outbreak began.

The typical amount of time it takes for a hen turkey to reach market weight is 14 weeks in contrast to 18 weeks for a tom turkey. This means turkey poults (young birds) need to be placed on feed in July to be ready

For the Birds: Battling the Threat of Avian Influenza

By Susan Kelley, Cornell Chronicle

In mid-February, the owners of a backyard flock in Suffolk County, New York, noticed two guinea hens and three of their chickens were sick. Three days later, the birds were dead.

Within five hours of getting a swab of the birds' airways, Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center and the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory determined it was New York state's first case of a deadly strain of avian influenza – the same strain that has killed millions of domestic poultry and devastated wild birds in dozens of countries.

Cornell researchers knew highly pathogenic avian influenza, or bird flu, was coming. They had been tracking the disease's spread in northeast Canada and then in the Carolinas for months.

"We knew it was almost inevitable that we were going to get hit. So we put everything in place to prepare for it," says anatomic pathologist Gavin Hitchener, director of Cornell's Duck Research Laboratory on Long Island, just 15 miles from the backyard flock. "There was no shock moment for me. Fear? Yes. Because it was like, 'It's really in my backyard now.' But we were prepared."

Dr. Jarra Jagne, DVM '90, associate professor of practice in the Department of Public and Ecosystem Health at the College of Veterinary Medicine, examines a submission in the Animal Health Diagnostic Center's necropsy laboratory.

Within hours of confirmation by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa, and an announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Veterinary Services, Hitchener started calling commercial poultry operators to advise them on enhancing their biosafety protocols. The idea is to keep the birds inside, where they won't mix with the wild waterfowl that carry the disease; limit interaction with other farms; and prevent cross-contamination within the farm, Hitchener says.

"We knew how to implement strategies to prepare, and prevent potential losses," he says.

Hitchener and others at the Animal Health Diagnostic Center, part of the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), have been helping to keep New York's avian flu incidents remarkably low, with education, outreach and testing that help safeguard commercial producers and backyard flock owners from the dev-

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HPAI

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for Thanksgiving. Placements have been increasing since April with July placements estimated at 22 million birds, slightly lower than the same time in 2021. The combination of lower placements and processing weights may add strain to supplies, which would likely push prices higher.

Turkey in cold storage has remained somewhat steady during August. USDA's September Cold Storage report estimated total pounds of turkey in freezers was 431.67 million pounds on August 31, growing by 1% in the month of August and 1% above this time last year. Total whole turkeys in freezers were estimated to be 254.79 million pounds, growing by 2% in August but down 3% from this time in 2021.

Demand

Inflation has contributed to the rise in turkey and egg prices. USDA released changes to the Food Price Outlook, 2022 and 2023 on Sept. 23. The Consumer Price Index for all food (not seasonally adjusted) increased 0.8% between July and August 2022 and all food prices were 11.4% higher than August 2021. The index for grocery store food purchases increased 1.4% during July and was 13.1% higher than July 2021.

Despite record high prices for turkey, demand has remained strong and is even forecast to increase. The September USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report estimated demand for turkey in 2023 down slightly from August at 5.25 million pounds or 15.7 pounds per capita. If realized, this would mean 2023 demand for turkey is 7.7% greater than the 2022 demand value of 4.87 million pounds or 14.9 pounds per capita.

Prices

Turkey prices are currently at record levels, resulting from the combination of tighter supplies caused by HPAI, higher demand, inflation, and increased demands on U.S. food systems. The national average price for a frozen, Grade A, whole young hen, 8-16 pounds, posted a record price of \$1.72 per pound on Sept. 3, 2022. That's 20% higher than the same time last year when the price was \$1.44 per pound. Fresh boneless, skinless tom turkey breasts reached a record high of \$6.70 per pound on Sept. 17, 112% higher than the same

time in 2021 when prices were \$3.16 per pound. The previous record high price was \$5.88 per pound on Nov. 21, 2015, during the 2015 HPAI outbreak.

Egg production has also been affected by inflation and HPAI. Table egg prices have come back down after posting record highs of \$3.34 on July 30, 2022. The combined regional average price for a dozen grade A large eggs delivered to warehouse was \$2.34 on Sept. 17, 2022, 27% higher than the same time in 2021 and 44% above the five-year average of \$1.29.

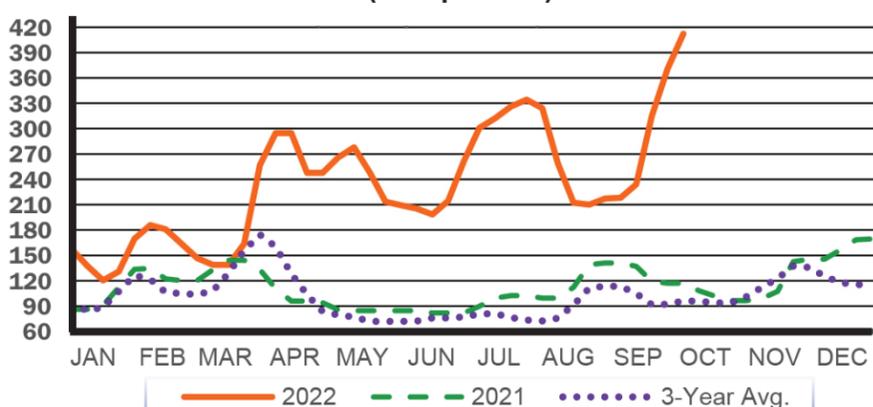
USDA's Chickens and Eggs report estimates that egg production for August was 9.1 billion eggs, 2% below the same time in 2021. Total egg layers in the United States were 372 million, down 3% from 2021. Accounting for 82% of the total egg layers, there are 305 million table or market egg layers. Sixty-three million layers, or 17% of the total, produce broiler-type hatching eggs while 3.55 million layers are responsible for egg-type hatching eggs, accounting for less than 1% of total egg layers. Egg-type chicks hatched were 56 million, up 13% in the month of August, with 49.2 million eggs in incubators on Sept. 1.

August pullet placements reflect a decline in the inventory of egg-layers that was caused by the spring HPAI outbreaks. Egg-type eggs hatched in April 2022 were 50.8 million, down 15% from 2021. This resulted in a smaller number of egg-type pullets available for placement. August placement of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supplies was 249,000, down 25% from the same time in 2021. August placement of broiler-type chicks was down 12% from last year, with 7.58 million broiler-type pullets placed for future hatchery supplies.

Conclusions

HPAI has had a significant impact on the supply of turkey available in the United States in 2022. Turkey production is below this time last year and is forecast to be lower yet in 2023. Fewer turkeys raised combined with strong demand, inflation and growing demands on food systems have led to record high prices for turkey and other poultry products such as table eggs. The good news is fall HPAI detections are well below spring numbers. While there should be enough turkeys to go around for Thanksgiving, pressure will keep prices high with supplies forecasted lower and demand forecasted higher for 2023.

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astating disease.

Those measures have helped to minimize New York's avian flu cases. As of April 6, the state has had just one outbreak in a small commercial flock and seven in backyard flocks, for a total of 9,500 birds affected.

Wild birds cross New York state — and sometimes spread avian influenza — during the fall migration as they fly from Greenland to South America via the Atlantic flyway.

So far, all of the state's large commercial operations have remained unscathed, including the flock of more than 100,000 ducks that Marcus Henley oversees in the Hudson Valley.

What is Bird Flu and Why can it be so Devastating?

New York is currently in what Hitchener calls an avian influenza "lull." But he and other Cornell researchers and staff are taking measures now during the fall migration, when migrating birds will flood the Atlantic flyway, from Greenland to South America, crossing New York state along the way.

When migrating birds land near bodies of water, their feces and other secretions spread the virus to commercial and backyard flocks and wild birds — say, when a bird drinks water contaminated with the virus.

"Because backyard flocks are usually outside, free-range, they're mixing and mingling with migratory birds. They may pick the virus up from the feces of wild birds in their environment," says veterinarian Jarra Jagne, DVM '90, head of the Animal Health Diagnostic Center's Avian Health Program.

There are 144 types of avian influenza. Some cause just mild respiratory infection. But the current strain, H5N1, is highly pathogenic and causes extreme mortality, says Jagne, who is also an associate professor of practice in the Department of Public and Ecosystem Health at CVM.

When the virus takes hold, it replicates rapidly in the respiratory, neurologic, digestive and reproductive organs. "It is systemic — throughout the whole body. This virus just enters and destroys the tissues," Jagne says. "And so within 24 to 48 hours after seeing the first sick or dead birds, you will see very high mortality."

Waterfowl, like geese and gulls, are the natural reservoirs of all avian influenza. Other wild birds can be infected, such as bald eagles, owls, and other birds of prey, says Krysten Schuler, director of the Cornell Wildlife Health Laboratory, which is part of the Animal Health Diagnostic Center. "A lot of birds of prey — eagles and vultures — were quite affected, because they scavenge dead birds," she says. "And we have seen the virus too in some mammals. We have several cases of infected and dying young foxes."

Because it is so devastating, "high path avian influenza is at the top of the list" of diseases the center tracks, says François Elvinger, executive di-

Q&A

Nancy Glazier, MS, CCA
Small Farms and Livestock
Cornell Cooperative
Extension: NWN Team

Can you briefly explain the work of you and your colleagues to reach out to poultry producers and those with backyard flocks?

Amy Barkley and I led the effort to inform our small flock owners on the outbreak as part of Cornell Cooperative Extension's NY Extension Disaster Education Network. When the first case was identified in Suffolk County on a February weekend, we had information out on Monday. We have a great working relationship with NYSDAM veterinarians and a very connected group of livestock educators who we shared resources with throughout the state. It was also shared through the CCE system through email. The information was included in CCE newsletters, email blasts, social media posts and local media outlets. Our first webinar for flock owners had 546 registrants with field veterinarian Dr. Chad Wall, our NYDAM liaison.

How did the work help to contain the spread as much as possible?

We informed poultry owners of the risks, shared biosecurity practices and provided updates as the outbreak developed. Though significant losses occurred (9,502 birds) in NYS, fortunately we did not see any of the huge losses of millions of birds that many other states experienced and are experiencing. We are working to keep it that way. Livestock educators have familiarity with all species but usually not expertise in one. CCE is very fortunate to have someone with a broad background with poultry expertise on one of our regional teams. We are hoping to get budgetary support for a team a livestock systems team, a team of statewide specialists with species specific expertise, similar to Cornell's Pro-Dairy.

rector of the center, and professor of population medicine and diagnostic sciences and associate dean for diagnostic operations and government relations at CVM.

The H5N1 strain has been circulating in various parts of the world since 1997, Jagne says. "But it had not affected New York state," Jagne says. "It was just a matter of time."

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Poultry producer Marcus Henley, center, talks with co-workers on his farm in New York's Hudson Valley.

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The First Case in New York

In the first case in New York, the owner of the backyard flock in Suffolk County contacted the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, which sent a technician to take a swab from the birds. That swab was mailed overnight to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center.

The center also tests wild bird samples sent by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and by the USDA's Wildlife Services. And the center is one of 60 labs throughout the country in the National Animal Health Laboratory Network that tests sick and dead birds. "They send us samples from other states as well, from Maine, from the Carolinas, from Tennessee," Elvinger says.

The Suffolk County sample was one of about 1,500 submissions of all kinds of samples that the center tests every day, from a single blood sample to an entire cow or horse for necropsy. The center tested 280,000 submissions in the last fiscal year and has completed about 3,500 tests for the current bird flu outbreak, Elvinger says.

While New York is not a big poultry producer, commercial farms do contribute significantly to the state's economy, Jagne says. New York has nine large commercial poultry operations, and several medium-sized farms owned by Amish and Mennonite com-

munities in the Finger Lakes region, for a total of 5.6 million egg-laying chickens. If avian influenza circulates through those flocks, "it's going to be devastating, definitely, in terms of jobs and livelihoods," Jagne says. "So anything that comes into our lab that has either neurological signs, or respiratory signs, coupled with high mortality, will be tested for highly pathogenic avian influenza."

The Cornell team was tracking reports that the strain was circulating in eastern Canada in January and February. "As soon as we saw highly pathogenic avian influenza in Canada, we started upping our game," Hitchener says.

That meant encouraging commercial producers and backyard flock owners to call if they saw any sickness or reduced egg production. And it meant advising them on how to enhance their biosecurity measures.

For Henley, that meant making sure the birds he processes from local farmers were virus-free, restricting the public from visiting the farm, preventing employees from working in multiple buildings, and making sure every vehicle that enters or exits rolls through a concrete basin of disinfectant. "Suddenly we went from a routine maintenance of security, where we knew of no serious cases in the state, all the way to condition red," Henley said.

Within 16 days of the first case, Hitchener and the Cornell Duck Research Laboratory partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Long

HPAI Biosecurity Measures for New York Poultry Farmers

New York poultry farmers and poultry owners are reminded to continue practicing biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of avian influenza, particularly during the upcoming fall migration season for birds. Poultry biosecurity materials and checklists can be found on the USDA's "Defend the Flock" website.

To prevent avian influenza from infecting poultry flocks in New York State, poultry producers should:

- Discourage unnecessary visitors and using biosecurity signs to warn people not to enter buildings without permission;
- Ask all visitors if they have had any contact with any birds in the past five days;
- Forbid entry to employees and visitors who own any kind of fowl;
- Require all visitors to cover and disinfect all footwear;
- Lock all entrances to chicken houses after hours;
- Avoid non-essential vehicular traffic on-farm;
- Clean and disinfecting poultry transport coops and vehicles between hauling birds to processors and returning to the farm; and
- Report anything unusual, especially sick or dead birds, to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Poultry owners should also take steps to reduce wild bird attractants by:

- Storing poultry feed in covered containers. Be sure to clean up

- any feed spillage immediately;
- Fencing off ponds where wild birds congregate and remove any areas of standing water;
- Keeping poultry waste and carcasses securely covered at all times;
- Refraining from walking or moving equipment through areas where waterfowl droppings may be present; and
- Limiting outdoor access for poultry during high-risk periods, such as migration season.

The Department of Agriculture and Markets continues to work closely with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on a joint incident response and is also collaborating with partners at the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Conservation. Additionally, Department officials have been reaching out to poultry and egg farms across the state to ensure best practices are being implemented. To contact the Department about a sick bird or an unusual bird death, please call 518-457-3502. For more information on HPAI, visit <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/poultry> or contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the public health risk associated with these avian influenza detections remains low.

Island Farm Bureau and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to create a presentation on the science of the virus, the risks it poses, how it spreads, how to protect birds with biosecurity plans, and what happens when the virus is detected.

The Cornell team will continue their efforts to keep the number of cases low as the fall migration ramps up, Jagne says. "We've been spreading the word: If you see any mortality, or unusual mortality, in your flock, give us a call."



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A Lovely Day at the Races

It was a beautiful day with a great turnout for the Livingston Country Young Farmer & Rancher tailgate at the Genesee Valley Hunt Races on Oct. 14. The Hunt Races have been hosted in Geneseo for more than 120 years. Steeplechase trainers from all over the eastern seaboard compete for more than \$30,000 in prizes. There are also terrier and wiener dog races, a jumping contest, agility courses, sled dog demos, events for children and the Parade of the Genesee Valley Hunt foxhounds. The event also features food and drink vendors, wine and craft beer tasting, shopping and music.



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Otsego County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

NYFB Vice President Eric Ooms addresses members of the Otsego County Farm Bureau at their recent Annual Meeting.



Buttenschon Tour

Members of the Oneida County Farm Bureau and Cornell Cooperative Extension staff from Oneida County along with Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon recently had the opportunity to meet with the leadership team at the Mohawk Correctional Facility in Rome, NY.; During the meeting and subsequent tour, the group was able to learn about the

sites Food Production Center which produces meals for all forty-four correctional facilities in New York along with the meals for twenty-three New York County prison facilities as well. The group was able to have a great dialogue about opportunities to bring more New York farm products into the facility for use.



Montgomery CFB Annual Meeting

NYS DAM Commissioner Richard Ball speaks to the members of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau at their recent County Annual Meeting.



Allegany County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The newly elected 2022-23 Allegany CFB board poses for a photo. From left are, Alan Davis, Darleen Krisher-Meehan, Christain Lewis, Kevin Hamilton, Mike Jefferds, Ben Hollamby, Nate Stroud, Rob Chamberlain, Lavern Warriner, Nora Carnes and Diane Foster.



Albany County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

NYFB District 8 Director Dean Casey speaks to members of the Albany County Farm Bureau at their recent County Annual Meeting. Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple also spoke to the group.



Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Members of the Jefferson County Dairy Ambassador program joined county Farm Bureau President Devon Shelmidine in a milk toast prior to the start of the meeting.



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New York Farm Bureau's public policy team hosted the annual legislative farm tour for state lawmakers, staff members, and agency officials. They gathered for a group photo at Gardenworks Farm in Salem.



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Victory View Vineyard Owner Gerry Barnhart walked through his vineyard explaining the different grape varieties.

NYFB Public Policy Team Hosts Legislative Tour in Washington County



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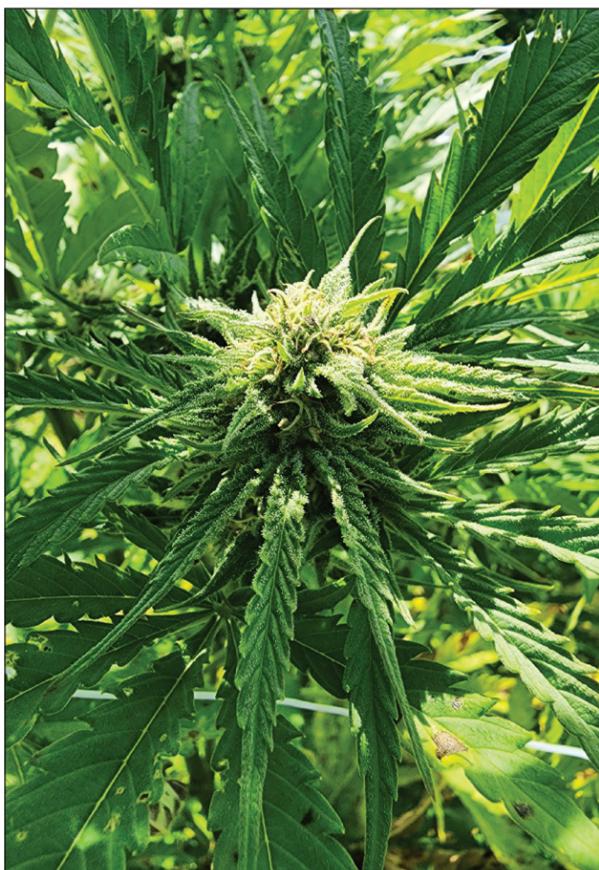
Above: Meg Southerland of Gardenworks recounted the rich history of her family's seventh-generation farm.

Left: NYFB Deputy Public Policy Director Lauren Williams, left, observes candle making at Better-Bee with Nel Sandbrook.



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Chickens at Gardenworks Farm.



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Tour participants learned about growing adult use cannabis and the challenges and opportunities of the new industry at Slack Hollow Organics.



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Battenkill Fibers demonstrated their different processing machines turning natural fibers and wool into products ready for manufacturers.

Social Security and Medicare Strategies for Farmers

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Retirement isn't often part of the long-term plan for farmers. But it's still important to think about your long-term financial future. And a few retirement benefits are key components of that future.

That includes Social Security and Medicare. Incorporating these benefits into your long-term plans can help firm up your (and your farm's) financial footing today and down the road.

"Farmers need a trusted advisor to help them understand how decisions around Social Security and Medicare will impact their finances," said Nationwide Advanced Consulting Group Director George Schein. "Farmers need expertise to help transition their farms to the next generation. And they need to create a source of retirement income."

Know the impacts of your Social Security choices

Social Security retirement benefits are available starting at age 62. But taking your benefit as soon as possible leads to reduced monthly payments. For that reason, many choose to delay until full retirement age or age 70 (when benefits stop growing).

Delaying benefits as long as you can

is a good rule of thumb. But that's not always best for farmers.

"Some farmers may not expect to live into their 80s. Those farmers are more likely to choose the reduced payments that begin before their full retirement age," Schein said. "Some farmers may also start Social Security benefits early because they plan to rely on the steady source of income it provides to cover the costs of Medicare premiums, which generally start at age 65."

It's a good idea to talk to a financial professional as early as your 40s or 50s to ensure you qualify for benefits. You need at least ten years of taxable income to be eligible.

"A downside of today's tax laws for farmers is that some may offset their farm's annual income entirely and miss out on Social Security altogether," Schein said. "By addressing this while there's still time, a farmer can make the most of this important benefit."

Learn more about Social Security disability for farmers from Nationwide's Land As Your Legacy® team or get connected to a financial professional who can provide even more personalized guidance.

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Plan for Medicare coverage

Most U.S. citizens become eligible for Medicare at age 65 if they're either qualified to collect Social Security benefits, a U.S. citizen or if they've been a permanent resident for at least five years. With a few limitations, the federal program covers a portion of many common medical expenses like:

- Inpatient care
- Outpatient care
- Skilled nursing care
- Hospice care
- Durable medical equipment (like a walker or wheelchair)
- Preventative benefits like annual checkups and screenings

But there are also exclusions, namely:

- Prescription drugs
- Dental
- Vision
- Hearing care

Plan ahead to help better afford Medicare's gaps

Additional coverage is available from private insurers and should be considered by those 65 and older. The annual open enrollment window is

the key time for these decisions. It begins in mid-October and runs through early December.

"Planning for current and future medical care and how to pay for it is even more critical for farmers because of the physical nature of their work and a lack of quality health care in many rural areas," Schein said.

Nationwide's Land As Your Legacy team can help further make sense of both Medicare and Social Security for farmers. Get connected to a financial specialist who can help protect your farm, family and future by visiting [Nationwide.com/YourLand](https://www.nationwide.com/YourLand).

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Nationwide: Why Farmers Should Use Dash Cams

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Keep your eyes on the road. It's one of the first things taught when someone is learning to drive. Dashboard cameras — a growing segment of telematics technology — are helping large farm operations with large fleets do a better job of that and a whole lot more.

Dash cams can help farm managers improve efficiency and productivity, while ensuring safe operation on the road and in the field by:

- Documenting accidents
- Enabling proactive operator management
- Supporting and retaining drivers and operators

What are fleet dash cams and how do they work?

A dash cam is a small camera mounted on a vehicle's dashboard, rear-view mirror or windshield that records the driver and the road ahead. There are two main types of fleet dash cams:

- Standalone dash cams are usually forward-facing and record roadway activity that can be reviewed in the event of an accident or incident. More advanced systems have dual lenses to also capture in-cab activity.
- Telematics-based dash cams tie into a bigger telematic system. They monitor operator behavior and document in front of and around a truck or piece of machinery. Data collected demonstrates trends over time that contribute to more proac-



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Accident documentation and resolution

In the case of an accident, a dash cam automatically captures everything in its view. Video footage can provide management, law enforcement and others with clear evidence of who is at fault and specifics of the event. This unbiased view can eliminate doubt sometimes caused by eyewitnesses and help resolve insurance claims more quickly and reduce costs in the process.

Proactive driver management

Unsafe operator behavior like speeding, hard braking and distracted or fatigued driving can cause both accidents and additional costs through liability and increased maintenance. Dash cams monitor drivers and provide data that can be used to coach drivers on safe driving procedures. While any dash cam can monitor for distracted driving, a telematics system can gather information on:

- Speed

- Vehicle movement patterns
- Instances of aggressive acceleration, hard braking and erratic cornering
- Fuel efficiency and vehicle performance diagnostic data

Dash cam privacy and security implementation considerations

No employee wants to work for Big Brother, so it's important to establish policies and guidelines around dash cam usage and how the devices work. Have open, honest conversations with your employees, answer their questions and address any concerns.

Get started with telematics today

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The Risks of Value-Added Beef Agreements

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In today's beef business, cow/calf producers, backgrounders, feed yard operators and independent processors are working more together in aligned, value-added beef agreements to capture more revenue per head. In such arrangements, there's both increased opportunity — and risk.

"Tighter margins are leading more producers to look for ways to capture revenue downstream," said Nationwide Manager, MM Underwriting-Large Farm Peter LaMair. "There's a lot of opportunities for producers in shifting from commodity beef to direct sales. But there are physical, contractual and financial risks that producers should consider when exploring direct sales."

How aligned value-added beef agreements work

A common type of value-added beef agreement involves a small group of ranchers working together to align with a local processor or meat locker. In such an arrangement, the premium earned by producers is often based on proximity to the processor and end consumer. In many cases, these arrangements are based around a single rural community.

"In these arrangements, a processor will source cattle raised to certain specs, and producers are paid a premium based on those specs,"

said Nationwide Business Program Management Senior Consultant Erin Cumings. "This makes it really important to make sure you understand and can meet your obligation when entering into an agreement like this."

Knowing the risks and having the right insurance is key

Addressing your potential risks is an important first step in entering into any contracted agreement. LaMair said you should always include consulting your attorney and insurance agent. Contractual risk transfer is a big one to consider.

"You need to know what you're getting into," he said. "You have to be able to protect yourself from risks ranging from animal death loss to falling short of your contractual obligations. And you have to be able to document that you are meeting those obligations and are protected from risks that could otherwise be financially damaging to your operation."

Cumings recommends attention to a phrase common in the insurance industry but not as well-known in the cattle business. Care, custody and control (CCC) should always be accounted for in contracts among ranchers, feeders, processors and any other players in a value-added beef system.

Care, custody and control (CCC) should always be accounted for in contracts among ranchers, feeders, processors and any other players in a value-added beef system.

"Any contract should specify CCC at each step so everyone knows where their obligations start and end," Cumings said. "You need to also make sure you have the right insurance coverage."

If you are looking to participate in a value-added aligned beef system, LaMair recommends taking the time to consult your attorney and Nationwide Farm Certified agent.

"It's not always top-of-mind to have those conversations early in the process, but your attorney can help make sure you can meet your contractual obligations," LaMair said. "Contact your agent to make sure that your policy structured correctly for any new operations you are considering."

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The first episode in the fall series features Jody Neal and his son Jayden, who operate Orleans Poverty Hill Farm in Albion, N.Y. "My son Jayden has brought technology to make our lives easier and the cows' lives more comfortable," said Jody Neal.

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Inside
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What's on Tap for Lame Duck Session

As we look towards the lame duck session, the congressional session that stretches after the Nov. 8 elections and before the new 2023 congressional session, members of Congress will have a full agenda of items to address. Some of these items directly relate to agriculture, while others won't have a direct impact.

Non-Agricultural items include disaster assistance for Florida to address damage from Hurricane Ian, Congress must also pass annual defense spending, environmental permitting, and additional aid for Ukraine.

Agricultural related items include passing a spending bill to keep the government funded after December 16, passing immigration reform,

water resources bill, and a yearly extension of tax breaks.

Democrats may try to get through as much of their priorities (election protection laws, child tax credit, and same sex marriage protection) as they can especially if the House and/or Senate flips to Republican control for the next Congress. It is undoubtable that more top priorities will rise to the top after the outcome of the elections are known and will spur further action.

Support for Agriculture Immigration Reform

The Senate is currently drafting agricultural immigration reform legislation that would provide much needed relief and updates to agricultural immigration law. It is critical that the legislation address the status of farm workers current-

ly in the U.S., expand the seasonal guest worker visa program (H-2A) to allow for year-round employment, ensure wage rates are stable, and there is suitable time to workers to gain status. In 2021, the House passed H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which New York Farm Bureau supported. While the legislation is not perfect, NYFB is requesting that the Senate consider similar legislation that has slight modifications to address number of hours worked to gain status as a farm worker, increase the proposed cap on year-round workers, and a stable wage rate for both employers and farm workers. It is critical that the Senate continues the conversation on this important issue that impacts New York farmers every day. Labor and immigration have long been a priority for the New York agricultural industry.

Contact Sens. Schumer and Gillibrand and ask they keep the pressure on fellow Senators to draft and pass agriculture immigration reform. Send an e-lobby letter to the Senators by visiting <https://www.nyfb.org/engagements>.

U.S. DOL Announces Final Rule on H-2A Program

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced a final rule to amend H-2A temporary labor certification regulations to protect agricultural workers, and to update the H-2A application and temporary labor certification process. The final rule was published in the Federal Register on Oct. 12, 2022.

The H-2A program allows employers to address temporary labor needs by employing foreign agricultural workers when there are not sufficient workers who are able, willing, qualified, and available, and when doing so will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers similarly employed in the U.S.

After the department proposed changes to the H-2A program's

regulations in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in July 2019, employers, employer associations, agents, business advocacy groups, state agencies, federal and state elected officials, worker advocates, labor unions, public policy and academic organizations, farmworkers and others submitted tens of thousands of comments. After considering them, the department will publish the final rule, which becomes effective on Nov. 14, 2022.

The new rule includes the following important elements:

- Improves safety and health protections for workers housed in rental or public accommodations.
- Streamlines and updates bond requirements for labor contractors to better hold them accountable and clarifies joint-employer status for employers and associations.
- Clarifies the housing certification process to allow state and local authorities to conduct housing inspections.
- Establishes explicit authority to debar attorneys and agents for their misconduct, independent of an employer's violations.
- Makes electronic filing mandatory for most applications to improve employers' processing efficiency.
- Modernizes the methodology and procedures for determining the prevailing wage to allow state workforce agencies to produce more prevailing wage findings.

The changes in the final rule will also support the enforcement capabilities of the department's Wage and Hour Division to address H-2A program fraud and abuse that undermines workers' rights and hurts law-abiding employers. Read the published version of the rule at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2022-20506/temporary-agricultural-employment-of-h-2a-nonimmigrants-in-the-united-states>.

NYFB staff is reviewing the rule and will provide updates as further interpretation is available.

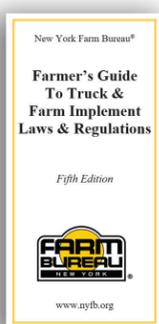
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Applications Sought for Grants Under Fertilizer Production Expansion Program

USDA

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the Biden-Harris Administration is inviting U.S. farmers and agricultural producers to apply for grants under the Fertilizer Production Expansion Program. The Administration recently announced it is making \$500 million in grants available through the program to increase American-made fertilizer production, spur competition and combat price hikes on U.S. farmers caused by the war in Ukraine.

"The Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is one of many ways the Biden-Harris Administration invests in the agricultural supply chain right here at home," Vilsack said. "This funding will bring production and jobs back to the United States, promote competition and support American goods and services. Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA continues to create a resilient, secure and sustainable economy to support opportunities for local businesses and people across this nation. This program is a critical part of that effort."

USDA is accepting applications via www.grants.gov. Applicants have two opportunities to submit their applications:

Applicants may apply until Nov. 14, 2022, to receive priority for projects that increase the availability of fertilizer (nitrogen, phosphate or potash) and nutrient alternatives for agricultural producers to use in crop years 2023 or 2024.

Applicants may apply until Dec. 29, 2022, to receive financial assistance to significantly increase



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American-made fertilizer production to spur competition and combat price hikes. This application window supports applicants who need more time to make additional capacity available.

Eligible entities are for-profit businesses and corporations, non-profit entities, Tribes and Tribal organizations, producer-owned cooperatives and corporations, certified benefit corporations, and state or local governments. Private entities must be independently owned and operated to apply.

The maximum award is \$100 million. The minimum award is \$1 million. The grant term is five years.

Background

Fertilizer prices have more than doubled since last year due to many factors, including price hikes caused by the war in Ukraine, a limited supply of the relevant minerals, high energy costs, high global demand and agricultural commod-

ity prices, reliance on fertilizer imports, and a lack of competition in the fertilizer industry.

The Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is part of a whole-of-government effort to promote competition in agricultural markets. The funds are being made available through the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Grants will be used to support independent, innovative and sustainable American fertilizer production to supply American farmers. Funds also will expand the manufacturing and processing of fertilizer and nutrient alternatives in the U.S. and its territories.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Potential applicants and stakeholders may email questions to fpep@usda.gov. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/fpep or <https://www.farmers.gov/global-food-insecurity>.

generation at Slack Hollow.

Lunch was served at Gardenworks, a u-pick farm, nursery, and agritourism store, Meg Southerland recounted the rich history of the seventh-generation farm, and how her son and daughter-in-law are bringing new ideas to expand the farm's offerings. She also spoke about how the agricultural community works together to support one another, an integral part of the farm economy.

From there, the tour wound its way to Battenkill Fibers in Greenwich. Owner Mary Jeanne Packer created a business to fill an important link in the supply chain, processing wool and fiber to be used for both personal and commercial production of clothing, rugs, and so much more. She discussed the challenges of financing her business and the need of supporting agricultural processing in New York.

Another thriving business, Betterbee has also grown in Greenwich in recent years to become a one-stop-shop for beekeepers, large and small. The business offers equipment, training, and even bees to honey producers, pollinators, and craft makers. It is now the third larg-

est business of its kind in the country. Dr. Chris Cripps and Dr. David Peck talked about their expansion and answered questions about their business, bees, and the diverse work they do.

The last stop on the tour was to Victory View Vineyard. Owner Gerry Barnhart walked everyone through the vineyard and production facility, explaining how wine is made and the care that goes into producing numerous varieties of grapes. It naturally wrapped up with a delicious wine tasting.

Lawmakers who attended the tour included Assemblymembers Carrie Woerner, Jake Ashby, Robert Smullen, and Matt Simpson. NYS Deputy Secretary of Food and Agriculture Kevin King also attended along with staff members from numerous other state and federal legislative offices as well as from NYS Departments of Agriculture and Markets, Environmental Conservation, Economic Development, and Rural Resources Commission.

New York Farm Bureau thanks all of the farms and the participants for their time and interest.



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FARM TOUR

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George Allen of Allenwaite highlighted animal care on his dairy farm and the great lengths they go to protect the environment. He passed around examples of different feed types for his cows amidst the packing of the feed bunks that was happening while we were there. Allen also posed many good questions about unintended consequences of regulation, giving everyone much to think about when they go back to their offices in Albany and Washington.

The next stop was Slack Hollow Organics where Seth Jacobs gave participants a look at the burgeoning cannabis cultivation. It is his first year with an adult-use cannabis conditional license in New York State. Regulations are still being written on how adult use cannabis will be grown, processed, and sold, but he believes this is an opportunity of a lifetime for a farm like his. Jacobs is hopeful it will allow his family to re-invest into their farm and provide a livelihood for his two sons, the next



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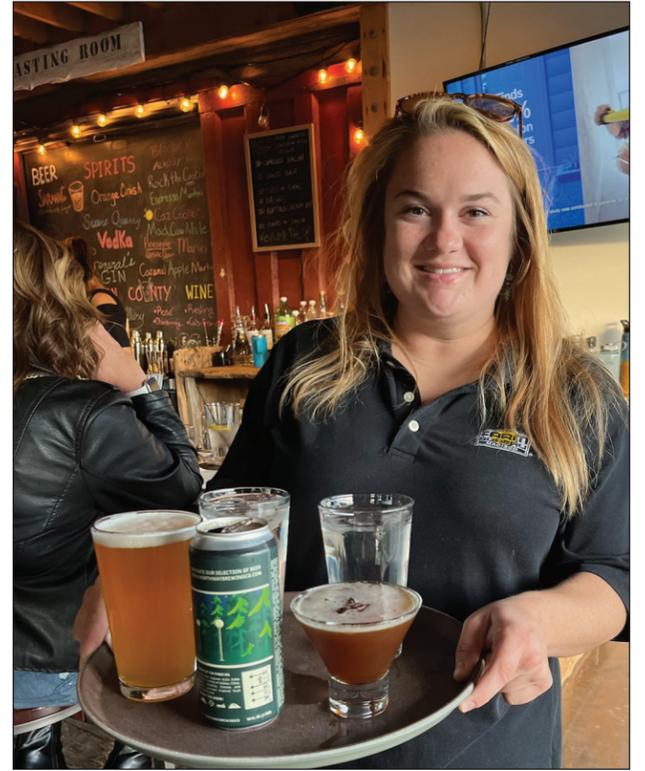
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Scott O'Mara, Madison County Farm Bureau board member takes an order from guests at this year's event.



Madison County Farm Bureau YF&R Chair, Chelsey Mahany prepares to deliver a tray of drinks to waiting patrons.



Johanna Bossard, left, P&E Chair for the Madison County Farm Bureau takes a moment to grab a photo with our partners from the Food Bank of Central New York, Heidi Sione, center, and Lynn Ha. The trio was responsible for coordinating this year's event.

Madison CFB Hosts Eighth Annual Take-Over Event

The eight annual Madison County Farm Bureau Take-Over Event to benefit the Food Bank of Central New York was held on Oct. 14 at the Madison County Distillery in Cazenovia. This year's event raised \$2,000 for the Food Bank of Central New York which will be used to purchase meals for those in need within the Food Bank general service area. The Madison County Farm Bureau would like to thank our partners at the Madison County Distillery and their dedicated staff for their efforts in assist-

ing us with this event for the second year in a row now. The distillery donates 20% of the night's sales along with tips to this great cause. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the volunteers who joined us for the evening to wait tables, wash dishes, prepare food and serve drinks. Without your continued participation this event would not be possible.

*John Wagner,
NYFB Region 5 Director*

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a 60-day public comment period

"I thank the Farm Laborers Wage Board and all New Yorkers who provided insight and input during this inclusive process," said Commissioner Reardon. "I come from a farm community myself, so I know how important the agricultural sector is to the New York State economy. Based on the findings, I feel the Farm Laborers Wage Board's recommendations are the best path forward to ensure equity for farm workers and success for agricultural businesses."

But the findings in the wage board report were challenged by New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher, who served on the wage board. He was the only one of its three members to oppose the lower threshold. During the final wage board meeting, Fisher called into question the cherry-picking of the data used to justify the change as well as the lack of information that detailed the negative impacts this will have on the farms, farmworkers, food supply and New York economy.

In his statement following Reardon's announcement, President Fisher said, "This is a difficult day for all those who care about New York being able to feed itself. Commissioner Reardon's decision to lower the farm labor overtime threshold will make it even tougher to farm in this state and will be a financial blow to the workers we all support.

Moving forward, farms will be forced to make difficult decisions on what they grow, the available hours they can provide to their employees, and their ability to compete in the marketplace. All of this was highlighted in the testimony and data that the wage board report and the commissioner simply ignored."

New York Farm Bureau worked closely with our agricultural partners in the Grow NY Farms coalition throughout the three years long wage board process. We coordinated a massive public affairs and media outreach campaign to make sure the agricultural community was heard across this state.

Grow NY Farms released a joint statement echoing Fisher's sentiment saying, "New York's agriculture community is deeply disappointed in Commissioner Reardon's ill-in-

formed decision to lower the overtime threshold for our family farms. This decision threatens the security of our food supply, the retention of our skilled farmworkers, and the future of New York's farms. If Governor Hochul has the ability to step in and stop this damaging decision, she must do so immediately."

In addition to the wage board decision, Reardon also announced next steps in the state's \$15 minimum hourly wage phase-in. She issued an Order calling for the minimum wage rate in counties outside of New York City, Long Island and Westchester to rise by \$1 per hour, from \$13.20 to \$14.20, following a statutorily required economic analysis conducted by the New York State Division of the Budget (DOB). DOL said the division's analysis found evidence of pressure for wages to rise in the midst of a continued pandemic-driven labor shortage. Currently, the minimum wage rate in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County is \$15 per hour, having reached that level following phased-in annual increases pursuant to statute.

The Commissioner's Order will be enacted through rulemaking and is subject to public comment before a final decision is made. NYSOL announced the start of the public comment period for New Yorkers to weigh in on the recommendation and invited New Yorkers to share feedback by e-mailing regulations@labor.ny.gov by Dec. 11, 2022. If accepted, the wage increase would take effect on Dec. 31, 2022.

New York Farm Bureau would like to thank all of our members who engaged on the overtime threshold issue and maintained a steadfast defense over the past three years. As President Fisher said in his dissent to the wage board report, the cards were stacked against agriculture from the very beginning, but we fought hard all along the way. New York Farm Bureau also greatly appreciates our partners in the Grow NY Farms coalition. We were passionate in our effort and spoke with one voice to represent the diversity of agriculture in the state. Our work did not go unnoticed. We will continue to advocate for our members and all of New York agriculture.

Go to NYFB.org to send an e-lobby message to Gov. Hochul on both wage issues.

FARM BILL

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and ranchers have met the needs of consumers both here and abroad while continuing to improve our environmental stewardship. We look forward to working with Congress to ensure the appropriate resources are available to craft farm policy that reduces food insecurity, bolsters national security and encourages long-term stability for all of our farm and ranch families."

The priorities include more than 60 recommendations over multiple titles of the farm bill including reference price increases for commodities, more transparency for milk

checks, funding for conservation programs, rural development, and streamlining of nutrition programs to get food to those who need it most.

The AFBF board of directors voted unanimously to approve the recommendations. Final approval of policy priorities will be accomplished by a vote of delegates at the AFBF Convention in Puerto Rico in January 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Read AFBF farm bill priorities by going to <https://tinyurl.com/AFBF-Farm-Bill-2023>

Farmers Can Now Make 2023 Crop Year Elections, Enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage, Price Loss Coverage Programs

USDA

Agricultural producers can now change election and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage programs for the 2023 crop year, two key safety net programs offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Signup began Monday, and producers have until March 15, 2023, to enroll in these two programs. Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has started issuing payments totaling more than \$255 million to producers with 2021 crops that have triggered payments through ARC or PLC.

2023 Elections, Enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County (ARC-CO) or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2023 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2023, they must sign a new contract.

If producers do not submit their election by the March 15, 2023 deadline, their election remains the same as their 2022 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Web-Based Decision Tools

In partnership with USDA, the University of Illinois and Texas A&M University offer web-based decision tools to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Tools include:

- Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

- ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M that allows producers to obtain basic information regarding the decision and factors that should be taken into consideration such as future commodity prices and historic yields to estimate payments for 2022.

2021 Payments and Contracts

ARC and PLC payments for a given crop year are paid out the following fall to allow actual county yields and the Market Year Average prices

to be finalized. This month, FSA processed payments to producers enrolled in 2021 ARC-CO, ARC-IC and PLC for covered commodities that triggered for the crop year.

For ARC-CO, producers can view the 2021 ARC-CO Benchmark Yields and Revenues online database, for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity. For PLC, payments have triggered for rapeseed and peanuts.

For ARC-IC, producers should contact their local FSA office for additional information pertaining to 2021 payment information, which relies on producer-specific yields for the crop and farm to determine benchmark yields and actual year yields when calculating revenues.

By the Numbers

In 2021, producers signed nearly 1.8 million ARC or PLC contracts, and 251 million out of 273 million base acres were enrolled in the programs. For the 2022 crop year signed contracts surpassed 1.8 million, to be paid in the fall of 2023, if a payment triggers.

Since ARC and PLC were first authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and reauthorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, these safety-net programs have paid out more than \$34.9 billion to producers of covered commodities.

Crop Insurance Considerations

ARC and PLC are part of a broader safety net provided by USDA, which also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on ARC and PLC, visit the ARC and PLC webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/USDA-ARC-PLC>

You may also contact your local USDA Service Center: <https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator>



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The Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) provides food safety training to fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety and the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule.

The PSA Grower Training Course satisfies the FSMA Produce Safety Rule training requirement which states *“At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.”*

Scheduling and Registration for the next PSA Grower Training Courses:

In-person course is a traditional classroom-style course with instructors, typically presented in a single 7-8 hour training day.

Online delivery course is a three-week course that can be completed at your own pace. The online course is expected to take 15-30 hours for successful completion.

Remote delivery course is a course led in real time by instructors delivered with video conferencing software, such as Zoom or Webex.

Further details on PSA Grower Training Courses are available at the PSA website:

<https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/training>

For more information, visit the New York State Department and Agriculture and Markets website at:

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U.S. Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments

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The following two cases could have the potential to greatly impact the agricultural industry. New York Farm Bureau has been closely monitoring these cases and will update our members when a decision by the Court has been reached.

Sackett v. EPA

On Monday, October 3rd, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on a case that has the potential to greatly impact the definition of “Waters of the United States” and to further define vague terms within the Clean Water Act. The case originated from a couple who bought a parcel of land on wetlands situated 300 feet from Priest Lake, Idaho. They started to place fill on the lot, but were halted by the EPA, citing a violation of the Clean Water Act. The specific question before the Court is whether the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit used the proper test, the “significant nexus” test, in determining whether wetlands are “Waters of the United States”. The “significant nexus” test first cited in the case of *Rapanos v. United States*, states there must be “a significant nexus between the wetlands in question and navigable waters in the traditional sense.” *Rapanos* 547 U.S. 779.

National Pork Producers Council et. al. v. Ross

On Tuesday, October 11, the Supreme Court of the United States

heard the case of National Pork Producers Council et. al v. Karen Ross in her role as Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. In 2018, California voters approved Proposition 12 which prohibits the sale of pork from hogs (raised anywhere) that were not confined according to certain specifications—24 square feet per sow. The National Pork Producers Council and American Farm Bureau Federation argued that because California imports over 99% of its pork products, the effect of this ban would have a greater, direct impact on other states who produce pork. Thus, it is argued that because the proposition is far overreaching into other states, it is a violation of the Dormant Commerce Clause. The Dormant Commerce Clause is often described as a “prohibition against states passing legislation that discriminates against or excessively burdens interstate commerce.” Commerce Clause, Legal Information Institute, Cornell Law School.

For further information on either of these cases, please visit the Supreme Court’s website, found at <https://www.supremecourt.gov/>

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NYFB Releases Second Set of PERB Comments

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In 2019, New York passed the Farm Laborer Fair Labor Practices Act (hereinafter “FLFLPA”) which amended the State Employment Relations Act (“SERA”) under the New York State Labor Law. This act provided that farm employees could collectively bargain. As SERA was not previously used for farm employees, revisions had to be made during the rulemaking process to now include farm employees upon the passing of FLFLPA. In early 2022, the first draft of the proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure governing matters brought under the State Employment Relations Act were open for a public comment period. New York Farm Bureau submitted comments in March to those proposed rules.

In July of 2022, a second set of proposed rules were released for public comment. New York Farm Bureau submitted comments in September surrounding the second revision to the proposed amendments. Although not an exhaustive list, here is a summary of the main concerns we raised in our September comments:

- Failing to require cases brought under FLFLPA to be sworn before a notary or person entitled to administer oaths may open the opportunity to fraud.
- A “Showing of Interest” to create a single labor organization should only be supported by dues authorization cards.
- The rules should allow an opportunity for employees to withdraw or revoke their dues authorization cards, in the event the employee changes their mind.
- The use of Special Mediators should only occur if both parties mutually agree to the use of a Mediator.
- Parties should be allowed to see the type of evidence submitted by the employee organization that indicates proof of majority status or proof of a showing of interest to form a union.

- Individual employee representatives with *personal knowledge* should be allowed to submit declarations attesting to the authenticity of the submitted cards; not an individual without personal knowledge.

- To protect the due process protections of both the employer and union representative, a hearing should immediately be held if the integrity of the showing of interest has been questioned.

- The timeline to submit exceptions to the Board after the hearing officer’s determination of an investigation (currently written as two days) is unreasonable, and thus should be given more time to submit exceptions to the Board. Additionally, the timeframe of processing a Petition by the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), scheduling a conference or hearing, filing an answer, filing a response to a motion, filing a declaration of impasse, and filing a Statement of Position as proposed are too short.

- Elections should be held by a secret ballot and the votes should be cast in person, supervised by a Public Employment Practices and Representation (PEPR) representative.

- Hearing officers should not have the authority to officially certify a unit.

- For fairness, equal opportunities should be provided to farm employers to bring an unfair labor practice charge.

For more information or updates, please visit: <https://perb.ny.gov/>

When we have additional information and/or updates, New York Farm Bureau will inform our members.

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News Briefs

Dairy Margin Coverage Now Open For Enrollment

Dairy producers can now enroll for 2023 coverage through the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program, an important safety net program from the USDA that helps producers manage changes in milk and feed prices. Last year, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) took steps to improve coverage, especially for small- and mid-sized dairies, including offering a new Supplemental DMC program and updating its feed cost formula to better address retroactive, current and future feed costs. These changes continue to support producers through this year's signup, which ends Dec. 9, 2022.

DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. DMC offers different levels of coverage, even an option that is free to producers, aside from a \$100 administrative fee. Limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged or a military veteran farmers or ranchers are exempt from paying the administrative fee, if request-



ed. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

Supplemental DMC coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds. For producers who enrolled in Supplemental DMC in 2022, the supplemental coverage will automatically be added to the 2023 DMC contract that previously established a supplemental production history. Producers who did not enroll in Supplemental DMC in 2022 can do so now. For more information on DMC, visit the DMC webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/4dbduzk6> or contact your local USDA Service Center.

USDA Releases Proposed Framework to Reduce Salmonella Infections Linked to Poultry Products

On Oct. 14, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) released a proposed regulatory framework for a new strategy to control Salmonella contamination in poultry products and reduce foodborne illnesses attributed to these products. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that Salmonella bacteria cause approximately 1.35 million human infections and 26,500 hospitalizations in the United States every year. Of those infections, over 23% are attributed to poultry consumption. Foodborne illness can have a devastating impact, both personally and financially, on people's lives, the cost of which reverberates through the economy.

For more information on the proposed framework, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yckrusb5>.

To view the Federal Register meeting notice and information on how to comment or submit information, visit the FSIS website at <https://tinyurl.com/4zt4k738>.

On-Farm Safety Grants Available

The John May Farm Safety Fund, administered by the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) provides matching funds to small and mid-sized farms for repairs and upgrades to make the farm workplace safer. NYCAMH will cover half the costs, up to \$5,000, for projects like animal handling chute facilities, update electrical wiring, install safety rails, scaffolding equipment for crop harvesting, just to name a few. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information and to apply, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2zfk48w>.

2022 Census of Agriculture Details Announced

The USDA will mail the 2022 Census of Agriculture to millions of farmers across the U.S. and Puerto Rico this fall. The census will be mailed in phases, starting with an invitation to respond online in November followed by a paper questionnaire in December. Farms of all sizes, both urban and rural, that produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022 are included in the census. The census is currently conducted every five years by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). By highlighting topics like land use and ownership, producer characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures, the Census of Agriculture tells the story and shows the value of agriculture across the U.S. In 2022, changes to the questionnaire include new questions about the use of precision agriculture, hemp production, hair sheep, and updates to internet access questions. Learn more about the Census of Agriculture by visiting nass.usda.gov/agcensus.

Four New York Counties Receive Disaster Declaration Due to Drought

The USDA has designated four New York counties as primary natural di-

saster areas due to a recent drought. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional. In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your New York are named as contiguous disaster counties.

Primary Counties are Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Ulster, and Westchester. Contiguous Counties are Bronx, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster.

USDA Announces \$64M in Grant Awards to Strengthen Local, Regional Food Systems

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service has awarded over \$64 million for 185 grant projects to expand and strengthen local and regional food systems and increase the availability of locally grown agricultural products. The funding will be distributed through the Local Agriculture Market Program's (LAMP) Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Programs (FMLFPP) and the Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP) grant program.

FMLFPP is implemented through two grant programs, the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). The goal of the program is to develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food systems. FMPP funds projects that support producer-to-consumer markets such as farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, community-supported agriculture programs (CSA), and online sales. This year, the program is awarding \$13 million to 55 projects that will work towards capacity building or community development training and technical assistance.

Hinchey's 'New York Textile Act' signed into law

Sen. Michelle Hinchey recently announced the signing of her bill, the New York Textile Act (S8741A), which will open economic development incentives and technical assistance to stimulate New York's textile manufacturing industry.

S8741A-Hinchey includes several key provisions, such as incentivizing public agencies to purchase natural fiber products made in New York State and inducting animal and plant fiber farmers into the New York State Grown and Certified Program so that local producers have access to marketing and promotional resources and support. Hinchey's legislation also creates a Natural Fiber Textile Workgroup, chaired by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, to expand workforce development and employment opportunities in textile manufacturing, increase private investment in the industry as well as export and market opportunities for New York-produced natural fiber textiles.

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