

## **NYFB Promotion and Education Chair**

We are pleased to introduce the new Chair of NYFB State Promotion and Education Committee, Darleen Krisher-Meehan, who resides in Allegany County in Andover. Raised on a dairy farm in Andover, where her father and his two brothers milked about 200 head, she had very little to do with the farm growing up, just helped to milk occasionally when they were short of help. Darleen's involvement has been diversified and included a love of the business.

Darleen went to work for her brother at the local feed mill in Andover in 1992. When it sold out in 1999, she continued to work there until the doors closed in 2003. When the mill in town closed, she and her husband, Joe Meehan, built their current location and started Country Crossroads Feed and Seed LLC.

From a 15-acre field of golden rod they have built what they have today. Her husband cash crops approximately 1,000 acres of corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley, sunflowers, soybeans and hay, and they retail it back through their store.

Country Crossroads carries a line of NON-GMO feeds, grain free dog foods. They offer a bulk lime spreading service, do free pH testing, sell non-restricted chemicals, farm seeds, and Nutrena feed for most animals. In the Spring of 2015, they planted 1200 raspberry plants in hopes of opening an You-Pick raspberry patch.

Darleen and Joe are proud parents of Mackenzie Krisher age 26 and Nathan Krisher, age 24, who is part of their cash crop business. She has always found time to volunteer for her community, whether it be her work on the Allegany County Farm Bureau as President (her fourth year), her involvement in Promotion & Education, as she has chaired the County Farm Bureau Ag Career Day for three years, her fourth this March. She is a "hands-on" leader, as she sits on every committee for Allegany County Farm Bureau. In addition, she is an active participant on the the Allegany-Steuben Holstein Club where she continues to serve as Secretary since 2014, plus serving on the Farm Credit East Customer Service Council Board since 2015.

Darleen is a graduate of Greenwood Central School in Canisteo, as well as LEAD NY Class 15. Her interaction with customers, service, and education is undeniable in her everyday routine. She believes that Farm Bureau stands for everything she believes in and can't do alone.

New York agriculture is blessed with a membership that cares enough to take an active role. We look forward to Darleen's input and expertise as we move forward to enhance our constituency and raise the level of agricultural literacy and understanding.

