

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS



Jeff Kirby, New York Farm Bureau

Jeff came to New York Farm Bureau with a farm background from Delaware County, where he was heavily involved in FFA in high school and was an FFA State Officer in 1975, serving as the State FFA Sentinel. Jeff is a graduate of Cornell University, with a degree in Agricultural Economics and Business Management. After graduating from Cornell, he obtained his Law Degree from Vermont Law School.

Jeff is a Class IV graduate of the LEAD New York agricultural leadership program, and has served on the LEAD New York Board of Directors, the Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Advisory Council, and the American Agriculturalist Board of Directors.

Jeff was a member of the New York Farm Bureau staff team for more than 34 years, starting in 1984.

He first served Farm Bureau as the General



Counsel for the organization for almost 14 years, and served as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer for more than 20 years.

Throughout his career, Jeff was devoted to advancing the NYFB mission, and enjoyed working closely with the NYFB Board and all of the Departments within NYFB to achieve the organization's goals. Jeff retired from NYFB in May 2020.

Jeff Kirby, along with his wife Debra, reside in Ballston Lake, NY. They have two daughters, Kaelin, a fifth grade teacher in Providence, RI, and Alexandra, a Science Writer in Washington, DC.

Jon Greenwood, Greenwood Dairy

Jon Greenwood, first generation dairy farmer, founded Greenwood Dairy in Canton, NY in 1978 with 80 cows. The farm has grown to 3,000 tillable acres and 1,400 cows.

Jon has been deeply involved in New York Farm Bureau, beginning with Young Farmers. He served on the St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau Board for years and has been County President for many years. He's also served on various county committees.

Jon competed in the NYFB Young Farmer leadership contest. Jon, and his wife Linda, were also on the NYFB State Young Farmer & Rancher Committee. Jon served on the NYFB State Board representing District 7 before being elected Vice President. He has also served as NYFB's representative on AFBF Advisory Committees. While serving as NYFB Vice President, he served as a



member of the Farm Family Insurance Company Board of Directors.

Jon has been a County Legislator, member of the IDA board and numerous other local boards throughout the years. Jon was Northeast Dairy Producers Association. (NEDPA) Chairman and a founding member. He is also Co-

Chair for the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP).

Jon and his wife Linda have three adult children, Clara, Ben, and Ted, and seven grandchildren. Ben and his wife Hibby work on the family farm.