

St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau President Jon Greenwood and county Farm Bureau members met with Assemblyman Billy Jones (top row, second from right) during NYFB's Lobby Days.



Beef Quality Assurance Transportation Training

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Fisher Elected to National Position

At the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting, the national Promotion and Education Committee elected Patti Fisher of St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau to be their national chair. Patti assumed her new role in March. Congratulations Patti!

Pictured: Paul Molesky, Rensselaer County Farm Bureau and newly elected AFBF Young Farmers Chair, and Patti Fisher, St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau.

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State Annual Meeting

Jon Greenwood, Kevin Acres and Dan Huntley attended NYFB's State Annual Meeting as delegates from the county Farm Bureau.

Ted Greenwood competed in the Young Farmers discussion meet and did very well. David Fisher was re-elected as New York Farm Bureau President.

Pictured l-r: Dan Huntley, Jon Greenwood and Kevin Acres.

Membership Strength in Diversity

The success of New York Farm Bureau and St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau is based on a committed and diverse membership. We are ultimately successful because we work together, across commodities, to promote each other's interests. As the saying goes, there is strength in numbers. Recently as a county board, we have been talking about how to get more members outside of the "traditional" dairy farmer member. You can help us make a difference! We welcome feedback on how to involve all of agriculture in St. Lawrence County and how we can better serve your interests. We also encourage you to try to get your neighbors to sign up as members. From now until the end of June, new members can sign up for \$99 and be members until the end of 2020. Our goals and objectives as an organization are accomplished when we work as a unified team to benefit all of agriculture. After all, every farmer needs Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau needs every farmer.

Save the Date Summer Social

This year's event is scheduled for
Wed., July 17, from 6-8 p.m. at

Loomis Quarter Horses

939 County Route 33

Waddington, NY

St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau
will provide dinner.

RSVP to the Eastern New York Farm
Bureau Regional Office at
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More information will follow.



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St. Lawrence County
Farm Bureau News



On Sat., March 9, young farmers from St. Lawrence County gathered to beat the wintertime blues. Members bowled at Market Lanes in Potsdam and shared food, drinks and conversation.

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President's Report

St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau has been actively advocating on both the state and national level to push for sound public policies to benefit agriculture. These policies were the result of NYFB's unique grassroots process that started at our well-attended County Annual Meeting last fall and passed at NYFB's State Annual Meeting in December. Each meeting



was filled with thoughtful discussion on issues facing local farm families. Thank you for your continued support of NYFB. I am proud to continue leading St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau and thankful for our dedicated board members who are committed to providing quality opportunities and programs for our members.

Please take a look inside for the latest from Albany and Washington, D.C. as it pertains to agriculture and feel free to contact me with any questions, issues or concerns.

I hope you can join us for our annual summer barbeque in July!

Jon Greenwood

New York Farm Bureau Priority Issues

New York Farm Bureau's Board of Directors has established the following state priority issues for 2019:

- Support critical funding for current agricultural animal health, promotion, research and environmental programs in the final FY 19/20 state budget.
- Strong opposition to unworkable employer mandates in New York State.
- Ensure staff funding for critical positions at the Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- Fund farm tire cost-share disposal (from DEC Part 360 regulations) through the EPF.
- Expand the Farm Workforce Retention Tax Credit to Christmas tree, maple, farm wineries and cideries and increase overall funding.
- Remove unemployment insurance requirements for H-2A workers.
- Amend General Municipal Law 247 to allow farms with conservation easements to construct necessary farm buildings and structures.
- Support training for police and district attorneys on animal cruelty laws pursuant to current law.
- Funding for research and eradication of tick-borne illnesses.

Agricultural Literacy Week

In celebration of New York Agricultural Literacy Week, March 18-22, volunteers throughout the state read this year's book choice, *On the Farm, At the Market*. Each year a book is chosen with an agricultural theme for second graders during the designated New York Agricultural Literacy Week. Once again, Essex County Farm Bureau sponsored this year's choice.

This book highlights the story of agriculture with vivid illustrations and a community-centric storyline. Students will understand the importance of agriculture as an economic driver in communities across New York, and develop an awareness for where their food comes from and its journey.

