



NEW YORK FARM BUREAU STATE ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 2 – 4, 2019

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
BINGHAMTON, NY

GENERAL INFORMATION

New York Farm Bureau, the voice of NY agriculture, will conduct its 63rd State Annual Meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 225 Water Street, Binghamton, NY 13901, on December 2 – 4, 2019. Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development process begins at the county level with problem identification and culminates at the New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting with a resolution addressing the issue in delegate session.

There have been several changes to the meeting this year. The biggest changes are outlined below:

Monday, December 2:

- 1:00 p.m. Silent Auction Open for Drop-Offs
- 3:00 p.m. Workshop: *"Sharing Our Successes"*, Sponsored by Promotion & Education
- 3:00 p.m. County Presidents & Vice Presidents Leadership Forum Sponsored by NYCAMH, *"Crucial Conversations Needed for the New Political Environment in New York"*, presented by Elise Stoddard, AFBF
- 6:00 p.m. Informal Networking Dinner Sponsored by Farm Credit East – American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall will participate in a "town hall" style meeting during this informal dinner.
- 8:00 p.m. "FUNdation Fun" Sponsored by Heritage Hill Brewhouse

Tuesday, December 3:

- 8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast – ProEd Awards and County Awards of Excellence
- 8:30 a.m. Open Resolutions
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 9:45 a.m. Delegate Session Begins

- 11:30 a.m. District Caucuses
- 12:30 p.m. Lunches – ProEd, YF&R, General
- 4:00 p.m. Keynote Address by Vance Crowe
“How to Address Controversies, Persuade Your Critics and Create Advocates”
- 5:30 p.m. Silent Auction Bidding Closes
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Reception and Banquet Sponsored by Nationwide
- 8:00 p.m. NYFB YF&R Fun & Games Event Sponsored by “Heritage Hill Brewhouse

Wednesday, December 4:

- 7:30 a.m. Membership Breakfast Sponsored by UBS Financial Services
- 8:15 a.m. NYFB Safety Group #486 Annual Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Workshops
 - *“Everything You Need to Know About Workers’ Compensation”*
 - *“Collective Bargaining Considerations for Your Farm”*
- 10:30 a.m. Delegate Session Begins
- 11:30 a.m. Elections and ByLaws
- 12:00 noon Box Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Delegate Session, if needed

Delegate reimbursement includes two nights lodging for Monday and Tuesday nights, based on double occupancy, Monday dinner, Tuesday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wednesday lunch, and mileage. Delegates attending for only the Promotion & Education Business Session & Lunch or the Young Farmer & Rancher Business Session and Lunch will not be reimbursed.

National and state resolutions will begin Tuesday morning at 9:45, followed by the Executive Director’s and Treasurer’s reports, and the President’s Address, at 10:45 a.m.

A Keynote Address will be presented by Vance Crowe, in delegate session on Tuesday at 4 p.m. with *“How to Address Controversies, Persuade Your Critics and Create Advocates”*.

There will be a Membership Breakfast on Wednesday morning. This breakfast is paid for by New York Farm Bureau, however, **reservations are required!!!** Please make your reservation on the meal reservation form.

After-hours events will be held Monday night to benefit the NYFB Foundation, and Tuesday night for Young Farmers & Ranchers. More info will be posted when available.

REGISTRATION/RESERVATIONS

The **Hotel Reservation Form** should be completed and returned directly to the DoubleTree for overnight rooms. The New York Farm Bureau rate is \$109/night, single or double. With taxes, the one-night charge will be \$123.17. A deposit of at least one night's charge needs to be sent with the form. There is also a link on our website, www.nyfb.org, to reserve a room online.

The **Meeting and Meal Registration Form** needs to be sent directly to New York Farm Bureau, along with full payment. It can also be emailed to membersupport@nyfb.org. This form will be used for name badges and meal reservations. All attendees must check-in at the NYFB registration desk to get a name badge. Attendees will not be admitted to any event at the meeting without a NYFB-issued name badge. Again, there is a link on our website, www.nyfb.org, to register for the meeting and meals. Checks for meal reservations should be made payable to New York Farm Bureau. Please call the NYFB Member Support team at 1-800-342-4143 to pay with MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover.

If you have additional questions regarding State Annual Meeting, please contact Pamela Rafferty at 518-431-5606, or by email at prafferty@nyfb.org.

MEAL PACKAGES

The full meal package consists of Monday Dinner, Tuesday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Wednesday lunch. Delegates are not reimbursed if attending only for the Promotion & Education and Young Farmer & Rancher Business Sessions and Lunches

Following are meals that are scheduled:

Monday, December 2:

Informal Networking Dinner Sponsored by Farm Credit East – 6:00 p.m. - \$47/person
American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall will be joining us and participating in a “town hall” style discussion with attendees during this dinner. Various food stations include vegetables and dips, fruits, cheeses and crackers, mashed potato bar with a variety of toppings, carving station with prime rib, horseradish sauce, au Jus and rolls, and a pasta station.

Tuesday, December 6:

Awards Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. - \$18/person
At this breakfast, Promotion & Education Awards will be presented and County Farm Bureaus will be recognized with County Awards of Excellence.

General Lunch – 12:30 p.m. - \$30/person
This lunch will have no program and is for attendees who are not participating in the Young Farmer & Rancher or Promotion & Education Business Session/Lunches

Young Farmer & Rancher Business Session & Lunch – 11:45 a.m. - \$37/person

Elections for chair and district representatives, other business, and lunch will be conducted at this time. All young farmers are encouraged to attend. Young farmers are between 18 and 35 years of age. Only young farmer and rancher delegates authorized by their county Farm Bureau are permitted to vote. Reservations are required in advance, along with payment.

Promotion & Education Business Session & Lunch – 11:45 a.m. - \$37/person

Elections for chair and district representatives, other business, and lunch will be conducted at this time. All county promotion & education chairs, along with those interested in this program, are encouraged to attend. Only ProEd delegates authorized by their county Farm Bureau are permitted to vote. Reservations are required in advance, along with payment.

Evening Reception & Banquet sponsored by Nationwide – 6:00 p.m. - \$60/person

Our Evening Reception will feature an hour of hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, followed by the Banquet at 7 p.m. This year, attendees will need to choose an entrée of Ribeye, Salmon Filet, or Pasta. Awards to be presented are YF&R Awards, James Quinn Award, and Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

Wednesday, December 7:

Membership Breakfast Sponsored by UBS Financial Services– 7:30 a.m. – No Charge

All members are invited as NYFB's guests to this Membership Breakfast. Individual membership awards, along with other awards, will be presented during this breakfast. Although there is no charge for the breakfast, reservations are required in advance.

Box Lunch – 12:00 noon - \$20/person

Box lunches will be available for members to take with them if delegate session ends by noon, or to sit and eat if delegate session continues after lunch.

*******The reservation deadline is November 15, 2019*******