

## **NYFB State Promotion & Education Committee Welcomes Jami Willard!**

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Jami Willard was recently elected to represent District 3 (Cayuga, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties) on the New York Farm Bureau State Promotion & Education Committee. Her election was then approved by the NYFB Board of Directors.

Jami grew up on her grandfather's farm and surrounded by his trucking business (Albert Updike). In addition, she had a job managing the calf program on a local dairy farm. She is currently raising her own livestock and farming with her family on their farm, Thompson Lakeview Farms.

Jami is a graduate of South Seneca High School in Ovid, New York. She went on to earn her A.S. Degree in 2011, and her B.A. in 2015. She is currently finishing her master's degree in Agriculture Education at SUNY Oswego, with a December 2019 graduation date.

Although new to Farm Bureau, she is very involved. She has served on the Seneca County Farm Bureau Board of Directors since 2017, assuming the Chairmanship role for Promotion & Education in 2018, when she also decided to become involved on a state level.

Jami, and her husband, Robert Thompson, live in Interlaken, New York with their children Robby who is five years old and Rhettlee who is nine months old (the sixth generation on the farm). Jami feels that Farm Bureau is important to her because Agriculture is such a focus of her life. Any way she can serve and strengthen agriculture, she will work to do so. For her family, her community, and her family's future. She feels that every farm tells a story, and we need to work to be sure that the story is heard.

We look forward to Jami's support and ideas as we embark on a 2019 program to Promote & Educate!

