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### **District 7 Elects New Representative to the NYFB State Promotion & Education Committee**

At the annual business session of the Promotion & Education Committee in December, District 7 delegates caucused and unanimously elected Patricia Fisher as their representative.

Patti and her husband, David, are certainly not strangers to New York Farm Bureau. Their activity within and throughout the agricultural sector has always been at a very high level. Patti is also the First Lady of New York Farm Bureau, and her charm, calm demeanor, and wisdom are great assets to add to the State P&E Committee. Patti's Farm Bureau membership is celebrating 28 years!

The Fisher family have operated Mapleview Dairy in Madrid, N.Y. for four generations. They crop 4,000 acres plus alfalfa, hay, soy beans, and milk 2,200 cows. Patti and David's sons, Jordan Fisher 26, and Jacob Fisher 25, both graduated from Cornell and are working in the business.

Patti has played a role in the local "A Day at the Farm" on their Planning Committee since 2014. She is also involved with the Board of Directors for the North Country Center for Yoga and Health Sept. 2016-present; Board of Directors for New Beginnings Thrift Shop and Food Pantry in Madrid; and the Board of Directors for the St. Lawrence Leadership Institute.

As always, Patti has a busy schedule including her position as the Supervisor of Instructional Technology for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES. Patti began her career as an accountant in the private sector before returning to college to earn a teaching certificate. She taught High School Business for six years. She earned her Master's Degree in Instructional Technology and Media Management from SUNY Potsdam and was hired as an Instructional Technology Coach for the SLL BOCES Model Schools Program in September 2004. In 2008, Patti earned her Administrative Certificate from Johns Hopkins School of Education through an online program offered in partnership with ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education). She became the Supervisor of Instructional Technology for the SLL BOCES in September 2008.

Patti stated, "As an educator I believe knowledge is power thus my interest in the Pro Ed committee. I believe in educating the public so they are informed consumers, not only of ag products but of information published about agriculture, production and the end products".

We look forward to working with Patti, utilizing her energy and expertise to provide New York Farm Bureau members and our communities with the essentials to share our story and provide information that is relevant and proven.

