

CULTIVATING AGVOCATES  
 CNY REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN  
 FEBRUARY 13, 2019  
 HILTON GARDEN INN, AUBURN, NY



Leaders, advocates, mentors and managers within the agriculture industry are being represented by more and more women in today's society and that trend is not changing anytime soon. To highlight and showcase the

importance of women in agriculture, the Cayuga Community College and New York Agri-Women, Inc. have partnered to bring an opportunity for women in agriculture to Central New York.

This opportunity will allow you to step out of your comfort zone, learn new ideas to implement on your farm or in your business and, most importantly, help you to cultivate new skills and learn about the importance of finding a work-life harmony during challenging times.

Cultivate your skills by building stronger networks, enhancing your media expertise, and improving your financial health. Learn about global opportunities to empower other agricultHERists. Sample some of the region's wines, brews, ciders, cheeses, and sweet treats while trading business ideas and magnifying new and existing connections. Take a breath and focus on Dr. Christine Allen's keynote as she leads the group through strategies to assist in the challenges of finding work-life harmony even during difficult times. Educate. Engage. Enjoy.

Go to [www.cayuga-cc.edu/agvocates](http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/agvocates) for more information or to register.

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NEW YORK FARM BUREAU  
2019 AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant Guideline

- 2019 graduating high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry.
- Live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture through any avenue.
- Family Farm Bureau membership or student Farm Bureau membership is required and may accompany application

Process and Procedure

- Applications and information available at [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org) or request by calling 1-800-342-4143.
- Students are required to complete an application which is a fillable pdf available on the NYFB website and submit a brief 300-500-word essay discussing an issue facing agriculture in their county, explaining how they think NYFB can support members who may deal with this issue.
- Completed application packets must be returned to New York Farm Bureau in Albany. A March 1, 2019 postmark deadline or via email.
- A district level competition will be held. Scoring will determine the county winners as well as the district winner. The judging event may necessitate a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments. The judging will take place prior to April 20, 2019. Each district winner will receive \$100 plus a memento of their selection.

State winner selection will be made from district winners, based solely on the submitted applications; there will be no personal interviews.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- MIKE HEIM
- DALE KEHOE
- TIM PALLOKAT
- JON PATTERSON
- LUCAS SCHONFELD
- JEFF TEN EYCK

The new members of Cayuga County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for 2019 are listed above. By becoming a participating board member they have helped to add their voice and expertise to Cayuga County Farm Bureau. They help define and address issues affecting agriculture, support member programming and educate the public and elected officials on important agriculture-related topics.

Welcome and Thank you

## WINTER SHOP MEETINGS PRESENTED BY CCE CAYUGA COUNTY

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County (CCE Cayuga) invites all farms, producers and agriculture service professionals to attend one or all of the upcoming Winter Shop Meetings. The objective of the series, which will be hosted by local farms and held in their heated workshops, is to keep Cayuga County producers informed of timely issues affecting their business. Shop Meetings are an opportunity to hear from local farms and industry experts, to encourage conversation and sharing amongst the county's farms.

Topics slated for discussion include, but are never limited to:

- **Thursday, February 14 • 12:30-2:30 PM**  
Beef and Dairy/Beef Crosses: Opportunities for Dairy Farmers with Cornell Beef Cattle Extension Specialist Dr. Mike Baker at Conquest Cattle Feeders, 10765 Cooper St, Cato, NY
- **Friday, March 1 • 12:30-2:30 PM**  
Utilizing Corn Silage Trial Results with Cornell University PRO-DAIRY Dairy Forage Systems Specialist Joe Lawrence, MS, CCA; at Musgrave Research Farm, 1256 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY
- **Friday, March 15 • 12:30-2:30 PM**  
Managing Diseases Prevalent in 2018 Growing Season with Jaime Cummings, MS, CCA; Cornell NYS IPM Program at Marvin Martin Dairy, 12645 North Rd, Cato, NY.

## MEET RON KUCK AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM EDUCATOR

Ron Kuck has signed on as an interim part-time Agricultural Program Educator to provide support to Cayuga County farmers during this time of restructuring for CCE Cayuga. The program will continue to bring the best local experience, academic resources, and research-based solutions to Cayuga County's farms and communities.

For those of you who do not yet know Ron, he recently retired after 12 years as the Dairy and Livestock Educator for CCE Jefferson County, a dairy county remarkably similar to Cayuga. Over the past few years, work and research have included forage storage management, first cutting alfalfa harvest management, dairy replacement and transition groups, grazing, ventilation, and dairy/beef calf crosses. On the livestock side, Dairy and Beef Quality Assurance and feeder calf grading and marketing, along with some research on artificial insemination with sheep.

Prior to his role with Extension in northern New York, Ron worked for nearly 20 years in feed sales and nutrition with Hewitt Bros. in Locke, NY. He has lived in Cayuga County for most of his professional career, involved in all phases of dairy farming.

Please take advantage of Winter Shop Meetings listed and other upcoming programs. Ron can be reached at 315-255-1183 ext. 242 at CCE Cayuga, on his cell at 315-704-8810, or by email to [rak76@cornell.edu](mailto:rak76@cornell.edu).

### SIGN UP NEW FARM BUREAU MEMBERS AND RECEIVE AWARDS

#### 2019 MEMBERSHIP INDIVIDUAL AWARDS & INCENTIVES

##### QUARTERLY RECRUITER DRAWING

Each quarter there will be a drawing for a cash prize. For every member you sign up that quarter, you will be entered in the drawing.

##### HIGH FIVE AWARD

Write 5 new memberships and NYFB will show its appreciation for your hard work by awarding you special Farm Bureau apparel.

##### 3 STAR HONOR AWARD

Sign up 3 new members and NYFB will recognize your increased level of commitment to membership with a special award at your County Annual Meeting.

##### HONOR CLUB

Write 1 new membership and NYFB will recognize your accomplishment by awarding you a special gift at your county annual meeting.

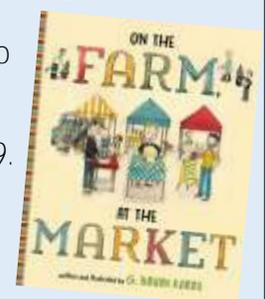
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Contact your Local  
Field Advisor with  
any questions.

### NY AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK MARCH 18-22, 2019

In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders during the designated NY Agricultural Literacy Week, March 18-22, 2019.



This year's Agricultural Literacy Week book choice is *On the Farm, At the Market*, which 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.

The book will be donated to the school or classroom library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Agricultural Literacy Week. Two thousand books were donated last year while thousands of second graders participated in fun and educational activities.

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AGENT, OR VISIT [NATIONWIDE.COM/NYFB](http://NATIONWIDE.COM/NYFB)

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*The board usually meets every second Wednesday of the month at the CNYFB Regional Office located at 7413 County House Road in Auburn.*

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Winter 2019



### *PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

I trust the holiday season was safe and enjoyable for everyone and the year ended on a good note for all. Just when it seems that you can relax as end of year activities are winding down, we're off and running with events for the new year!

### LOBBY DAY: MARCH 5

Lobby Day in Albany for New York Farm Bureau is scheduled for March 5, 2019. This is an excellent opportunity for Cayuga County Farm Bureau representatives to engage with their elected legislators as well as urban "Adopted Legislators". The purpose is to give a rural production perspective to our representatives and let them know what is working and what is not as they prepare to shape agricultural policies. For our urban legislators, this may be the only time that they meet with a farmer, and possibly the only rural New Yorker. Any Cayuga County Farm Bureau member who wishes to

participate at Lobby Day is welcome to do so. Please contact me at 315-252-4975 for all the particulars.

### TASTE OF NEW YORK RECEPTION: MARCH 4

New York Farm Bureau's Taste of New York Reception is held in conjunction with Lobby Day and scheduled for Monday, March 4. New York Farm Bureau has become famous for hosting one of the most popular, widely attended Reception and Issues Forums, and we want you to be a part of it. As a Farm Bureau member, you may prepare your New York-grown specialty product and serve it as part of your presentation at the reception. This event provides an opportunity to meet other Farm Bureau members and over 200 state officials while enjoying samples of New York's finest agricultural products. For additional information and to register, visit [NYFB.org/events](http://NYFB.org/events). I'm looking forward to having a productive 2019 and wish you all the same!

*Ray Lockwood*

### A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN JOHN KATKO



As Representative for New York's 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Washington, it is my honor to advocate on behalf of farmers in Onondaga, Cayuga, Wayne, and Oswego Counties. I'd like to take a moment now to update you on some of the recent accomplishments that impact our local agricultural community.

At the end of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, legislation that improves the New York farming industry was signed into law. The 2018 Farm Bill addresses critical agricultural issues facing Central New York farmers. Importantly, the new Farm Bill protects crops and boosts trading opportunities.

The new Farm Bill expands insurance for a wide variety of crops produced in Central New York. In particular, dairy farmers will benefit tremendously from the implementation of the Dairy Margin Coverage Program. This updated insurance policy provides dairy farmers more efficient coverage and an increased list of options, allowing farmers to be compensated when margins are low or products are spoiled by disaster. It also presents the opportunity to choose the insurance policy that best suits their particular needs as a farmer. Traditional crop insurance for farmers

of all backgrounds is also provided, doubling the disaster assistance coverage options for crops not eligible for insurance. Additionally, \$2.4 billion will be invested in pest research and management, supporting Central New York vegetable and fruit growers, especially apple growers. The application of these various programs will give our farms the ability to better protect their goods in the future.

Next, our local farms receive much needed trade relief under this version of the Farm Bill. Over the next decade, \$500 million will be allocated to help farmers across the country connect with foreign consumers. This will boost export opportunities for Central New York farmers of all kinds and increase sales. I am hopeful this policy, along with the establishment of the new United States-Mexico-Canada trade agreement and the rollback of unfair Canadian dairy tariffs, will bring financial success to Central New York farmers.

Central New York will be greatly impacted by all these new policies in the 2018 Farm Bill. Since coming to Congress, I have made it a priority of mine to support Central New York's agricultural economy in Congress. It was important to me that the policies outlined above were included in this legislation. I firmly believe Central New York will thrive in many ways as a result of this Farm Bill and I look forward to continue legislating in Central New York's best interests in 2019.