

NYFB State Promotion & Education Committee Welcomes Karen Lohr!

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Karen Lohr was recently elected to represent District 6 on the New York Farm Bureau State Promotion & Education Committee. Her appointment was then approved by the NYFB Board of Directors.

Karen grew up on a dairy farm in Western New York. She was involved in 4-H in her youth and has instilled that same love in her children. She graduated from Morrisville State College and worked for Dairy One. Then, as her family grew she worked at area banks and provided her children with opportunities and experience with a variety of agricultural that have given the whole family a true ag spirit.

Her children, Landon (26), Kaitlin (22), Danaan (16), Kerrynn (14), and Bladen (10) manage to keep her on her toes. They raise and tend a flock of chickens and goats. Their show string of goats includes Nigerian Dwarf and Myotonic goats. Karen is also deeply entrenched in the wine industry, representing Merritt Estate Winery from the Lake Erie Trail.

Karen has served on the Oneida County Farm Bureau Board of Directors as the Promotion & Education Chair and received the James Quinn Award from New York Farm Bureau in 2014. She was recognized as a strong force in Oneida County, devoting countless hours to many Farm Bureau programs, fundraisers, and ag education. She assisted in making the NYFB Foundation's 2015 Feast East a success.

She also helped membership in the county by getting new farmer members to join Oneida County Farm Bureau. As P&E Chair, she took to strengthening the county's presence at the county fair. Karen Lohr has shown great passion and spirit for Farm Bureau.

Karen also volunteers for Empire Farm Days, the NYFB Foundation Golf Classic, helped with the Food & Farm Experience, works with County Ag Literacy Week events, and is involved with FFA and PTSO. Karen feels strongly that to educate the public on the all of agriculture is so very important. To show children and adults where their food comes from and why we need to support NY agriculture, is an important job that makes a difference. She takes great pride in being part of the voice that supports New York farmers.

We look forward to Karen's support and ideas as we embark on a 2018 program to Promote & Educate!