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Shaye Davis joins the NYFB State P&E Committee

Shaye Davis was recently elected as the District 10 representative on the New York Farm Bureau State Promotion and Education Committee. She didn't grow up farming, but in an area filled with agriculture. Shaye always wanted to raise animals but that didn't happen until she met her fiancé, Kenny Oakley, in 2013, and she saw his farm, Oakley Family Farm, located in Ulster County, which had a somewhat empty barn. They jumped into farming and now raise and breed goats for their milk to make soap, lotion and other products, cow calf pairs and steers for meat, hogs for meat, sheep, layer and meat chickens, pedigree rabbits and meat rabbits as well. His family's farm has been in the family for ten generations. The farmhouse was built in the 1720's. The farm was used as a dairy farm up until the 1970's when Kenny's grandfather decided to get out of the business and get a job at IBM.

Shaye also works as the Planning and Zoning Secretary for the Town of Marbletown. She has worked in local government for the past eight years, which is a real asset to her activities on the Ulster County Farm Bureau Board. Davis took the classes to be a 4-H leader but does not currently show bunnies herself. She sells the pedigree bunnies mostly to kids involved in 4-H to show at fairs and other 4-H programs across the state. Shaye and Kenny have two dog children, Jack, a 3-year-old Chocolate Lab and Willow, a 1-year old Australian Shepherd.

Shaye feels that Farm Bureau is important because she doesn't want to see agriculture disappear, including the smaller family farms. She wants to educate people on the benefits of farming and help them understand why it's important to support agriculture.

With Shaye's creativity, outlook, and diverse ag expertise, plus her abundance of energy, we are looking forward to a very positive program and committee experience. She will be filling a very important role on the Committee and all are anticipating tremendous results.

