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Hochul Announces More Than \$38M Awarded for Farmland Conservation

NYS Governor's Office

On July 18, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced that more than \$38 million is being awarded to strengthen New York's agricultural industry through the Farmland Protection Implementation Grants program. The 40 awarded projects will protect a total

of 11,772 acres of valuable farmland across the State, helping to keep agricultural land in production and ensure the long-term viability of New York's farming operations. The Governor made today's announcement on Long Island, following a tour and listening session with farmers in the region.

"We must continue to protect New York's precious farmland so our agricultural footprint can grow and so our producers can thrive for generations to come," Gov. Hochul said. "I am proud that we supported the Farmland Protection program in this

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Sen. Michelle Hinchey and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo spoke at one of the panels at the July 20 summit.

NYFB Summit Brings Together Diverse Sectors to Focus on Future of Agriculture

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Farming continues to evolve in New York State, often spurred by necessity, economics, and consumer demands. But what issues will lead to additional changes in the coming years? That question was front and center July 20 in Syracuse at New York Farm Bureau's Future of Agriculture Summit.

It was a diverse crowd, representing numerous different commodities. State and county Farm Bureau leaders, members of NYFB's commodity and issues committees, NYFB agriculture alliance members, agribusinesses and other invited guests filled the hotel banquet room to discuss four major topics: affordability and access to labor, climate change, urban outreach, and applied research and education. The issue areas came out of a conversation last spring with the agriculture alliance partners who identified the areas that presented major challenges and opportunities.

There were panel discussions for each topic followed by roundtable discussions, giving participants the chance to talk about what they heard and brainstorm solutions.

NYFB President David Fisher set the stage for the day in his introductory remarks. He encouraged

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Nature's Bounty

Ripe and ready tomatoes and cherries are displayed for sale at Wickham Farms in Cutchogue, Long Island.

Read more about fruit in this month's Commodity Report starting on page 13.



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Fisher Joins D.C. Coalition in Pushing for Ag Labor Reform

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New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher joined national and state agricultural leaders and Members of Congress July 12 at the nation's Capitol to call on Congress to pass bipartisan workforce solutions to address the farm labor shortage in order to combat inflation.

The speakers rallied support for Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) as they continue their bipartisan efforts to introduce Senate legislation that builds on the House-passed Farm Workforce Modernization

Act (FWMA) which passed both in 2019 and 2021, with strong bipartisan support. NYFB supported that legislation.

"Consumers are seeing high costs of milk, produce, fruits, meat, and eggs in the supermarket because the Senate has not acted," said ABIC Action Executive Director and event emcee Rebecca Shi. "We need the Senate to act now to provide food security and lower costs for the American people."

President Fisher highlighted the importance of agricultural labor reform to New York State which has one of the

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NYFB President David Fisher speaks in Washington, D.C.

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Farm Bureau Mortgage Offers Members USDA Home Loans for as Little as 0% Down Payment

AFBF/Farm Bureau Mortgage

With its pivot to remote work and historically low interest rates, the COVID-19 pandemic generated an exodus of people from urban areas to suburbia and rural regions. Anxious buyers quickly snapped up real estate, leaving high demand and little-to-no supply. The resulting steep home prices contributed to an affordability crisis for much of the country and particularly, those in rural areas.



With inflation now at a 40-year high, the Federal Reserve has implemented a series of interest rate hikes — three so far and four more on the horizon — to battle inflation and curb demand in the red-hot housing sector. Those who waited to buy property now face a higher cost of entry with higher interest rates driving increases in monthly mortgage payments. However, along with the rising rates, there are signs that the housing market is beginning to cool, with most economists predicting a normalization in the months ahead.

These guaranteed USDA loans are available through Farm Bureau Mortgage for qualified borrowers purchasing property in rural areas or small towns. With the Single-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program, loans are available with low interest rates and down payments as low as 0%. Available to those with a low- to moderate-household income looking for a new primary residence, applicants are able to purchase, build, rehabilitate, improve or relocate a dwelling within a qualifying area with 100% financing.

For more information including an application link, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/AFBF-USDA>

Niagara CFB Recognized by Niagara USA Chamber

At its 2022 Chamber Honors Dinner, the Niagara USA Chamber of Commerce recognized Niagara County Farm Bureau with its Industry Insider for Agriculture award. In presenting the award, emcee Melanie McGovern pointed out, “This all-volunteer organization helps to shape state-wide public policy affecting our land, our food system, and the quality of rural living.



Jim Bittner

The Niagara County Farm Bureau is active within the political system on a broad range of issues that concern every rural New York landowner, from taxation to conservation. The Farm Bureau also provides needed workers’ compensation to farmers, promotes student education, and helps young farmers plan their future in the industry while developing new leaders for political action.”

The accompanying video included Farm Bureau members at information booths, lobbying in Albany and reading to school children. It also had pictures of the various types of farms throughout our county.

In accepting the award, current board member and past President Jim Bittner pointed out that there are 650 farms in Niagara County that comprise 140,000 acres.

He asked the Buffalo Bills fans if they knew what an acre was. “It is a football field with one end zone,” he explained. Continuing with his overall picture of local agriculture, he gave examples of many of the crops grown. These included dairy, field crops, vegetables, fruits and grapes. Bittner continued by pointing out most of these farms are family owned.



ELIZABETH WOLTERS/NYFB STAFF

And, Action! — Behind the Scenes with NYFB

NYFB staff were recently on location at Sang Lee Farms in Peconic, NY, filming educational videos highlighting the important role that farmers play in addressing climate change. These videos will be part of a media campaign to educate urban legislative representatives on the positive role that agriculture plays in climate change initiatives. NYFB Content Creator Seth Moser-Katz operates the camera while Steve Ammerman, NYFB Director of Communications, interviews Lucy Senesac, manager of the farm.

AFBF to Launch New App Promoting Agritourism

An new app from The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is bringing together farmers and agritourists. The American Farm Trail app presents an opportunity for agritourism operators to connect with tourists to increase business and improve agricultural awareness.



For tourists, the app offers an easy way to connect with local farms and much more. The Farm Trail app also includes games and activities (for kids and adults) which highlight how agriculture serves an important role in the production of our food, fiber and fuel. Agritourism operators and tourists are encouraged to register today to be part of this exciting initiative.

For more information, go to: <https://www.farmtrailapp.com/>

Did you know?

The Hawaiian papaya was almost wiped out. Without biotechnology, “There’s no papaya industry. Simple as that,” said Dennis Gonsalves, the scientist who developed the GMO papaya.



The papaya ringspot virus nearly wiped the crop out. The virus first hit Hawaii in the 1940s and by the 1990s had reached almost every area that grows papaya. Production fell 50% between 1993 and 2006.

Gonsalves, a Hawaiian-born scientist at Cornell University, developed a genetically modified papaya, known as the Rainbow papaya, designed to be resistant to the virus.

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Youth Scholarship Awarded

Alex Gokey, left, was presented with Franklin County Farm Bureau’s Post-Secondary scholarship by Kirby Selkirk, Franklin County Farm Bureau President.

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Rob Carpenter, Long Island Farm Bureau Administrative Director, participates in a roundtable panel discussion with Gov. Hochul.

LIFB, Ag Partners Host Gov. Hochul on First Leg of New York Farm Tour

Second Part of Tour Held in Binghamton with Industry Leaders

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Long Island Farm Bureau and its agricultural partners on Long Island hosted Gov. Kathy Hochul for the first stop on her recently announced farm tour throughout New York. The governor started her day with a visit to Lenny Bruno Farms in Manorville. The Bruno family produces vegetables but specializes in tomatoes for their local clients as their signature crop.

After a tour of the farm stand and learning about the history of the family and their evolution to today's operations, it was on to the next stop, Long Island Farm Brewery where Long Island Farm Bureau and our local ag partners, including Cooperative Extension, East End Food Institute, Farm Credit East, the NYS Brewers Guild, Soil and Water District, and our wine industry representatives just to name a few, hosted a roundtable panel discussion on agriculture and the needs of our farming industry.

While time was limited, various topics were covered including labor, workforce housing, extended producer responsibility legislation, and state budget items.

After the roundtable, the governor announced in a press conference funding statewide in the amount of \$38 million for farmland preservation and specific to Long Island the purchase of development rights on a farm in Wading River in conjunction with the Peconic Land Trust to preserve farmland that was scheduled to be developed.

The complicated transaction involved state funding of \$5.6 million, a reduction of the selling price by the owners, as well as money invested by the Condzella family and the Peconic Land Trust. With over 20,000 acres of farmland preserved on Long Island, the area is now two-thirds of the way towards the original goal of 30,000 acres necessary to maintain a viable land base of agriculture that was set as an original goal in the 1970 Nassau-Suffolk Comprehensive Plan Summary.

After the event was concluded NYS Department of Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball, Department of Health and Farm Bureau representatives held the first listening session on the 2023 Farm Bill reauthorization.

Comments provided to the Commissioner included topics concerning support of specialty crops,

additional help to encourage local processing of crops, nutrition assistance for the underserved population, and more clarity and understanding in the development of urban agriculture. The Commissioner was grateful for all the feedback and participation and mentioned he was looking forward to more comments in future listening sessions.

NYFB Submits Comments to Draft Scoping Plan

New York Farm Bureau submitted comments on New York State's Climate Action Council (CAC) Draft Scoping Plan (Draft Plan) addressing concerns with how agriculture will be impacted across a multitude of chapters, including buildings, transportation, waste, gas system transition and land use. A common theme in the comments is a concern with both financial and technological limitations that need to be understood and addressed prior to coming up with any regulations to implement the Draft Plan.

Another concern raised is the lack of agricultural representation on the Climate Action Council itself, although agriculture including farmers were on the Agriculture and Forestry Advisory Panel, the Climate Action Council continues to make recommendations that will impact the industry without any industry representation outside of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The comment period closed July 1 and the CAC has received 35,000 comments on the Draft Plan. The next step is to continue to review and incorporate the input received and the final plan is due to the Governor and the Legislature in January 2023.

A copy of NYFB's comments can be found on our website.

- Staff reports



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The second session of the state-wide farm listening tour was held Binghamton, on July 25. From left, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, NYFB Senior Associate Director of National Affairs Lauren Williams, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball, and New York State Education Department Assistant Commissioner Kathleen R. DeCataldo were part of a round-table discussion at Cornell Cooperative Extension Broome County. The purpose of this event was to engage with and hear from constituents about the importance of the 2023 Farm Bill.



It's up to us to keep the next generation of farmers SAFE

- Always use safety equipment, such as helmets, goggles and gloves, where necessary.
- Teach children about both the positive and dangerous aspects of livestock and farm animals.

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THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

New York Farm Bureau is Setting Priorities for 2023 Farm Bill

Now is the time to start thinking about the next Farm Bill, the comprehensive federal legislation that combines much of the country’s agricultural and nutrition programs.

It provides critical funding for a number of essential programs that farmers depend on, including risk management support, conservation assistance, and needed research. It also funds nutrition assistance programs for low-income Americans. This includes some SNAP benefits that help people purchase farm products directly from farmers.

The Farm Bill comes around every five years, which means advocacy has already begun for what the 2023 legislation should look like. In 2018, the legislation brought certainty to farm families through improved crop insurance, improved risk management programs and support for beginning farmers and ranchers, while also providing much-needed funding for trade development and agricultural research. The entire package was budget neutral and received strong bipartisan support. We aim to continue that support this time around.

New York State Department of Ag-



David Fisher
NYFB President

riculture and Markets has launched a series of listening sessions around the state. Commissioner Ball along with representatives from New York Farm Bureau and others are a part of each conversation to hear directly from farmers about what changes they would like to see in the legislation. This will help the state establish its priorities for a bill that will best serve New York.

New York Farm Bureau has some general priorities already established. First, we want to protect the spending that is currently in place. With so many needs facing agriculture, we cannot afford to see program cuts the next time around.

The risk management tools that farmers depend on, including federal crop insurance and commod-

“We must better position our farms for future needs, including protecting against the impacts of climate change, expanding market opportunities, and investing in the next generation of farmers.”

ity programs, are top funding priorities. The Dairy Margin Coverage program as well as specialty crop support and research will be especially important to New York farmers.

There should also be funding in place to adequately staff the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as the technical assistance it provides. We also believe the Farm Bill should remain unified with farm and nutrition policy. These two pieces help bridge the urban-rural gap to secure support from a large number of lawmakers.

We encourage farmers to attend the listening sessions to help New York prioritize the needs of our di-

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THE ZIPLINE

August Recess means Prime Time for Grassroots in Action

At the beginning of this month, 435 members of Congress headed home, and just a week later, the Senate joined them in the August recess. This tradition of leaving DC at the end of the summer to spend extra time meeting with constituents back home began more than 50 years ago. And this year, it will be one of the longest recesses in years, with 45 days for the House and 31 days for the Senate. For Farm Bureau this time is anything but a “recess”: this is prime season for grassroots activities.

Lawmakers across rural, suburban and urban areas need to see and hear from farmers and ranchers in all seasons, but especially during recess season. It’s hard to match the face-to-face connections between lawmakers and the people they represent.

While I am committed to sharing your stories here in Washington, there’s an even greater impact when your Senators and Representatives hear directly from you about the issues you face. The most powerful influence of any advocate is your personal story. How



Zippy Duvall
AFBF President

are you impacted by the issues?

This is what members of Congress and their staff need to hear from you. What’s more, the timing of August recess gives you an opportunity to have the ear of members of Congress right before they take up important issues in the fall.

August is the time to help our elected leaders understand the many challenges across agriculture, from high input costs and inflation to the challenges Mother Nature brings. That’s why it’s not too early to talk about the farm bill. Discussions and hearings have already begun in

preparation for the 2023 farm bill. This is really a “food and farm bill” as it provides critical programs and risk management tools for farmers, but also secures access to food and nutrition for low-income families across urban and rural America.

This bill is updated every five years to ensure that it is working for all Americans and achieving the goal of keeping our food supply secure. You can share with your Senators and Representatives how specific farm programs support your family’s work as well as enable you to fulfill your mission of growing safe, sustainable food for our communities and nation.

Members of Congress need to hear that true sustainability for agriculture includes economic viability, ensuring that farm and ranch families can pass their work on to the next generation. Taxes play a consequential role in economic sustainability and your voices can directly impact what happens on the tax front. Tell Congress the tax increases included

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GUEST OPINIONS

New York Apple Association is on the Move

The New York Apple Association’s marketing and public relations plan for the 2022-23 crop year is under-way. This past year, we had over 55 million impressions across all media. We look forward to another successful year this year.

In the past year, we secured retail promotions involving 7,911 stores across the country. This year, we are reaching out to our retail partners to secure geo-targeting advertising. Geo-targeting targets consumers within a defined radius of specific grocery stores. NYAA is also working diligently to remind school foodservice directors along with foodservice distributor buyers that buying apples is as close as their backyard.

We have two commercials running this fall. The commercials will air on traditional television and cable



Cynthia Haskins
New York
Apple Growers
Association

in Buffalo, Albany, Rochester, and Hudson Valley from August through March. New this year, we will be streaming our “Taste” commercial on television streaming platforms. The hand-picked top networks that align with our audience include Food Network, Hallmark Channel, Magnolia Network, HGTV, Lifetime Network, E!, OWN, Bravo, Nickelodeon, TLC, Cooking Channel, and Freeform. Kelly Springer, registered

dietician and spokesperson for NYAA, will appear on television segments in Upstate New York, including Syracuse.

It wouldn’t be fall without hearing our radio commercial on traffic radio airing in Buffalo, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, and Hudson Valley.

Social media has been a strong success story for us, and we have worked hard on our social media line-up and strategy for this year. We will focus on boosting our content to the out-of-state market areas where our apple shippers are shipping apples, along with a heavy focus on reaching consumers throughout New York State.

NYAA is happy to announce the completion of our long-term strategic plan. The strategic plan objectives will be a multi-year process and involves two revenue streams. The

Consumer Program budget stems from the Governor’s Executive and State Assembly budgets, and the Apple Marketing Order (AMO) derives from the growers’ assessments, which are paid in each year. We are working on our goals, tasks, and performance measures and will share those throughout the year.

We are getting reports that it looks like we will have a bountiful crop year. Michigan apple growers report that their production will be up over last year. Last year, their production was down. Washington State is already saying its production year may be lower than last year. We will keep the industry up to date on production forecasts when they are revealed in upcoming weeks during USApple Outlook.

Managing Food Waste at Home and on the Farm

How often do you bring home more food than you need from the grocery store, or toss leftovers that were forgotten about in the back of the refrigerator?

We need to eat and drink, but we also need to accept the responsibility of being mindful of using our resources responsibly.

Approximately one-third of human food produced in the world is wasted. Food waste, edible food that was spoiled or discarded before consumption, is the number-one contributor in landfills. Food waste takes up valuable space in landfills and contributes heavily to greenhouse gas emissions.

Agriculture can provide a solution to this problem. Farmers have been reducing waste and improving efficiency for decades; however, we cannot do it alone. We need to be mindful of how we use our resources at home and on the farm.

Farmers are redirecting rejected or leftover food as feed for cows and livestock. Potato peels, cranberry hulls, expired cereal and imperfect candy are some examples of waste products that can be fed to cows. Using these leftovers in a cow’s diet offers cost savings for the farmer.

Next time you’re enjoying a glass of cranberry juice or mashed potatoes



Rachel Gerbitz
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at your favorite restaurant, there is a good chance that the leftovers from those products were redirected and used to feed cows and ultimately produce cheese and milk for you to enjoy.

Approximately one-third of human food produced in the world is wasted.

You can reduce food waste at home by sticking to your grocery list, correctly storing and creatively repurposing leftovers and understanding expiration dates on food. Best-by and sell-by dates are provided by the processor for the best quality and the food items are often still safe to eat past the printed date.

Instead of tossing your watermelon rinds this summer, try composting them. You can compost fruits and vegetables, coffee grounds, eggshells and nut shells by discarding in a container along with yard waste and sawdust. Carbon and nitrogen in the

Reducing, reusing and recycling resources helps farmers to be more efficient and protect the environment.

yard waste and food scraps work together with moisture to break down the organic matter. Compost can enrich the soil and lower your carbon footprint.

According to a recent report from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, using or composting the amount of food sent to landfills in 2020 would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an amount equivalent to taking 600,000 cars off the road for a year.

Organic waste, like food scraps, takes up space in landfills and emits methane. Many landfills use technology to collect that methane and turn it into energy to power equipment and fleet vehicles. There is a good chance that the garbage truck picking up your waste is powered by renewable energy.

Water is a valuable resource for farmers. It’s used to irrigate crops and nourish animals. Water can be used more than once before it is re-

turned as part of the natural water cycle. The same water can be used up to four times on a dairy farm: first to cool the milk, then to water the animals, then to clean equipment and, finally, to irrigate crops.

You can conserve water at home by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth, only running the washing machine or dishwasher when you have a full load and monitoring water usage on your water bill.

Farmers are creative thinkers and innovators, using every resource to maintain their bottom line and help the environment. Reducing, reusing and recycling resources helps farmers to be more efficient and protect the environment.

You can help at home by using your resources wisely. Plan for your grocery trips ahead of time and keep an eye on your water bill to monitor usage.

Together, we can fight food waste, conserve our water and provide solutions to minimize our impact.

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in the Build Back Better bill, now being considered by the Senate, would have a devastating impact on farm and ranch families. Thanks to many of you making your voices heard, we have seen major successes with protecting stepped-up basis and limiting estate taxes. But so far many of these provisions remain temporary, leaving many families uncertain when it comes to estate planning. Congress needs to hear from you about the importance of permanent tax law that allows family-owned

farms and ranches to transfer from one generation to another and about the serious consequences of tax code changes that put farms in the red.

Finally, while some of you may have the opportunity to participate in virtual townhalls throughout the year, for many more, lack of broadband limits your ability to connect with lawmakers and customers far from your farm or ranch. In-person opportunities during recess are the perfect chance to talk with your lawmakers about securing broadband access. It’s unacceptable that 42 million Americans, mostly in rural areas, don’t have broadband internet access. We all

know that broadband is no longer a luxury, it’s a necessity. Congress made significant investments in new broadband programming through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. You can thank those lawmakers who supported these new investments, and stress how important it is for those resources to be targeted to those areas that remain unserved.

I understand that it’s a commitment—and often a sacrifice—for you to take the time away from the farm to meet with lawmakers. But I can also assure you that it is well worth it as an investment in your farm and the future of agriculture.

I encourage you to look for opportunities, whether that be attending a townhall or county fair event, visiting your congressional district office, or hosting a tour or event on your farm or ranch. Farm Bureau is also here to support your grassroots engagement efforts. You can reach out to your county or state Farm Bureau or our Advocacy team here at AFBF for more information and ideas. Together, let’s make the most of this August recess and send Congress back to Washington this fall, ready to take action to strengthen agriculture and rural America.

NYS DEC Releases New CAFO Permit

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation released a new ECL SPDES General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) – Permit No. GP-0-22-001. This permit will replace the current ECL CAFO General Permit GP-0-16-001. While it was issued on July 22, 2022 the permit will become effective on Jan. 23, 2023.

A more detailed review of the proposed permit was given during the public comment period. However, in the coming weeks the final permit language and schedule webinar(s) to go over the specifics and allow for Q & A will be evaluated.

What’s New

- This permit term is 10 years. Previous CAFO permits were five-year permits.
- The Clean Water Act General Permit (GP-0-19-001) will not be renewed and will expire on July 23, 2022. CAFO’s that discharge manure, litter or process wastewater to surface waters of the State, must seek coverage under an Individual SPDES Permit for Industrial Discharges.
- Electronic submission will be re-

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Learn More
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<https://tinyurl.com/NYS-CAFO1>

See the CAFO Fact Sheet:
<https://tinyurl.com/NYS-CAFO2>

- quired for all forms related to your CAFO permit
- New small CAFOs may voluntarily seek coverage under the permit
 - Notification requirements
 - Climate Change Resiliency
 - Non-Contact Cooling Water Authorizations
 - Construction Stormwater General Permit
 - Other changes and definitions for clarification, reporting and updated standards/guidance documents

- Permit Transition – how to apply for continuing coverage under the ECL General Permit

To maintain uninterrupted ECL general permit coverage, a completed Request to Continue Coverage form and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) Certification, signed by both the owner and Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) certified planner, must be received by the Department 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of GP-0-22-001.

Within that 30 day time period, the Department will review the Request to Continue Coverage form and the CNMP Certification and contact the CAFO if there are any deficiencies that need to be corrected. GP-0-16-001 will remain effective for CAFOs who had coverage under that general permit until the effective date of GP-0-22-001.

Coverage under GP-0-22-001 will begin 30 calendar days after the Department receives both the completed Request to Continue Coverage form and signed CNMP Certification, but not prior to the effective date of GP-0-22-001.

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verse agricultural community. We also appreciate Commissioner Ball and his team for hosting the listening tour to hear first-hand what our farmers value in the Farm Bill. For those unable to attend the listening sessions, written comments can also be submitted to FarmBill@agriculture.ny.gov.

The discussions won’t end at these listening sessions. It is valuable for all of our members to be thinking about what Farm Bill programs work for them and where we can find improvements.

Some of these could be introduced as public policy resolutions during our upcoming policy development process..

Ultimately, New York Farm Bureau and our members will then advocate to our congressional delegation, asking them to support our needs as discussion and debate gets underway in Washington.

It is imperative that we have a strong Farm Bill. Because now more than ever, we need to invest in our agricultural and food systems. Each of us knows all too well how this is a tough and risky business.

The Farm Bill helps to mitigate some of those risks. We must better position our farms for future needs, including protecting against the impacts of climate change, expanding market opportunities, and investing in the next generation of farmers. In the end, we must continue to have food security in this country, and no other piece of legislation will help protect that like the Farm Bill.

Hochul Signs Two Bills to Support N.Y. Craft Beverage Businesses

On July 26, Sen. Michelle Hinchey announced that two of her bills to help New York’s burgeoning farm breweries and craft distilleries were signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul. One bill authored by Hinchey establishes parity between distillers and all other alcoholic beverage manufacturers in New York regarding certain tasting and retail privileges. Another bill maintains farm brewery beer labeling requirements through 2028.

S5438A—Hinchey allows craft distillers to participate in new income-generating activities they’ve previously been barred from under State law, including the ability to conduct tastings at licensed locations and sell their products both on and off-premises. **S7655A**—Hinchey gives farm breweries more time (until 2029) to comply with a law that says NYS beer must be made primarily from locally grown ingredients. Under current law, a farm brewery can only sell “New York labeled beer” when 60% of all hops and other ingredients are grown in New York. That standard was set to increase to 90% in 2024, which would have been hard for farm brewers to comply with given gaps in production and supply, necessitating Hinchey’s bill to give more time for businesses to meet that threshold.

– Sen. Michelle Hinchey’s Office



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DPW Farm Bureau Honors Outgoing Secretary

Dutchess Putnam Westchester Farm Bureau held its annual policy picnic at Tymor Park on July 21. The 35 members present discussed policy topics, including the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility legislation. Guest speaker Tim Slavin from Farm Credit East discussed the economic outlook. DPW president Isaac Coon and the board of directors presented a special award to outgoing secretary Betty Albrecht for her “outstanding contribution in building a resilient agricultural industry in New York and keeping our organization vibrant and strong.”

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Grisamore Farms co-owner JoAnn Grisamore Cornell, left, gives a group of assessors a tour of her farm, including an introduction to baby goat Belle.

NYSAA Holds Workshop, Farm Tour

The NYS Assessors Association recently held a five-day workshop on farm appraisal for municipal assessors in Ithaca. Retired NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance Ag Specialist Bob Wright taught the course. Attendees included twenty six assessors from around the state, employees from NYS Office of Real Property Services and NY State Office of Tax and Finance.

As part of the class and in conjunction with NYFB, attendees spent an afternoon on two local farms, Wal-

nut Ridge Dairy Farm, a 1,750 cow operation in Lansing, and Grisamore Farms, a u-pick fruit/veggie/cider/ farm store/greenhouse in Locke. NYFB has been working with the NYS Assessors Association on several initiatives to help increase education efforts, fill a vacant ag specialist position at NYS Department of Tax and Finance, and work with the NY State Comptroller's office on assessor office audits and ag assessment qualifications.

Lindsay Wickham



Walnut Ridge Dairy partner Steve Palladino talks about their operation.

USDA Urged to Help Remove Barriers to Meeting Growing Food Demand

AFBF

In mid-July, American Farm Bureau Federation called on USDA to take steps to ensure America's farmers continue to have access to crucial fertilizer supplies. AFBF submitted comments on USDA's "Request for Information on Access to Fertilizer: Competition and Supply Chain Concerns."

In the filed comments, AFBF lists several factors that have combined to create shortages and drive up fertilizer costs including the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, rising inflation, labor shortages, regulatory hurdles and increased transportation costs.

"America's farmers are being called on to feed both America's families and families abroad as war and shortages take their toll on our international neighbors," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Farmers and ranchers have answered the call before, and they stand ready to do it

again, but they need access to necessary supplies in a timely manner. Supply chain issues and inflation aren't short-term problems, so we need long-term solutions, partnerships with USDA, and action across the federal government to ensure we can continue to meet growing demands of a hungry world."

AFBF's recommendations include:

- Providing assistance to farmers to expand on-site farm fertilizer storage capacity to help them manage costs throughout the year;
- Urging EPA to seek reforms to review processes that create barriers for domestic fertilizer production;
- Modernize weight restrictions for trucks to reduce the number of trucks needed to transport goods;
- Enact rail reforms to promote rail competition, fair rates and reliable service.

DPO Advisory Board Announces Request For Applications for Promotion, Research Projects

NYSDAM

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets recently announced that the Dairy Promotion Order (DPO) Advisory Board has issued a Request for Applications for dairy and research promotion projects, as part of its \$15.5 million checkoff fund. The invitation solicits proposals for projects that market, promote, and research New York-produced fluid milk and dairy products with the goal of expanding the types of dairy products available and increasing consumer demand for and consumption of New York dairy products.

Eligible applicants include non-profit entities, research institutions, and private businesses that are not affiliated with the DPO Advisory Board. Project applications may not promote a specific brand or trade name.

Funding is made available directly from New York State dairy producers through the New York State Dairy Promotion Order Act and is intended to help dairy farmers and processors further their reach to both domestic and international markets.

The DPO Advisory Board met on June 14 to discuss its priorities and goals for 2023. The Board identified nine goals to guide its work in boost ing the dairy industry in New York

DETAILS:

To be considered for funding, applications should be submitted to the Department on or before **Aug. 25, 2022.**

Applications and additional information can be found on the Department's website at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/dairy/dairy-promotion-order>.

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About the Dairy Promotion Order Advisory Board

The DPO Advisory Board advises the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner on the disposition of approximately \$15 million a year in funds collected from milk producers under the producer-approved New York Dairy Promotion Order. The DPO Advisory Board also makes recommendations on promotion and dairy product and research projects.

The Advisory Board consists of ten New York milk producers appointed by the Commissioner who serve a three-year term. The first New York State Dairy Promotion Advisory Board was appointed in May 1972 at the request of dairy producers.



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Overweight and Oversized Farm Equipment on the Roads

Weight Limits

Unless a driver obtains an overweight permit, the weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles cannot exceed either the manufacturer's rate capacity or 80,000 pounds on five (5) axles, whichever is less. Maximum legal weight for state highways and designated highways are:

Maximum load per tire: The lesser of manufacturer's tire rating or 800 pounds per inch width of tire;

Maximum wheel loading: 11,200 pounds;

Maximum weight, one axle*: 22,400 pounds;

*Axles less than 46 inches apart, measured from axles' centers, are considered one axle.

Maximum weight, any two (2): 36,000 pounds consecutive axles, less than eight (8) feet apart;

Maximum weight, any two (2): 40,000 pounds consecutive axles, eight (8) to maximum ten (10) feet apart.

Weight cannot exceed formula**:

**W=500 (LN/N-1 + 12N + 36);

Maximum weight on all axles of a single vehicle or combination of vehicles having three (3) axles or more is 80,000 pounds based on one of the following formulas:

- For any vehicle or combination of vehicles having a total gross weight less than 71,000 pounds, the higher of the following shall apply:

- o the total weight of all axles shall not exceed 34,000 pounds plus 1,000 pounds from each foot and major fraction of a foot of the distance from the center of the foremost axle to the center of the rearmost axle; or
- o the overall gross weight on a group of two (2) or more consecutive axles shall not exceed the weight produced by application of the following formula:

W=500 (LN/N-1 + 12N + 36)

where W equals overall gross weight on any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, L equals distance in feet from the center of the foremost axle to the center of the rearmost axle of any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N equals the number of axles in group under consideration, except that two (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of 34,000 pounds each, providing the overall distance between the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more.

- For any vehicle or combination of vehicles having a total gross weight of 71,000 pounds or greater, the for-



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mula above shall apply.

Weight Limits on Local Roads

Towns have the authority to establish truck routes, and hours of operation for certain highways, upon which all trucks, tractors, and combinations with a GVWR or GCVR of 10,001 pounds or more must travel, and exclude such vehicles from operating on any other roads or highways (except state highways) not part of the routes. The routes must be connected to all state routes entering or leaving the town.

Towns may temporarily exclude, from any town highway, a vehicle with a GVWR or GCWR of four (4) or more tons, where the town designates that the weight would materially injure the town highway.

Note that Towns may not exclude trucks from traveling on roads necessary to make local deliveries or pick-up merchandise.

Highways

Generally, on any highway in NYS, the width of a vehicle including a load and safety devices, cannot be more than 96 inches (8 feet). However, when traveling on any qualifying or access highway, the maximum width of a vehicle including a load and safety devices cannot be more than 102 inches (8.5 feet). You can obtain a list of the designated qualifying and access highways in NYS from the NYSDOT website at www.dot.state.ny.us.

There are exemptions to the general rule for vehicles and implements, or combinations thereof, used solely for farm purposes. The exemptions apply to vehicles having:

A Width of Up To 12 Feet

These vehicles and implements are permitted to operate on public highways with traffic lanes that are at least 12 feet wide, provided that:

- A SMV emblem is displayed

on the rear of the equipment;

- They never exceed 25 miles per hour; and
- It has approved lighting where driven between sunrise and sunset or at a time where it cannot normally be seen from 1,000 feet.

A Width of 12 Feet to 17 Feet

These vehicles and implements are permitted to operate on public highways with traffic lanes that are at least 12 feet wide, provided that:

- They are operated during the period of one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset;
- Red or orange fluorescent flags not smaller than 18 inches square, and reflectors are displayed on extreme corners of the load;
- Two (2) flashing amber lights are attached to the rear of the load or the vehicle towing the implement has flashing lights visible from the rear of the load; and
- If the vehicle or load extends over the center line or if a visibility of 1,000 feet is not clear, an escort vehicle equipped with warning signs and flashing lights complying with NYSDOT regulations must precede the vehicle.

A Width of Over 17 Feet

Vehicles and implements with a width of over 17 feet are permitted to operate on public highways only with a special hauling permit from NYSDOT. (See below).

The length of a single vehicle, inclusive of load and bumpers cannot exceed 40 feet. The length of a combination of vehicles inclusive of load and bumpers traveling on a state highway cannot exceed 65 feet. If traveling on qualifying or access highways, the combined length may be unlimited, however the power unit cannot exceed 40 feet in length and the trailer cannot exceed 53 feet in length if the distance from the

Young Farmers & Ranchers

Popular YF&R Joint Leadership Conference Will Return

Event Scheduled for Feb. 4-5 in Boalsburg, Penn. with Pennsylvania, Maryland Young Farmer Groups

By Patti Dugan
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The NYFB Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) program will be partnering with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Young Ag Professionals and the Maryland Farm Bureau YF&R to host the 2023 Young Farmer Leadership Conference. This conference will be held Feb. 4-5, 2023, at the Wyndham Garden State College Hotel in Boalsburg, Penn.

The group of young farmers from New York who attended last year's conference gave it great reviews. Many felt that getting to meet new people and having the chance for professional development were highlights of the conference. The 2023 conference will offer workshops that may cover topics such as leadership development, public speaking, specific commodity-related sessions and planning young farmer events. If you have any workshop suggestions, please let the NYFB YF&R State Committee know.

The 2023 conference keynote speaker will be Roger Rickard, the founder and president of Voices in Advocacy. Rickard will speak on how to master the art of advocacy. Advocacy is very important to agriculture and Farm Bureau. According to Rickard, here are the Top five benefits for the young farmer attendees:

- Will leave feeling engaged to par-



PATTI DUGAN/NYFB STAFF

The 2023 YF&R Joint Leadership Conference, scheduled for Feb. 4-5, 2023, will cover topics such as leadership development, public speaking, commodity-related sessions and planning YF&R events.

ticipate in Farm Bureau advocacy efforts.

- Will leave knowing the important role they play in supporting issues that benefit them today and into the future.
- Will have the tools of the Seven Actions of Highly Effective Advocates.
- Will know the difference between their role as an advocate and the role of their lobbyist.
- Will know the dangers should they choose not to advocate for the issues that might change their lives.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this conference for a great opportunity to meet and network with other young farmers from across the

Northeast and gain professional development knowledge and skills. Be sure to read your Grassroots newspaper for more details this fall.

For more information on the NYFB Young Farmers & Rancher Program, email: yfr@nyfb.org or contact Patti Dugan; Manager, Member Engagement at 1-800-342-4143.



Roger Rickard

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Promotion & Education

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MEET THE NYFB P&E COMMITTEE: LAURIE MCBRIDE

‘Farm Bureau Shows the Power of Community’

Laurie McBride is the District 11 (Long Island) representative on the NYFB Promotion & Education (P&E) State Committee. Laurie was appointed to the State P&E Committee in 2020.

“P&E is important because of the educational outreach. Whether it’s working with the young children participating in Ag Literacy Week or families at the local county fair, P&E is teaching them about Agriculture in NY and what is going on in their backyards. It’s the one-on-one interactions, talking with people about production in their area which is key to building a strong community relationship,” she said.

Laurie resides in Mattituck and grew up on her family farm that grew potatoes and vegetables. After college, Laurie worked for Suffolk County’s Cornell Cooperative Extension. She worked for 11 years with the Agricultural Stewardship Program that focused on IPM and grower education for multiple commodities. For several years, Laurie also had her own cut flower business where she sold her flowers at farmers markets in NY City and Long Island.

Currently, Laurie is the manager at Wickham’s Fruit Farm in Cutchogue



Laurie McBride

INSIDE: Read more about Laurie in our Commodity Report on **page 14**

on Long Island. With over 100 acres in production, about 20 different crops are grown with a heavy focus on fruit production. There are also two glass houses where early-season tomatoes and cucumbers are grown. Wickham’s Fruit Farm sells their produce multiple ways. The primary outlet is their retail market where they also run a pick your own seasonal fruits. When the crops allow, they sell wholesale to other farms, grocery store distributors and restaurants. Recently at the retail mar-

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MEET THE NYFB P&E COMMITTEE: QUADE KIRK

‘Farm Bureau is an Important Voice and Liaison for New York Farmers’

Quade Kirk was appointed to serve on the NYFB Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee as an At-Large Member. Quade began his term at the beginning of 2022. Quade and his wife, Emily reside in Scho-dack Landing, in Columbia County. Quade grew up on a retired dairy farm. He spent his summers ba ling hay and milking cows for the neighboring farms.

Quade received his associate degree in Agricultural Business from SUNY Cobleskill in 2014 and his bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science from Cornell University in 2016. After graduation, Quade worked on two different dairy farms before starting his current position at Dutch Hollow Farm. He is proud to have always worked in production agriculture.

While in college at both Cobleskill and Cornell, Quade was involved in their Collegiate NYFB Chapters. Currently, Quade is the YF&R Chair in Columbia County and in the past has also served as the YF&R chair in Oneida and Washington counties.



Quade Kirk

He also was an Ontario County Board Member.

Outside of Farm Bureau, Quade has been active in the NYS Snowmobile Association and NYS Jersey Association.

He served as a 4-H Dairy Bowl coach for Washington and Columbia Counties and participated in Class 12 of the Young Dairy Leaders Institute.

According to Quade, “Farm Bureau is important because it is a voice for the farmers, who in many cases, are very busy running their businesses. They serve as the liaison between us on the farm and our politicians in Albany and Washington. I also enjoy the fact that it often brings farmers together for social engagements.”

The NYFB Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee is looking forward to having Quade be an active member of the team.

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How Can Farm Bureau Promote and Educate?

By Kathleen Rossette
NYFB Promotion & Education State
Committee District 1 Representative

How do you educate children and adults alike about the variety of products and the diversified ways farmers achieve their goals? How do you broaden your Farm Bureau promotion to include both farmers and those who are not in the agriculture business? These are two “loaded” questions. I certainly don’t have all the answers to these questions but let’s try to unwrap them and talk about possible ways we can expand the boundaries of the Farm Bureau by taking it to the agriculture industry as well as those who don’t have a clue as to what is meant by the term agriculture industry.

For those in the Farm Bureau, many have crops in the ground, some of which may already have been harvested and others are preparing for your harvest. Many are looking to harvest enough feed to maintain their animals during the harsh winter. Fish hatcheries and



farms have, again, varied needs to prepare for wintering. The Farm Bureau represents a diverse culture of people and goals who all, ultimately, feed the masses.

I asked a friend, who has no agriculture background, “Are farmers necessary? If so, why?”

The friend responded yes, that farmers are necessary. The answer to why was tentative. With much thought, I was told that the fresh vegetables/fruit, meat and eggs that the farmers grow are necessary to make meals at home. When I asked how do

As our young people transition from high school to college or job hunting, we, as Farm Bureau members, need to encourage students and their families to look into agriculture courses.

you get pasta or cereal, peanut butter or fish, bread or rice, the answer was “I don’t know”. “I guess from the manufacturer”. When I talked about growing grains, fish, rice, etc. they said they never thought about it growing. This type of thinking is common among those who are not acquainted with the agriculture industry.

The ground yields root foods, many kinds of grain and feed for the animals. All require very different methods to grow. Fruit trees, vines, hay, grains, meat, milk/cheese and fish all require specific and extremely different care in order to have them all ready to go for sale to the consumer. As farmers, we know this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Some of our high schools promote agriculture by having an ag program

or an FFA program (formally called: Future Farmers of America).

In New York, there has been a recent increase in the number of these programs being offered in our country” schools and even in city/suburban schools. There are good colleges and universities that promote agriculture courses, some feature more agriculture options than others. As our young people transition from high school to college or job hunting, we, as Farm Bureau members, need to encourage students and their families to look into agriculture courses. The greatest number of high school graduates want jobs and money to spend. For the most part, farming does not come into the category of high-paying jobs. Farm-

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ket, they expanded their on-site bakery where you can purchase donuts, pies, breads, cookies, turnovers, scones and jam.

Laurie serves on the Long Island Farm Bureau Board of Directors. She

also is a board member for the Long Island Horticultural and Research Education Center.

When asked why Farm Bureau is important to her, Laurie answered, “Becoming actively involved in my local and state Farm Bureau I have learned about the power of community. Often times you are so

busy working you lose sight of others with similar goals and struggles. Farm Bureau brings you together to address struggles and needs but to also celebrate the good. My local Farm Bureau is a collective voice on my town and county issues. Where there is concern of reprisal if one farmer spoke up, speaking as a col-

lective has power behind it. Support, outreach and backing from Farm Bureau helps shape policy that impacts my business on a local, state, and national level.”

New York Farm Bureau is lucky to have a dedicated volunteer like Laurie active on the state committee.

WHY FARM BUREAU?



Mike & Rebecca Werbela, The Werbela Farm
MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 2014

“We believe that a Farm Bureau membership is important because it give us small farmers a voice. Our legacy as small farmers is being challenged more now than ever. It is so important to us to be Farm Bureau members because this organization is designed to listen, is rooted in local communities, provides outreach and advocacy on rural issues.”



Mike Swartz, Swartz Dairy & Produce
RENSSELAER COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 2016

“Living the life of a farmer can make it difficult at times to keep up on every pending law or regulation that may affect our industry. Farm Bureau is made up of people from our industry who understand our concerns. To be a member is to have someone watching your back.”



Eileen Jensen, Executive Director NY Animal Ag Coalition
YATES COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 2016

“As a grassroots organization Farm Bureau has allowed me to find my voice within my local agricultural community. I have always felt that my voice matters during lobbying events because issues at hand can and will impact the future of the industry. As a Farm Bureau member, I have enjoyed participating in a variety of opportunities at the local, state, and national levels that have helped me enhance my communication skills allowing me to positively promote New York State agriculture.”

“NYFB and nationally AFBF are strong ag advocates due to our activity for family farms large and small. To me, as we meet to work on legislation and education we share socially and professionally, I feel a broader family that is a major support as I go about my day.”



Lin Davidson
TOMPKINS COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 1992

“Farm Bureau gives agriculture and myself a unified voice. Being a grassroots organization, my opinion is listened to and my vote counts. As a fruit and vegetable farmer, Farm Bureau keeps me updated and current on all the major issues affecting my farm business.”



John Kelder, Kelder's Farm
ULSTER FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 2014

“New York Farm Bureau is the only viable voice for all of New York agriculture. As an organization they work for the common good. In addition, Farm Bureau provides our business valuable services such as worker’s compensation insurance.”



Steve & Marsha Gokey, Stargo Farm
FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 1998

Would you like to share your Farm Bureau story?
Did Farm Bureau help you on a local or state issue? Have you benefited from one of our member savings programs?
If you have a story why you feel Farm Bureau is important to you contact your local field advisor or Jessica Gaige Martin at jmartin@nyfb.org or 518-431-5602

Overview: Working in Outdoor and Indoor Heat Environments

Millions of U.S. workers are exposed to heat in their workplaces. Although illness from exposure to heat is preventable, every year, thousands become sick from occupational heat exposure, and some cases are fatal. Most outdoor fatalities, 50% to 70%, occur in the first few days of working in warm or hot environments because the body needs to build a tolerance to the heat gradually over time. The process of building tolerance is called heat acclimatization. Lack of acclimatization represents a major risk factor for fatal outcomes.

Occupational risk factors for heat illness include heavy physical activity, warm or hot environmental conditions, lack of acclimatization, and wearing clothing that holds in body heat.

Hazardous heat exposure can occur in-

doors or outdoors and can occur during any season if the conditions are right, not only during heat waves.

Heat-related illness can affect workers in many industries, at indoor or outdoor worksites. Some job-related risk factors include:

- Outdoor work in warm weather,
- Heat sources such as ovens, fires, or hot tar,
- Strenuous physical activity, and
- Heavy or non-breathable work clothes.

When these (or other) heat hazards are present, employers should plan to pro-



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test workers.

Creation of a Heat Illness Prevention Plan

Employers should create a written plan to prevent heat-related illness. Use the tools on this website to help. Important elements to consider when creating the heat plan are:

- Who will provide oversight daily?
- How will new workers gradually develop heat tolerance?
- Temporary workers may be more susceptible to heat and require closer

supervision.

- Workers returning from extended leave (typically defined as more than two weeks) may also be at increased risk.
- How will the employer ensure that first aid is adequate and the protocol for summoning medical assistance in situations beyond first aid is effective?
- What engineering controls and work practices will be used to reduce heat stress?
- How will heat stress be measured?
- How to respond when the National Weather Service issues a heat advisory or heat warning?
- How will we determine if the total heat stress is hazardous?
- What training will be provided to workers and supervisors?

Heat-Related Illnesses and First Aid

Several heat-related illnesses can affect workers. Some of the symptoms are non-specific. This means that when a worker is performing physical labor in a warm environment, any unusual symptom can be a sign of overheating.

Employers and workers should become familiar with the heat symptoms. When any of these symptoms are present, promptly provide first aid. Do not try to diagnose which illness is occurring. When in doubt, cool the worker and call 911.

Information provided by OSHA. [Osha.gov/heat-exposure](https://www.osha.gov/heat-exposure)

Heat-Related Illness Symptoms and Signs:

- Heat stroke:**
- Confusion
 - Slurred speech
 - Unconsciousness
 - Seizures
 - Heavy sweating or hot, dry skin
 - Very high body temperature
 - Rapid heart rate
- Heat exhaustion**
- Fatigue
 - Irritability
 - Thirst
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Dizziness or light-headedness
 - Heavy sweating
 - Elevated body temperature or fast heart rate
 - Heat cramps
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Commodity Report: **Fruit**



The Age-old Question: Is it a Fruit *or* a Vegetable?

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When we were holding our August Grassroots planning session, the commodity being fruit, someone asked if we could include a story on tomatoes. This immediately brought up the question, is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable? Hopefully, I am about to put that question to rest. Obviously, I am hinting that nothing is ever that simple.

What many people do not know is that I have a plant science degree from Cornell University. My specialty was pomology, which is the study of fruits and fruit science. In the Pomology Department, we never talked about vegetables, mainly because everything we looked at and studied were indeed fruits. That being said, I also took some vegetable crops classes, where this came up all the time, as many of our vegetables are indeed fruits. Confused yet?

So, I dug up my old Veg Crops 101 notes (yes, I still have them), consulted with a few of my compatriots at CCE, and did some online re-

search to make sure my instincts, my plant physiology classes, and Dr. Topoleski from Veg Crops didn't steer me wrong.

Botanically, fruits are simply the product of a flower and contain seeds. Thus, you would think of apples, grapes, oranges, raspberries, peaches etc. What you may not think of are cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, snap beans or peas, peppers, etc. They are all the product of a flower and contain seeds, and thus, are botanically a fruit.

Again, botanically speaking, vegetables are defined as any other part of the plant (outside the product of the flower/fruit) that we eat, which includes leaves (spinach, lettuce, etc.), stems (broccoli, asparagus, etc.), flowers (again broccoli, asparagus, etc.), seeds (corn, peas, etc.) and roots/root structures (potatoes, carrots, etc.).

Now, if we look at it from a culinary perspective, it is based on general flavor profiles and

when it is eaten. Vegetables are considered generally more mild and savory and are eaten as part of a side dish or main course. Fruits are generally sweeter in flavor and are typically used in desserts and baked goods.

Of course, from the culinary perspective, there are always exceptions to the rules, as we think about things like candied yams, sweet potato pie (root veggies) or rhubarb pie (leaf veggie). All are vegetables that are served for dessert. Applesauce is an example of a fruit that is typically served as a side-dish

Hopefully this has cleared up that age-old question, at least from mud to maybe murky water. I am sure there will still be some debate, at least from the culinary angle, as the botanical definition is stone with no debate. And just to add a fun/controversial angle, the U.S. Supreme Court, in 1893, declared the tomato a vegetable for use in U.S. custom regulations.





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Laurie McBride sits next to a raspberry patch at Wickham Family Farm.

ON THE FARM:

An Interview with Laurie McBride,
Wickham Family Farm, Cutchogue, NY

What do you do?

I am officially the manager at Wickham’s Fruit Farm. I’ve been in this capacity for about six years now. I manage the farm stand, which includes retail wholesale as well as the on-site bakery.

We have a lot of weekend customers who come in. So every week they’re expecting a little bit different product, so we need to grow so many different crops to keep the customer interested. Keep ‘em coming back again and again, year after year. With our apple picking, we’ve had one family that has now been doing this for 20 years with us.

Growing produce on Long Island is very different because we’re growing within communities. Our farm itself buffers several different neighborhoods, so they become a part of our farm.

What do you enjoy about your job?

I really enjoy educating customers about what products you can actually grow on Long Island.

June is strawberry season. Yes, you can go into a grocery store any day of the year and find strawberries and blueberries and raspberries, but their fresh counterparts have certain seasons of availability. So educating the consumers on that is, is a really important goal for us here.

That is why we’re not carrying out of season products.

I love doing this. I actually went to college and I’m a high school math teacher by training so that’s where my education component is, but I have so much more mental peace working on the land and tilling and harvesting a crop. And it’s, it’s a different kind of gratification

What has been your biggest challenge?

The biggest issue that I see is our labor. We participate in the H-2A program. So we have a fantastic work crew that comes in just for field labor. Getting the part-time seasonal work for the farmstand is a huge challenge right now. The pandemic hit us hard because we all worked through it. We all put in 60-hour weeks, which is normal during uncertain times and that did burn a lot of people out. A lot of people left the workforce entirely

What is your biggest reward?

You can feed yourself. You can feed the community. You’re also able to sustain the lives of your 30-plus employees by doing it. There is so much overflow for ag and it’s not just working the land and producing food. It’s a greater sense of feeding your community.

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Another U-Pick Cherry Season Comes to an end in the Central Finger Lakes

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Another u-pick cherry season came to a close in the central Finger Lakes Region in mid-July. As I reviewed the season that was amongst some of the local growers, it really became apparent that there was no real consistency of opinions as to its success or lack thereof. A late frost added to the woeful side of the season for some, while the drought conditions were actually good for the most part for the those with a crop (lack of disease pressure).

In my neck of the woods, on the east side of Seneca Lake, it was a decent year if not excellent. The problem here is that where there used to be six dominant farms, there are now only three that offer cherries, and one of those had no crop this year (bad site, frost damage). With a noticeable decline in the number of u-pick operations in all of my area, like strawberries, I decided to take a deeper look into what is going on with the u-pick cherry growers in the central Finger Lakes.

Sawmill Creek Vineyards

My first stop was at Sawmill Creek Vineyards in Hector, predominately a wine grape grower, but also a long-time cherry producer. After the 2021 season, they had pushed out all of their cherry trees, other than a few for family use. Co-owner Tina Hazlitt was quick in her response as to why they had gotten out of the u-pick cherry business. Even though they only had a few acres of trees, they were going to fall under FSMA regulations (Food Safety Modernization Act), and after doing the math on the cost of compliance for both her cherries and the grapes, it was an easy decision. The few thousand dollars that were normally made and helped offset input costs on their grapes, wasn't worth the hassle. She commented how government regulations were slowly and painfully pushing out generations of farms.

To explain a little bit farther, her wine grapes are exempt from FSMA due to going through a kill-step facility (being made into wine). Her cherries were exempt since they were going directly to a qualified end-user (the consumer). But, since she grew both and a winery isn't considered a qualified end-user, they were now subject to the FSMA rules. It isn't quite that simple, but you get the point. A story for another day, no doubt, but it really makes wine grape growers think long and hard about growing a secondary crop for fresh produce. NYFB now has policy on this and are pursuing a solution.

Wickham Tango Oaks Farms

On the converse side and my next stop just to the south, Wickham Tango Oaks Farms (perhaps a relative, bro), had the same issue as predominately a wine grape grower, but approached it with a different mindset, as they have much more invested in secondary crops, like u-pick cherries, peaches, and apples. Owner Fred Wickham sucked it up and went through the compliance and had a banner year on their six acres of dwarf cherry trees with a large crop. Between COVID and the fact that half of the local orchards had decided to discontinue growing cherries, the crowds at the farm were big and consistent, no matter what day it was, with a base draw of around a 50-mile radius due mainly to the lack of orchards in the area. The Tango Oaks site is ideal for growing cherries, as it slopes down to Seneca lake thus mitigating frost and freeze



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potential. That being said, they still typically lose their crop two out of 10 years, thus making a year like this more of a safety net and not a boon. It also explains why there aren't more cherries grown in marginal sites around the Finger Lakes.

Dalrymple Farms

A similar story unfolded at Dalrymple Farms, just up the road from Sawmill Creek and Tango Oaks. Owner Don Dalrymple had a good year, with ample customers and cherries. Quality was excellent. Though not a big orchard, his income helps offset other farming costs, which are mainly growing wine grapes. His issues revolve more on the what the future may bring. He has mostly all older standard trees, and thus does rely on some ladder picking. He is getting older like the rest of us (we may have grown up together) and with increasing regulation and the cost of labor, he was really toying with potentially ending his run as a u-pick cherry grower. But, his son has started to show interest in the farm and more specifically the cherries, which led Don to once again research getting some new dwarf or semi-dwarf trees and somewhat starting anew. A few years ago, you couldn't get new trees, at least in bulk, but he tells me that has loosened up and he now, potentially has access to hundreds of new trees. For Don, he really looks at the legacy of our fathers, and the second and third generation of pickers that visit the farm annually. Plus, as he stated, farming isn't about the money, but the lifestyle.

Littletree Orchards

I was then off to Littletree Orchards, outside of the little 'burb of Newfield in southern Tompkins County. I had noticed on their website that they were not doing u-pick cherries this year and were only offering them already-picked at the Ithaca Farmers Market. I found my old friend and farm owner Dennis Hartley relaxing under an apple tree at the far end of his farm and dug right into their reasoning. He explained that even though they have some newer smaller trees, they had always relied on their older "standard" trees, that were quite large and required ladders. With our current litigious society, it just wasn't worth the hassles anymore with the liability of cherry pickers on the

farm. And even with the newer trees, they are on a marginal site for cherries (and we had a late frost this year), and only had a few hundred pounds which were just as easy to pick and sell at the market. With his daughter slowly taking over the farm, it was not ruled out that they could go back to it.

Grisamore Farms

Finally, I stopped by Grisamore Farms, located between Genoa and Locke, in southern Cayuga County. I could point out that they are located in the middle of nowhere, but they will tell you that they are 20 miles from everywhere (if you consider Ithaca, Auburn and Cortland everywhere). Grisamore Farms is run by three sisters, and they do everything u-pick. I met with JoAnn Grisamore Cornell and Susan Grisamore Bower. Their determination is second to none. As they try to be a "full-service" farm market (apples, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, assorted vegetables, greenhouses for hanging baskets and bedding plants, pumpkins, a few goats and sheep, and a beautiful farm store with all the knick-knacks you would ever need), they added cherries and peaches to supplement their great variety.

I lump cherries and peaches together, as Grisamore is on a very marginal site for either. Where a good site in the Finger Lakes will lose their cherries two out of 10 years, you can figure peaches will be three or four out of 10 years. As JoAnn explained, they have trouble keeping their peach trees alive at all, and they certainly have issues with getting their cherries through bloom. It was an OK year, but with their growing and faithful following, they will keep at it as they can sell whatever they have.

The Verdict

As you can see, many stories that are all over the map in terms of success, struggles, heartache, and determination. Sounds like farming in general to me. With the success of u-pick gaining traction again after many years of decline, there are still the same old detriments (weather, site location) and a few new ones (FSMA, new business regulations). Fresh cherries are immensely popular with those that have experienced them. A common theme amongst everybody was the subsequent generations of the same families that keep coming back. As the cost of business and government regulation continue to squeeze out the little guys, I worry about the number of options we will have in the future for u-pick opportunities. Still, nothing beats a fresh cherry pie or a big, old sweet cherry fresh off the tree.



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Long-time Farm Bureau members Jack and Loretta Auckland (standing) chat with Minnie Brennan and Mark Walker (facing camera) prior to the meal at Steuben CFB’s member picnic



Allegany County Farm Bureau float is prepared for the Cuba Dairy Days parade.



Megan Eastman, daughter of Farm Bureau members Roger and Jessica Eastman prepares to ride on the Jefferson County Farm Bureau float during the annual Dairy Festival Parade.



WENDY MATTSON/DIEDRA HILL/DELAWARE CFB

Sage, left, and Dylan Sulger did their part to represent local dairy at the Meredith Dairy Festival in Meredith, NY. Located in Delaware County, the event was held on June 11-12. The festival featured a dairy tent run by a local FFA chapter and multiple vendors, live music and a tractor pull.

Out and About, Around the State

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Essex County Farm Bureau members enjoy a beautiful evening at their recent summer picnic.



St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau’s float in 2022 Dairy Month Parade

Genoa FD Wins Life-Saving Grain Rescue Equipment

Grain bin accidents send shockwaves through rural communities as farmers and grain handlers know all too well how quickly entering a grain bin can turn deadly. To help prevent these accidents that result in dozens of lives lost each year, Nationwide is providing life-saving resources to rural America's first responders.

"We are proud to provide first responders the education and resources to lead the fight against local grain bin entrapments," said Brad Liggett, president of Agribusiness at Nationwide. "It's been our mission to bring an end to this industry issue by raising awareness of the dangers and supplying needed equipment to the front-line rescuers tasked with responding when accidents occur."

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Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), Nationwide is awarding 58 fire departments across the country with grain rescue tubes and hands-on training to prepare them to respond when local grain entrapments occur.

In New York, the Genoa Fire Department was named as a 2022 re-



ipient.

NECAS, based out of Peosta, IA, will deliver the rescue tubes and training to the winning fire departments throughout 2022, traveling to each location with state-of-the-art grain entrapment simulators and rescue tubes. The comprehensive training sessions include classroom education and rescue simulations using the entrapment tools, which are loaded onto 20-foot trailers and able to hold about 100 bushels of grain each.

The New York Farm Bureau is a

proud supporter of Nationwide's Grain Bin Safety campaign. With 2022 donations included, Nationwide and partners have supplied these resources to 265 fire departments across 31 states. At least five fire departments have utilized their rescue tubes and training to successfully rescue entrapped workers.

"Thank you to our generous partners who have supported this cause to put an end to avoidable deaths in rural agricultural communities nationwide," said Liggett.

Learn more about Nationwide's Grain Bin Safety campaign at Think Grain Bin Safety.

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- Leave specific assets to your beneficiaries

However, if you pass away without a will, your loved ones may be left guessing how you want your assets distributed — and they might face potential delays and court procedures.

Help secure your farm's future

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Farm-Related Deaths in New York Down in Recent Years but not a Clear-Cut Trend

By Kevin Luschen
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The rate of farm-related fatalities in New York may be gradually decreasing, according to NYCAMH’s New York State Agricultural Fatality Report: 2019-2021. Deaths in the state tied to agricultural work decreased in the last three years: 21 in 2019, 15 in 2020 and seven in 2021.

The lower numbers in 2021, however, may only be a “momentary downtick,” and the percentage of childhood deaths on farms remains tragically significant, according to the recently released report.

“Fatalities on farms are rare and often erratic in nature. You have to look at the numbers over a couple of decades,” explains NYCAMH Deputy Director Erika Scott. “Then you notice that they jump up and down a lot.”

The report cites the top causes of farm-related deaths from 2019-2021 as follows:

1. Tractor rollovers. Rollovers have long been a leading cause of agricultural deaths. The report, however, notes a continued drop in frequency.
2. A person coming into contact with equipment or other farm objects.
3. Road-related incidents—vehicles coming into contact with equip-

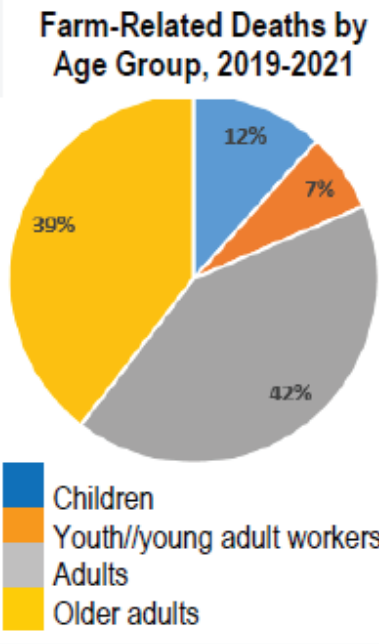
ment or other farm objects. Collisions involving vehicles and tractors or other farm machinery on roads are nearly five times more deadly than non-agricultural crashes, according to a NYCAMH study cited in the report.

Key Findings

- Road-related crashes involving motor vehicles and farm equipment or tractors are the second leading cause of farm-related deaths.
- More than half of all farm machinery-related deaths involved minors; half were children under the age of ten. (see chart, right)
- Males continue to represent the majority of deaths.
- Most fatalities occurred at age 55 or older.

Data for the report and information on the incidents were gathered through a news clipping service’s search engine. These were then cross-referenced with fatalities from AgInjuryNews.org. Additional searches are run through the official Census of Fatal Occupational Injury. The center also tracks non-fatal agricultural injuries through Pre-Hospital Care Reports supplied by the Department of Health.

Tracking fatalities within New York State is part of NYCAMH’s mission. Data are used to guide NYCAMH’s



priorities in work to decrease injuries and deaths on farms.
The full report can be found here: www.nycamh.org/news.php.

NYCAMH offers a variety of programs that promote agricultural workers’ well-being as well as financial assistance to farms improving worker safety through its John May Farm Safety Fund and the National Rollover Protection System (ROPS) Rebate Program. To take advantage of these services, reach out to NYCAMH via phone at 800-343-7527, or email: info@nycamh.org. Learn more at www.nycamh.org.

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everyone to look for positive ways forward that will support all of agriculture.

“Our mission today is to move past the challenges presented to farming in this state and proactively address pathways to success,” he said.

The first topic of the day was labor. Richard Stup, Cornell’s Agricultural Workforce Specialist, led a discussion with Jim Bittner, Executive Director of NYS Horticulture Society and owner of Bittner Singer Orchards, AJ Wormuth, NEDPA board member and owner of Half Full Dairy, Chris White, NYS Department of Labor Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development, and Scott Potter, Plant Manager for Cayuga Milk Ingredients. The four talked about the challenges they face including the cost of labor, recruitment and retention techniques, and obstacles employees have like the high cost of day care. The panel stressed it is a challenge to maintain competitiveness with other states cheaper labor costs and lower regulatory requirements, that is what Bittner says keeps him up at night.

Changing Career Goals

There was also a focus on what young people are looking for today in a career. Potter highlighted how their needs are different. He says they are wanting training to provide a pathway to grow their careers on the farm, and they like to watch videos to learn on the job. The younger generation also connects their values to where they work, something agriculture can use to inspire future employees by showing the impact of what farms and agribusinesses do.

“We ship product everywhere and are feeding the world. I don’t think young people realize that,” he said.

White, with the Department of Labor, spoke about some new state initiatives making virtual reality headsets available to showcase different types of jobs by visually taking people to the farm. There will be an Agriculture Career Day August 25 at the State Fair in Syracuse.

“The fundamental question of the day is how to get young people interested in farm jobs,” said White.

Looking to the future, Wormuth stressed “value-added” will be important, which is why his farm has expanded into organic and A2 milk production.

Looking at Climate Change

The next panel looked at climate change. The panel of Julie Suarez, Assoc. Dean for Land-Grant Affairs at Cornell CALS, Peter Woodbury, Sr. Research Associate for CALS School of Integrative Plant Science Soil and Crops Sciences Section, and Brian Steinmuller, Asst. Director of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Division of Land and Water Resources. They presented power points showcasing the changing weather patterns and the need for more research and technology to create verifiable carbon sequestration systems on farms. There will



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Summit attendees participated in table discussions about the topics presented in each panel. About 100 were in attendance.

“We can’t be afraid to tackle tough issues. We need to be proactive, work together, and play offense on the big issues.”

David Fisher
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also be a need for new plant varieties in the future to address changing climate in the northeast and expected increased pest pressure. New ways to lower livestock methane emissions will also be a focus of agricultural research.

“Applied research is going to be absolutely critical. Not only do we need to develop scientifically verifiable and permanent ways to sequester carbon and to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, but we need to make sure that those innovations are based in the real world that farmers are living in and trying to grow crops,” said Suarez.

Woodberry said the top five mitigation opportunities will include increased livestock feed nutrition, cover and flare manure storages, improved crop nitrogen fertilizer efficiency, improved forest and woodland management as well as planting more trees on idle farmland.

Kevin King, New York State Deputy Secretary of Food and Agriculture was the featured keynote speaker during lunch. He said it is important to position New York farms to address the challenges and opportunities they face. After reviewing state budget investment, he said Gov. Kathy Hochul will be visiting farms this summer to learn about what is needed from the state. He read from her recent comments during a Long Island Farm Bureau roundtable on July 18.

“Farmers have been there for us, and we need to be there for them,” King said.

Urban Agriculture, Outreach

Policy makers continued the discussion after lunch with a focus on urban agriculture and outreach. The legislative agriculture committee



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Kevin King, New York State Deputy Secretary of Food and Agriculture, was the event’s keynote speaker.

chairs, Sen. Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Donna Lupardo, were joined by Austin Large, Director of Membership and Organization Development with American Farm Bureau Federation.

Hinchey credited farmers with building strong relationships with downstate lawmakers during the pandemic when farms and food processors shipped fresh food into New York City when shelves were bare.

“Agriculture is the industry that unites the entire state,” said Hinchey.

Lupardo echoed Hinchey’s remarks saying the recent legislative session reflected that. There was support for record agriculture funding in the state budget as well as some additional bills that could’ve have hurt farms like the required electrification of farm equipment and a ban on neonicotinoid pesticides.

“The farm community is doing well in policy making in Albany due

to the relationships they’ve built,” said Lupardo, while holding up an issue of NYFB’s Grassroots newspaper recounting the end of session.

“It is all about relationship building when you need to advance your issues and causes,” added Large.

Farm connections

Both shared storied of connections they have made and how food access is an important starting point. Lupardo also stressed that downstate lawmakers who hear from their own constituents may not see bills as anti-agriculture, but rather pro-environment or pro-labor, which is why more conversations and farm tours need to happen to help connect those dots.

The final discussion of the day ended with the youth and how there is a need for enhanced investment

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in agricultural education and applied research.

Suarez was joined Tara Berescik Burke, the president of the NYS Association of Agricultural Educators and Andy Turner, a 4-H program leader and assistant director of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Renewed Youth Interest in Farming

Burke says there is a growing interest in agriculture education and new FFA chapters across the state. There are now agriculture programs in 51 percent of rural districts and 10 percent in urban areas, mostly in the middle and high school levels. To build on that, she says we need to recruit more agriculture teachers and start reaching children in the elementary level with agriscience education.

“If we’re giving them those hands-on experiences, starting young, they get excited. They’re also not getting confused by what they’re seeing in media. Media does a lot to negatively impact kids as far as agriculture goes. So, if we can get them understanding it and developing an appreciation, even if they don’t go on into ag, we’ve actually created a better citizen at that point as well,” said Burke, who also teaches agriculture education at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, NY.

Turner added that youth today are looking for in-depth opportunities and internships to have a more valuable experience. The more opportunities farms can provide, the better workforce we can have in the future.

Suarez also said the farm community needs to advocate for more applied research in the upcoming Farm Bill outside of the traditional large commodities, which will especially benefit specialty crop production that makes up a large part of New York State farming.

Next Steps

Each one of these topics was followed by table discussions and a final full group conversation. All of which will help to direct the next major NYFB event, a special day long conference entitled “Adapt. Advance. Achieve. Focusing on the Future of Northeast Agriculture,” which will be held in conjunction with NYFB’s State Annual Meeting Dec. 6 and 7 in Buffalo.

One key takeaway for NYFB Vice President Eric Ooms who stood up at the end was recognizing that we need to reinforce that farms are also businesses. Without the ability to operate as a business and make a profit, nothing else can be accomplished.

In the end President Fisher said there are many reasons to be optimistic about the future of New York agriculture.

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most diverse agricultural sectors in the country with many labor intensive commodities like dairy, fruits, and vegetables with different workforce needs.

He said it is paramount that we have a reformed system that addresses both long- and short-term farm labor needs in this country. It should modernize our H-2A guest worker program to have a continuous, legal workforce for all sectors of agriculture. This includes opening the system to year-round employees that are needed on dairy farms that milk cows 12 months a year. The country also need to have a system in place that addresses the hardworking men and women who are already here in this country producing food and caring for livestock.

“We must all come together to fix a longtime problem that will support our farms and the American people. Food security is national security,” said President Fisher.

Fisher was joined by Utah Farm Bureau President Ron Gibson. Republican members of the House of Representatives that included U.S. Representatives Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Jim Baird (R-IN), Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) and Mike Simpson (R-ID) called on the Senate to pass a bill this session.

“This is a vitally important issue for America. We passed it twice in the house. We want the senate to act on it and we want them to do it this year...I am living proof that you can actually talk about immigration and go out and win an election,” said Rep. Simpson.

At the press conference, Texas A&M University Associate Professor Sean Maddan released data from a new economic study on the link between stabilizing the agricultural workforce and decreasing inflation and consumer prices. The study shows that ensuring farmers have a stable, secure, reliable, and legal workforce is crucial to keeping America’s grocery shelves stocked, combating inflation, and lowering food prices, including milk, eggs, meat, and produce for all domestic consumers.

“Overall, the findings in this study tended to support the conclusion that policies on non-citizen admissions and immigration have a profound association with the economy,” said Prof. Maddan. “The relationships denoted above are strong, statistically significant relationships, and definitely warrant further research and consideration.”

The data for this research were collected from official sources that include the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, US Customs and Border Protection, and the US Department of Agriculture. Information was collected from 1960-2020 for most data points, associated with meats, poultry, milk and eggs.

The event included Enrique Sanchez, American Business Immigration Coalition Action Intermountain

Region Director, DACA recipient and son of a farmworker. “Due to his status, my father was unable to join my mother during my birth in Mexico. The agricultural sector is facing devastating labor shortages. If this is not addressed, Americans will continue to see empty grocery shelves and higher prices. American farmers need access to a safe, legal and reliable workforce through new Senate legislation being negotiated by Senators Crapo and Bennet.”

Last month, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador visited Washington, D.C. to discuss major issues impacting the U.S. and Mexico. With trade, labor, and immigration guaranteed to be important parts of the discussion and news cycle, the timing is ideal to highlight the urgent farm labor shortage, which is increasing inflation that ultimately impacts every American consumer’s bottom line.

Inflation is hitting Americans’ grocery bills hard. Grocery bills are rising at the fastest pace in more than 40 years. The American Farm Bureau Federation has found that a meal will cost a staggering \$10.18 more than a year ago. That’s an increase of 17% since before the pandemic.

Since last summer, prices are up 36% for ground beef, 33% for chicken breasts, 33% for pork and beans, 31% for pork chops, 22% for lemonade and 19% for potato salad. These dramatic price increases mean that many American families are skipping traditional summertime barbecues and picnics altogether.

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year’s budget with an increased allocation, demonstrating our commitment to York’s agriculture industry. As a result of the funding being provided today, we are protecting nearly 12,000 acres of farmland for continued agricultural use, including right here on Long Island.”

“Protecting our state’s farmlands is one of the most important things we can do to maintain the economic viability of the state’s agricultural industry,” said Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado. “The Farmland Protection Implementation program promotes continued agricultural use of these land and the 40 new projects that have been selected will help ensure the long-term sustainability of our state’s farmers.”

The State’s Farmland Protection program made critical adjustments for Round 18. For the first time, projects were awarded that support the state’s top priorities, including food security, climate resiliency, and source water protection. In addition, eligibility criteria for the program were expanded to include the agroforestry, equine, and wine sectors, reflecting New York’s diverse agricultural industry.

For a complete list of projects that were awarded funding:
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USDA Accepts More than 3.1M Acres in Grassland CRP Signup

USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting offers for more than 3.1 million acres from agricultural producers and private landowners through this year's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grassland Signup, the highest in history. The signup's results include nearly 2,000 acres in New York. This program allows producers and landowners to continue grazing and haying practices while protecting grasslands and promoting plant and animal biodiversity and conservation, and it's part of the Biden-Harris administration's broader effort to address climate change and to conserve natural resources.

Record-Breaking Response

"This year's record-breaking Grassland CRP signup demonstrates the continued success and value of investments in voluntary, producer-led, working lands conservation programs," said Jim Barber, FSA State Executive Director in New York.

"Grassland CRP clearly demonstrates, time and time again, that conservation priorities and agricultural productivity not only have the capacity to coexist but also complement and enhance one another. Through all our working land conservation programs, farmers and ranchers play a critical role in helping secure the future of both our food production and our natural resources."

Nationwide, this year's Grassland CRP signup surpassed last year's 2.5 million acres by 22%. So far this year, producers have enrolled 2 million acres through the General Signup and more than 464,000 acres have been submitted through the Continuous CRP Signup. This means about 5.6 million acres are entering CRP in 2023, surpassing the 3.9 million acres expiring this year.

Because Grassland CRP supports not only grazing operations but also biodiversity and conserving environmentally sensitive land such as that prone to wind erosion, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) created

two National Priority Zones in 2021: the Greater Yellowstone Migration Corridor and Dust Bowl Zone. For this year's signup, FSA expanded the Greater Yellowstone Wildlife Migration Corridor Priority Zone to include seven additional counties across Montana, Wyoming, and Utah, to help protect the big-game animal migration corridor associated with Wyoming elk, mule deer and antelope. FSA accepted offers on more than 1.4 million acres in these two zones.

Grasslands enrolled in CRP help sequester carbon in vegetation and soil, while enhancing resilience to drought and wildfire. Meanwhile, producers can still conduct common grazing practices, such as haying, mowing, or harvesting seed from the enrolled land, which supports ag production.

Broadening Reach of Program

As part of the Agency's Justice40 efforts, producers and landowners who are historically underserved, including beginning farmers and military veterans, will receive 10 additional ranking points to enhance their offers. From more than 5,000 underserved producers, USDA accepted offers of more than 1.9 million acres, about 87% of those who submitted applications.

Additionally, USDA is working to broaden the scope and reach of Grassland CRP by leveraging the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) to engage historically underserved communities. CREP is a partnership program that enables states, Tribal governments, and non-profit entities to partner with FSA to implement CRP practices and address high priority conservation and environmental objectives. Interested entities are encouraged to contact FSA.

More Information

Producers can still make an offer to participate in CRP through the Continuous CRP Signup, which is ongoing, by contacting the FSA at their local USDA Service Center. To learn more, visit usda.gov.



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House Passes Fiscal Year 2023 Minibus Appropriations Bill

On July 20, the House passed H.R. 8294, the fiscal year (FY) 2023 minibus spending bill by a vote of 220-207. The appropriations minibus package includes the following spending bills: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA; Energy and Water Development; Financial Services and General Government; Interior and Environment; and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Agriculture Appropriations bill includes \$27.2 billion in discretionary funding, which is an increase of \$2.1 billion or 8% above the FY22 enacted level. The following is a summary of the bill: The bill provides more than \$4.2 billion for rural development programs, including \$560 million for the expansion of broadband service. This includes \$450 million for the ReConnect program which is in addition to the \$2 billion investment in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The bill includes \$1.8 billion for Food for Peace grants and \$265 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program. The bill includes \$1.16 billion, \$52 million above the FY22 enacted level, for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The bill provides nearly \$3.6 billion for agriculture research programs, including the Agricultural Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, including the highest ever level for USDA's flagship competitive research program, the Agriculture Food and Research Initiative. The agriculture spending bill also provides funding for food and nutrition programs as well as food safety programs at the Food and Drug Administration. The Senate has not passed their spending bill legislation yet.

House Agriculture Committee Announces Online Farm Bill Feedback Form

As discussions continue on the 2023 Farm Bill, the House Agriculture Committee is interested in getting direct input from farmers, producers, stakeholders, and consumers on how existing farm bill programs are working for them and possible improvements to the programs. House Agriculture Committee Chairman David Scott and Ranking Member Glenn "GT" Thompson are offering the opportunity for members of the public to submit their feedback and ideas for the 2023 Farm Bill through an online form available at <https://agriculture.house.gov/components/redirect/r.aspx?ID=7530-301>. In addition to the feedback gathered online, the House Agriculture Committee will continue to conduct hearings in Washington, DC and hold listening sessions across the country to gather input as they prepare for the 2023 Farm Bill.

Fertilizer Tariffs Denied

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) has voted to reject proposed anti-dumping and countervailing duties on imports of urea ammonium nitrate solutions (UAN) from Russia and Trinidad/Tobago. The commissioners determined the imports had not materially injured CF Industries, the company that filed the petition for the duties. The Commerce Department now will not impose the proposed duties, which ranged from 17 to 130 percent on UAN imports from Russia, and duties that totaled 113 per-

cent on UAN from Trinidad/Tobago. These countries account for more than eighty percent of UAN imports into the U.S. Farm Bureau filed multiple comments to the USITC opposing the petition for import duties on UAN.

Farm Bureau Supports Reducing Farm Input Costs and Barriers to Domestic Production Act

Farm Bureau has expressed its support for H.R. 8069, the Reducing Farm Input Costs and Barriers to Domestic Production Act. The bill requires the Biden Administration to reverse its regulatory barriers to domestic agriculture production and provide immediate relief to families across the country. Farmers across the country have been struggling with disrupted supply chains, skyrocketing input costs, and historic levels of inflation, each of which contributes to increased food prices. The ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia has further disrupted the global food system resulting in increased energy prices, fertilizer cost spikes and shortages, and worsening food shortages in developing countries.

Specifically, the bill: Provides relief from EPA's unprecedented actions related to crop protection tools; Offers clarity related to WOTUS regulations; Rescinds the SEC's harmful proposed rule on climate-related disclosures; Reinstates the 2020 NEPA streamlining; and Requires an economic analysis on the costs and benefits of GIPSA rules.

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Registration Open for AFBF's Federal Milk Marketing Order Forum

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) has opened registration for the Federal Milk Marketing Order Forum scheduled for Oct. 14-16 in Kansas City, Mo. In December 2021, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack requested that the dairy industry “get in a room” and work collaboratively to build consensus and find solutions to Federal Milk Marketing Order shortfalls. He specified that “the only way this works for the industry is to do the hard job of listening to one another.”

In response to his request, the American Farm Bureau Federation is hosting an industry-wide dairy conference to discuss dairy pricing and meaningful changes to the Federal Milk Marketing Order system. Conference programming includes panels on various aspects of Federal Milk Marketing Orders followed by roundtable discussions structured to spur conversation among all parts of the industry, but with a clear focus on farmers.

The registration site, lodging information, tentative agenda and growing speaker list can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/afbf-mmof>. The conference is open to all dairy farmers. Cost of registration is \$99.

AFBF Fall 2022 Women's Communications Boot Camp Applications Open

The American Farm Bureau Federation will host Fall Women's Communications Boot Camp Oct. 31- Nov. 3, 2022, in Washington, D.C. To date, 239 women have graduated from this intensive training that is open to all female members interested in building skills needed to communicate about agriculture and for Farm Bureau.

The application period for Fall 2022 Women's Communications Boot Camp is now open and will close at 12:00 p.m. noon on Monday, Aug. 8.

Applications will only be accepted electronically using the online application. Handwritten and/or scanned entries will not be accepted. Applicants will be notified of their application status by email on or before Sept. 6, 2022. Selected applicants must remit a \$300 registra-

tion fee to offset materials, equipment, and group meal costs.

For more information, visit the Women's Communications Boot Camp page on the AFBF website. Please direct questions to Carrie Walker at carriew@fb.org.

Reminder of OSHA's Outdoor Heat Standard

Agriculture producers are reminded of OSHA's National Emphasis Program on Outdoor and Indoor Heat Hazards, which went into effect on April 8, 2022 and will remain in effect for 3 years. The NEP creates a nationwide enforcement mechanism for OSHA to proactively inspect workplaces for heat-related hazards in general industry, maritime, construction, or agriculture operation alleging hazardous exposures to heat (outdoors and/or indoors).

This means that OSHA can now launch heat-related inspections on high-risk worksites before workers suffer preventable injuries, illnesses, or fatalities. The NEP encourages employers to protect workers from heat hazards by providing employee access to water, rest, shade, adequate training, and implementing acclimatization procedures for new or returning employees.

It contains both enforcement and outreach/compliance assistance components. The NEP establishes heat priority days when the heat index is expected to be 80°F or higher. A copy of the Directive can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/osha-directives>

FDA Proposes Compliance Date Extension for Pre-Harvest Ag Water Requirements

The FDA has issued a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking to extend the compliance dates for the pre-harvest agricultural water provisions as outlined in the recent 2021 agricultural water proposed rule. The 2021 agricultural water proposed rule, if finalized, will re-

quire farms to conduct annual systems-based agricultural water assessments to determine and guide appropriate measures to minimize potential risks associated with pre-harvest agricultural water.

The FDA is now proposing extended compliance dates for those proposed pre-harvest requirements and is also providing clarifying information about the enforcement discretion policy for the harvest and post-harvest agricultural water requirements.

The supplemental rulemaking proposes to establish the following compliance dates for the pre-harvest agricultural water requirements for covered produce other than sprouts:

- Two years and 9 months after the effective date of a final rule for very small businesses;
- One year and nine months after the effective date of a final rule for small businesses; and
- Nine months after the effective date of a final rule for all other businesses.

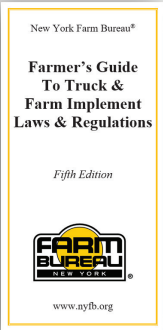
FDA intends to continue enforcement discretion for the harvest and post-harvest agricultural water requirements of the Produce Safety regulation until the following dates:

- Jan. 26, 2025, for very small businesses;
- Jan. 26, 2024, for small businesses; and
- Jan. 26, 2023, for all other businesses.

FDA is reopening the comment period only with respect to the proposed compliance dates for the pre-harvest agricultural water provisions until September 19, 2022. As has been done with other FSMA rules, the FDA plans to take an “educate before and while we regulate” posture as they begin implementing the harvest and post-harvest requirements. Comments should be submitted to docket FDA-2021-N-0471 on **Regulations.gov**.

New York Farm Bureau's Farmer's Guide to Truck & Farm Implement Laws & Regulations, 5th Ed.

New York Farm Bureau's publication Farmer's Guide to Truck & Farm Implement Laws & Regulations, 5th Ed., commonly known as the “Truck Book,” is a resource tool prepared to assist farmers in understanding the myriad state and federal transportation laws and guidelines that affect their farm business. Additions to the fifth edition of our most popular guide are contained within text boxes and labeled “5th Edition Update” for ease of reference. There's new info on CDLs, farm plates, ATVs, Infrastructure Friendly Vehicle (IFV) requirements, lights and reflectors, and many more things important to our members.



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kingpin to the center of the rear axle is 43 feet or less.

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The length of a trailer or semitrailer cannot exceed 48 feet on a state highway and 53 feet on a qualifying or access highway. The length of a single trailer or semitrailer being operated in combination with another trailer or semitrailer shall not exceed 28.5 feet. The measurement of the distance between the kingpin and the center of the rear axle can be no more than 43 feet on those semitrailers that are up to 53 feet in length. This restriction provides a narrower turning radius to prevent encroachment of the semitrailer into other lanes of traffic.

Over-length Vehicles

For vehicles exceeding the legal dimensions for length, a farmer must obtain a special hauling permit from NYSDOT to operate on public highways. For combination vehicles over 65 feet in length, a warning sign must be attached to the front and rear of the vehicle. On four-lane or divided highways, vehicles over 80 feet in length must be followed by a certified escort. On other than four-lane or divided highways, vehicles 80 feet and greater in length must be preceded by a certified escort vehicle.

Special Hauling Permit (Oversize and Overweight)

Special hauling permits are required to move vehicles and implements that exceed the legal dimensions or weight. A special hauling permit issued by the NYSDOT is good only for highways under NYSDOT jurisdiction. Permission must be obtained from the proper authorities when traveling over roads that are considered a thruway, parkway, county road, town highway, city street, or village street.

A special hauling permit authorizes movement of an oversize and/or overweight vehicle for a specific time period on permissible hauling days. A permissible hauling day is any normal working day, Monday through Friday, during the daylight hours between one-half hour before sunrise

and one-half hour after sunset when the weather conditions are favorable. No movements are allowed on Sundays and Saturdays, except those vehicles that are within 12 feet in width, 85 feet in length, legal height, and able to maintain traffic flow speed can be authorized on the special hauling permit to move until noon on Saturday, unless the Saturday falls on a holiday on which movement is prohibited. No movements are allowed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. No movements are allowed after noon the day preceding Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Farm Vehicles and Implements

Farm vehicles and implements with a width of over 17 feet are permitted to operate on public highways only with a special hauling permit called the "oversize farm equipment permit" from NYSDOT. The term oversized farm equipment applies only to vehicles that are required to be registered with DMV and that must display a license plate. A special hauling permit can be issued for a year or monthly blocks. For a one-time trip, a special hauling trip permit can be issued for a period of five (5) days.

Farm Tractors

Farm tractors and implements used exclusively for agricultural purposes with a width of over 17 feet and which are not required to be registered with the DMV are permitted to operate on public highways with a special hauling permit called a "farm tractor permit" from NYSDOT.

Divisible Load Permit - (Overweight Permit Only)

A divisible load permit is an overweight permit for a vehicle registered in this state, designed, and constructed to carry loads that are not of one piece or item. A divisible load permit is only for a vehicle over its legal weight; the vehicle must be of legal width, height and length dimensions. NYSDOT can issue a seasonal agricultural divisible load permit for use by a farmer engaged in food production for transporting agricultural, vegetable, and food products grown in the soil for human consumption. The seasonal agricultural divisible load permit is issued for four (4) consecutive months at half the fee of the annual permit.

Please contact the NYS Department of Transportation, Traffic Engineering & Highway Safety Division Permit Section at (888) 783-1685 or 518-457-1155 with any questions regarding special hauling permits or divisible load permits for agricultural vehicles.

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NYSDAM Commissioner Announces Application Opening for 30% NYS Initiative

NYSDAM

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball recently announced that applications are open for reimbursement for the 30% New York State Initiative for the 2021-2022 school year.

This initiative increases the reimbursement schools receive for lunches from 5.9 cents per meal to 25 cents per meal for any district that purchases at least 30 percent ingredients for their school lunch program from New York farms.

As part of her State of the State commitment to better connect farms and schools across New York, Gov. Hochul directed the Department of Agriculture and Markets to take the lead on administration of the 30% NYS Initiative as of July 1 in order to enhance participation in the program statewide.

The law originally passed in 2018 was updated in this year's state budget to provide school food authorities (SFAs) with increased State reimbursement for the purchase of New York State food products for school lunch programs. SFAs that purchase food items and prepare their own school lunches or SFAs that contract with a Food Service Management Company to purchase food items and prepare school lunches are eligible to participate in the 30% NYS initiative.

SFAs must apply annually to receive the additional reimbursement for the following school year. Any NYS food product purchased and used in the reimbursable meals

DETAILS:



The 30% NYS Initiative is intended to provide healthy New York sourced food products to children as part of their lunch meal in school. When schools use food products from local sources, they are supporting local farmers and providing healthy choices for children in school meal programs, while also supporting the local economy. SFAs that take part in the initiative are encouraged, to the best extent possible, to reach the required threshold with healthy, farm fresh items served with the reimbursable lunch meal and to limit the inclusion of a la carte snack foods.

for the school lunch program may contribute toward the 30% NYS Initiative. Applications for reimbursement for the 2021-2022 school year are now open and are due Aug. 15.

Find out more about the program and how to apply at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/30-percent-initiative>.

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category of high-paying jobs. Farming involves labor and hard work and could fit almost anyone who wants to be independent and self-directed as long as they are willing to expend the effort.

All this said we are back to the question, "How do we promote the love of farm labor to potential young farmers and at the same time educate the consumer on what the farmer can do for them?"

As a member, you are an important part of the Farm Bureau. Come to your local County monthly Board meeting; it is open to all members. Consider working with other groups with similar interests such as Cooperative Extension. This group helps promote the farm-to-table concept for schools among other agriculture-related activities.

Get involved in the agriculture literacy program in your county. Take the time to volunteer for a half-day or so to go to a local school and read about agriculture to the kids. Remember, not all the kids in country schools are from farming families.

Talk with your legislators about farming needs, from your perspective, as you see them. Most of your County Farm Bureau Board members can help you if you have ques-

tions about how to approach a legislator.

Consider attending a meeting. If you are running a farm, contact a college or university near you that offers agriculture classes and offer to be a mentor and or give the students the opportunity, through their college, to be an intern at your farm.

Some of the agriculture colleges have farm equipment courses for those who are drawn to the mechanic needs of the farm. Most farmers have equipment that needs to be maintained.

Support your County Farm Bureau at your local County Fair. Most Farm Bureaus have a table or tent, or even a small section in a building at the fair, find out how you can help. Consider being a staff person at the booth or table for a few hours.

Take some time to interact with the public. Share your knowledge and ideas; after all, *you* are the expert. You could help with the children's corner and talk with their parents about what farming can and does do for them.

Encourage adults to become members and remember any teen who is a junior or senior and interested in agriculture can join the Farm Bureau at no cost as a student member. As high school seniors, they can also apply for a Farm Bureau-sponsored scholarship if they will be continuing their education in the agriculture field.



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