

News from Albany

The 2018-2019 state budget includes dozens of essential programs that support research, promotion and marketing that will allow farmers to adjust to new challenges and expand market opportunities including:

- ✓ Increase in funding for NY FarmNet — this organization is seeing a 50% increase in calls from farmers who are coping with the stresses of a down economy.
- ✓ Additional funding for honeybee research, hops and barley programs and support of the growing craft beverage industry.
- ✓ Full support of the Environmental Protection Fund.
- ✓ \$10 million to increase the school lunch reimbursement rate — expanding opportunities for farmers and putting more locally sourced fresh food onto students' lunch plates.
- ✓ \$5 million to improve infrastructure at county fairs.

To learn more about the state budget and priority legislation still pending, please visit NYFB.org.

4th Annual Ag Trivia Night Filled With Fun and Friendly Competition

Madison County Farm Bureau's 4th Annual Ag Trivia Challenge Night held in March was a great success. Over 170 people came to put their agriculture knowledge to the test, all to support local FFA and 4-H youth programming. **THANK YOU** to everyone who came out, our sponsors, our donors, our volunteers and to Hampton Inn and Suites for hosting this great event. We are grateful for the outpouring of supporting making it possible to provide quality opportunities and education for our next generation of agricultural leaders. We look forward to next year!



A lively crowd took part in agriculture's version of March Madness!



2018 Ag Trivia Night winners Griff's Charmers. This is their second win in four years.



FFA kids were a big part of the night. MCFB is proud to be a part of their growth and is inspired by their passion and dedication to agriculture.

Youth Takes Center Stage in March



Congratulations to Ryan Wood, the 2018 New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship winner from Madison County. Ryan, a senior at DeRuyter Central School, plans to attend SUNY ESF to pursue a degree in sustainable resources and energy. His scholarship application essay thoughtfully took a hard look at the reality our dairy farmers face. Pictured above, MCFB Pro-Ed Chair Johanna Bossard presents a check to Ryan on behalf of the board for his academic accomplishment.



Members of the Madison, Hamilton, Stockbridge Valley and DeRuyter FFA Chapters recently participated in the NY FFA Association's State Leaders Experience in Albany. The students met with Senate and Assembly members to share with them the importance of agricultural education. Madison County Farm Bureau was proud to help financially support these young agriculturalists in this experience. Some of the students were able to attend our last board meeting. They are pictured above with MCFB President Darrell Griff.



The 14th Annual Agricultural Literacy Week was well received by elementary schools across the county. Pictured are students from agricultural classes at Hamilton Central School reading Pat Brisson's "Before We Eat: From Farm to Table" to second graders and discussing the steps our food has to go through to get to our tables.

Tuscarora Farms Named 2018 Conservation Farm of the Year



Family, friends and employees celebrate their achievements with matriarch Mildred Durfee. Congratulations to the Durfee family, longtime Farm Bureau members, and the team at Tuscarora Farms for this incredible honor.

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President's Report



We had a busy month hosting some wonderful events, providing educational opportunities for local youth and advocating on behalf of our farm families in Albany. Thank you to our dedicated board, volunteers and community partners for their hard work and commitment to agriculture. There is much more to come!

I encourage you to visit NYFB.org to see what's new with Farm Bureau. There you will find a host of resources, information and benefits. As always, feel free to reach out to me or any board member with questions, concerns or ideas.

Darrell Griff

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Thursday, May 3, 6-8:30 p.m.
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Madison County
100 Eaton Street, Morrisville, NY

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Madison County Farm Bureau meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County Farm & Home Center, 100 Eaton Street, Morrisville, NY

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