

Policy Development Meeting
Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Madison County Farm & Home Center • 100 Eaton St., Morrisville

One of the ***most valuable benefits*** of your Farm Bureau membership is the ability to develop and shape policy for the organization. NYFB’s policy, approved each December at the State Annual Meeting, is what all Farm Bureau members and staff use as a guide to act on legislation and regulations that deal with farm business and landowner issues. ***It all starts with you!***

You have an idea about how to improve agriculture:

- * Talk with your fellow members
- * Attend your county policy development meeting
- * Submit your idea to the county policy development committee

Your county considers your idea:

- * Provide background information to the committee
- * County policy development committee considers your idea and makes a recommendation

Attend your County Annual Meeting to support your idea:

- * County votes on your policy resolution at the annual meeting in the fall
- * Local resolutions become county Farm Bureau policy and are submitted to NYFB Resolutions Committee to be considered at the State Annual Meeting in December



We ***strongly encourage*** you to bring *your* ideas, issues and concerns for consideration. We will also be discussing issues including:

Should New York State Department of Environmental Conservation have a streamlined permitting process for farmers to complete work in water bodies?

Should New York Farm Bureau support legislation offering undocumented residents the ability to obtain a “standard” driver’s license?

Should the quarterly employer payroll threshold for unemployment insurance for agricultural labor be increased from \$20,000? If so, what should it be increased to?

If New York State legalizes the recreational use of marijuana, how should New York farmers play a role, if any, in the regulatory process, production and distribution?

Should a milk support program be created similar to the Cotton Ginning Cost Share program?

Additional discussion topics can be found in the July issue of Grassroots which is available at NYFB.org, once logged in. If you have questions or are unable to attend, but want to be involved, please feel free to reach out to any county Farm Bureau board member.



Congratulations to DeRuyter FFA’s **Madelyn Pforter** and Stockbridge Vallley FFA’s **Abby Smith** for receiving Madison County Farm Bureau’s Blue Jacket Award. Madelyn is pictured above with District 5 Young Farmer and Rancher Chairs Bailey and Greg Coon. The county Farm Bureau is proud to be able to gift these deserving students with their own official Blue Jacket.



YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS

Thursday, August 23 at 7 p.m.

Brink’s Family Farm

2363 State Rte. 13, New Woodstock

All young farmers, ages 18-35, are invited to Brink’s Family Farm for a fun evening. Come see their new robotic milker, enjoy some great company, conversation and swimming in the farm pond (weather permitting).

Food and drinks provided by Madison County Farm Bureau.

You do not need to be a Farm Bureau member

Congratulations to **Johanna Bossard**, Madison County Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Chair, for making it through the Farm Bureau Women's Communications Boot Camp in Washington, D.C. You are a great ambassador for your farm and for Farm Bureau in sharing agriculture's story.

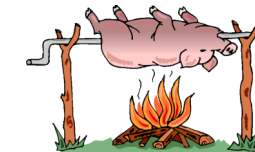
Bossard was one of 15 applicants nationwide to participate in the three-day program helping prepare women for interaction with the media and public groups.



YOU’RE INVITED

Annual Pig Roast

**Saturday, September 8
12 p.m.**



Thistle Dew Farm
 Dave and Suzi Taylor
 7006 Bruce Road • Canastota
 Open to **ALL** Farm Bureau members

Support the **New York Farm Bureau Foundation** for Agricultural Education when you shop.





Madison County
Farm Bureau News

Madison County Farm Bureau

August 2018



EVERY FARMER

President's Report



Madison County Farm Bureau takes great pride in its ability to support the next generation of agricultural leaders. Over the last few months, we have had the pleasure of awarding deserving FFA students with their very own Blue Jackets. It is inspiring to see the passion and dedication these young kids have for agriculture and how grateful they were to receive their jackets. These opportunities are possible thanks to your generous donations at county Farm Bureau-sponsored events like the annual *Ag Trivia* night. We are grateful for your continued support and membership.

We are entering the start of Farm Bureau's policy development season and I encourage you to get involved. It is your chance to have your ideas or solutions to problems you face on the farm turned into policy for 2019. Please join us on **Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.** for this important discussion (details inside). If you are unable to attend but still want to participate, please feel free to reach out to any county Farm Bureau board member. Your voice matters.

Darrell Griff



Save the Dates

Aug. 23 - Young Farmer Event
(details inside)

Sept. 8 - Annual Pig Roast
(details inside)

Sept. 12 - Policy Meeting
(details inside)

Oct. 18 - County Annual Meeting
(details to come)

Madison County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

Darrell Griff, President.....	315-691-9635
Greg Coon, Vice President.....	315-396-1549
Scott O'Mara, Treasurer	315-243-6489
Nate Durfee	315-256-7168
Rebecca Werbela.....	315-569-8216
Shawn Bossard	315-882-4911
Dave Taylor, Membership Chair...	315-416-3329
Johanna Bossard, Pro-Ed Chair.....	315-440-1044
Bailey Coon, YF&R Chair	315-439-0636
John Wagner, Field Advisor	315-761-9770
CNYFB Regional Office	315-252-1367
NYFB Office	800-342-4143

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



Nationwide® is proud to be the exclusive insurance provider of the New York Farm Bureau Member Services, offering NYFB members significant savings on farm insurance, and a full range of insurance and financial services, including:

- Farm Insurance*
- Automobile Insurance*
- Pet & Travel Insurance*
- Commercial & Home Insurance
- Powersports Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Farm Transition Planning

** Select savings may apply*

TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATIONWIDE AGENT, OR VISIT NATIONWIDE.COM/NYFB

1.800.342.4143
NYFB.org



SIGN UP NEW FARM BUREAU MEMBERS AND RECEIVE AWARDS

2019 MEMBERSHIP INDIVIDUAL AWARDS & INCENTIVES

QUARTERLY RECRUITER DRAWING

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

HIGH FIVE AWARD

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

3 STAR HONOR AWARD

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

HONOR CLUB

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

NYFB.org
1.800.342.4143



Contact your Local
Field Advisor with
any questions.