

Policy Development Meeting
Thursday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.
CCE of Lewis County • 5274 Outer Stowe Road, Lowville

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 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 Farm Bureau 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.

Gift of Blue

Lewis County Farm Bureau is proud to support local FFA members with the chance to wear a piece of history by awarding them their very own official FFA Blue Jacket.



Tanner Koberling (left) the 2018 recipient of the Lewis County Farm Bureau FFA Blue Jacket Award at the Beaver River FFA is presented his jacket by Brett Worden.



South Lewis FFA Blue Jacket Award Winner Destiny Samson with Jen Karelus, Lewis County Farm Bureau President.

Millicks Receive Honor

Lewis County Farm Bureau members Greg and Annie Millick of Golfcrest Dairy in Denmark were recently named Young Farmers of the Year. The Millicks are fifth generation farmers who have shown dedication and passion for the dairy industry and are wonderful advocates on behalf of their own farm and the entire industry in Lewis County. **Congratulations!**





Family Farm Day

Public Open House 10am-3pm
Grace-Way Farm

Refreshments available

Saturday, October 13th

at Marc and Christina Larabee
9627 State Route 26, Lowville, NY 13367
~Rain or Shine~

Directions:

From Carthage: Take Route 26 towards Lowville, 5.2 miles on right.

From Lowville: Take Route 26 towards Carthage, 9.1 miles on left.

- Educational Displays
- Free Ice Cream & Yogurt
- Children's Activities
- Machinery Display
- Farm Tours
- Scavenger Hunt
- Wagon Rides
- ...and much more

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President's Report



The summer months are sure going by quickly. I hope they have been filled with hard work that will yield great results for you and your family.

I was pleased to see many of you at the 198th Lewis County Fair last month. I think this one was the best yet! We have a great group of dedicated volunteers whose commitment to agriculture is making a huge impact in our communities. Farm Bureau is proud to partner with these great organizations and individuals to promote, educate and advocate on behalf of every Lewis County farmer.

We couldn't do what we do without you, our members! Your continued membership and support is recognized and greatly appreciated. We value you and your input and I encourage you to join us on **Sept. 13** for the start of our grassroots policy process. Your ideas or solutions to challenges you face could become policy for our organization. It is your opportunity to impact the way we do business and one of the great benefits of your Farm Bureau membership. Please take some time to read more inside. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, please contact me or any of our board members.

Jen Karelus

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