

## Proposed Cortland County Farm Bureau By-law Changes

The Cortland County Farm Bureau Board of Directors is recommending the following changes to the county Farm Bureau by-laws. The proposed changes will improve communication within the board of directors, both during and in between meetings. The additional changes are merely renumbering the remaining sections of this article.

### Article III: Board of Directors

Section 5. Electronic Participation. The Board, any committee of the Board, and any committee of the corporation may participate in the meeting by means of conference, telephone, electronic video screen, or similar communications equipment allowing persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time, and participate without limitation in all matters before the Board. Participation in the meeting by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 6. Action without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board, any committee of the Board, or any committee of the corporation may be taken without a meeting if all persons entitled to vote at such meeting consent thereto. Such consent may be written or electronic, and such consent is filed with the minutes documenting such action.

The former section 5 will be renumbered as section 7

The former section 6 will be renumbered as section 8

The former section 7 will be renumbered as section 9

The former section 8 will be renumbered as section 10

## USDA Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue Visits Cortland County



Cortland County farmers welcomed USDA Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Congresswoman Claudia Tenney to Trinity Valley Dairy in August to discuss issues facing local farmers. Nearly 50 farmers came to share their concerns, ask questions and advocate for meaningful change on the national level. Secretary Perdue talked about the challenges facing farms of all types, with a focus on dairy, on issues based on milk pricing structure, trade, tariffs and labor. Secretary Perdue's visit was the first time in 20 years that a U.S. Secretary of Agriculture visited the region.

**Thank you** to the Poole and Brown families for hosting

a wonderful event and providing breakfast for all of the attendees. **Thank you** to Congresswoman Tenney for working to find solutions to this historic dairy crisis and allowing local farmers to share their stories with Secretary Perdue. **Thank you** to the Cortland County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, New York Farm Bureau and all who participated on behalf of every farmer.

## Promotion and Education Report

For the Cortland County Fair in July, New Hope Farm LLC and East River Dairy brought animals to the birthing center. This is the third year we have had a birthing center at the county fair. It was another success with five cows and five healthy babies. There was a great crowd watching the animals calve each day with good interaction. Our volunteers fielded many thoughtful questions about cows calving and about the dairy industry in general. We are looking forward to participating in the birthing center again in 2019!



**To see more pictures and join the conversation, find Cortland County Farm Bureau on Facebook**



## Save the Date

### 9th Annual Ag Trivia Contest



**November 3, 2018**

*CNY Farm Supply*

*3865 US Rt. 11, Cortland*

### Sponsored in Cooperation with:

*Cortland County Farm Bureau*

*The County of Cortland Agricultural Corporation (Fairboard)*

*For more information, please contact*

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## Agricultural Youth Scholarship



2019 Cortland County graduating high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field with a student Farm Bureau membership are encouraged to apply for the New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship.

Applications and information are available at NYFB.org or by calling 1-800-342-4143.

Completed applications must be submitted by March 1, 2019.



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*The Cortland County Farm Bureau board  
meets the second Tuesday of each month at the  
Cortlandville Grange in Homer*

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## Farm Bureau News

### September 2018



President’s Message



Fall is for Policy Development:

As summer nights start to cool down and days get shorter, thoughts turn to fall harvests, apples, cider and making an impact in your local, state and national policy. Farm Bureau develops the state and national policy focal points starting at each county Farm Bureau annual meeting. Opinions and concerns from each member are heard, voted upon and sifted through to the state and national levels. Farm Bureau is a well-respected and influential voice for agriculture of all levels and flavors. As Farm Bureau members, we have the right and responsibility to voice our opinions. All members are welcome to attend the County Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, October 9,**

**at Reilly’s Café in Marathon at 6:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 7 p.m.** Come and be part of the discussion about issues impacting agriculture. We may not always agree on policy and protocols, but an active discussion is a healthy part of our democratic process. Hope to see many of you at the annual meeting.

Please RSVP to Jeff at [jap255@cornell.edu](mailto:jap255@cornell.edu) if you have not yet done so.

*Jeff Perry*

*All are cordially invited to attend  
Cortland County Farm Bureau  
Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, October 9*

*Reilly’s Café  
8 E. Main Street, Marathon*

*6:30 p.m. Social and Milk Punch • 7 p.m. Dinner*

*Business meeting to follow*

*\$15 per person*

Please RSVP to Jeff at [jap255@cornell.edu](mailto:jap255@cornell.edu) or 607-220-6139