

Farm Bureau Policy Starts With You

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 county board 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



We ***strongly encourage*** you to share *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, when logged in. **Please feel free to reach out to any county Farm Bureau board member with policies you would like to have considered at our County Annual Meeting in October.**

Wayne County Farm Bureau’s Got Talent

Wayne County Farm Bureau is no exception to transition and is always looking for new leadership, educators, photographers, social medialites and community supporters. Every farming organization is fueled by passionate volunteers who are driven to inspire a new beginning. We are seeking new leadership within the board of directors. We are looking for members to become more involved in our discussions and other activities in the local communities, region and state. There are plenty of opportunities.

Contact President Matt Wunder or Vice-President Tim Kehoe if you are interested in learning more about how you can become part of the Wayne County Farm Bureau team.



Senator Schumer speaks to the media in Williamson about changes to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau regulations that would help benefit New York Cideries

Schumer Pushes for Change to Boost Cideries

Senator Schumer recently visited DeFisher Fruit Farm’s Rootstock Ciderworks in Williamson to advocate for a change to burdensome federal regulations that increase production costs for cideries. Currently, any cider that is above 6.9% alcohol content must be in wine-approved bottles or containers. Cideries want to be able to package their cider in 12-ounce cans to lower their production costs.



DeFisher family members with Senator Schumer

Best Wishes Skip

We were sad to say goodbye to our long-time Farm Bureau field advisor Skip Jensen. Skip retired earlier this summer. We wish him well and will miss his guidance, dedication and passion for Wayne County agriculture. Assemblyman Bob Oaks presented a proclamation commemorating his many years of service. It was a great send off and we hope his next chapter is full of health and happiness.



Assemblyman Bob Oaks (left) presents Skip with a proclamation that recognized his contribution to agriculture through his many years of service with New York Farm Bureau.



Farm Bureau members at Skip’s send off luncheon hosted by Wayne County Farm Bureau at Embark Craft Ciderworks in Williamson

Taste of Wayne County

Taste of Wayne County was held along the Canal Pathway, on Tues., July 17. It was a scorcher, but full of local food and local fun. Wayne County Farm Bureau was happy to participate and support our long-time partners of the Newark Chamber of Commerce. If you are interested in the event or participating in next year’s planning, please visit www.tasteofwaynecounty.org for more details.



President Matthew Wunder, beating the heat as he distributes high quality H2O to festival goers.

Policy Development and Pizza

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County
1581 NY 88, Newark, NY

Join Wayne County Farm Bureau’s board of directors to discuss local and state issues in preparation for policy development season for our County and State Annual Meetings.

Being the beginning of a new Farm Bill, it is a good time to commend change and advance what important issues need to be addressed.

We hope you will join us on Sept. 11

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President's Report

As we go into another transition of season, moving from summer to fall, growing to harvest, the farming community is revving up in every commodity for a productive harvest. Transition is the natural plane of every agricultural community. Farmers depend on the cycle to support their families, businesses and communities. Oct. 1, 2018 begins a new Farm Bill cycle. If you haven't had a chance, please take some time to consider reviewing some of the changes and how it could potentially impact changes to your business, open new opportunities and reform agricultural program services.



As I reflect on the transitions of this year, it is evident that the legacy of leadership is important as we say goodbye to several of our dedicated leaders. I am reminded that where there is an end there is also a new beginning of opportunity. We will miss Skip Jensen, Wayne County Farm Bureau field advisor, and Assemblyman Robert C. Oaks for their continued support and leadership over the years. We look forward to the opportunities for new leadership and would like to welcome Amanda Krenning-Muoio, Wayne County Farm Bureau's new field advisor. Amanda comes to Wayne County with many years of field advisement in Western New York.

Local Lobbying: With retirement comes an opportunity to elect new officials. We encourage everyone to review the potential candidates for Assembly and Senate. Be sure to write to them and encourage them with topics that are important to the community.

Matthew Wunder



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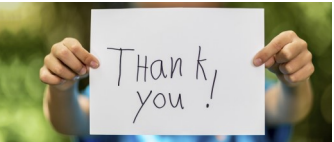
Wayne County Farm Bureau's new field advisor

We look forward to new opportunities as we begin to work with you.

Assemblyman Robert C Oaks Ongoing dedication and continued services

It is no secret that Assemblyman Oaks is local to the core of Wayne County. He has continued to beat the drum and has been a long-time recipient of the NYFB Circle of Friends during his 26 years in the State Assembly in Albany. We appreciate all of the efforts he has put forth on behalf of Wayne County, including the support-driven leadership to address issues that were continually affecting farms during the harvest season as well as through the annual truck inspection program.

A sincere thank you to **Assemblyman Robert Oaks and his staff** for hosting another year of the Department of Transportation's courtesy truck inspections for farm and agricultural plated trucks. **Thirty six** Wayne County Farm Bureau member trucks were inspected during three days of back-to-back appointments.



Save the Date
County Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 27
Young Sommer Winery
Details to come