

Montgomery County Farm Bureau News September 2018



Mark Your Calendar!

County Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018

Iroquois Lane
192 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie, NY

Gathering – 6:30 p.m. * Dinner – 7 p.m.

Cash Bar

\$10 per person, payable at the door.

RSVP to Eastern Regional Office
at 1-866-995-7300 or eny@nyfb.org.

2019 New Proposed Resolutions

Below is a list of the resolutions that will be discussed at the annual meeting. Resolutions will also be accepted from the floor the night of the meeting. If you have a proposed resolution that you would like to present from the floor at the County Annual Meeting, please have it written beforehand. This will enable the meeting to run smoothly.

State

Agricultural Issues/Small Scale Food and Meat Processors

We support that the Department of Agriculture and Markets reconcile the differences to allow 20C licenses to extend or exempt use by dates for hard and semi-hard cheeses as defined in the FDA Food Code 2013, page 453, to separate product production by time and space.

National

Food, Protection, Quality and Safety

We support the expansion of the definition of Hotels, Restaurants and Institutions (HRI) to include all retail stores and outlets. We also support the expansion of products covered to include cured, smoked and cooked meats.

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*Left:
Assemblyman
Angelo
Santabarbara
competes in a
goat milking
contest at
Montgomery
County's Sundae
on the Farm.
event*

Field Advisor Report

By Todd Heyn

You have probably heard that there have been quite a few discussions about what should happen with the dues structure within New York Farm Bureau. Over the past few months, hopefully you took the opportunity to have your voice heard by participating in one of the surveys that were sent out, the in-person roundtables that were held across the state or shared your thoughts with a member of your county board of directors. Regardless of how this issue turns out in the end, it is a perfect example of how our grassroots process is driven by its members.

There is an old adage that states, those who show up make the rules. That is true with NYFB. If you would like to see NYFB support new policies, you need to speak with your county board of directors and present those ideas at the County Annual Meeting. If you would like to change one of NYFB's existing policies, the same process needs to occur. NYFB's policies are voted on each year by NYFB members. NYFB operates on a "one member, one vote" system. If you want to create the change that you believe will benefit you and agriculture in the state and/or country, you need to show up and bring your member friends that agree with you. As Smokey Bear was misquoted in saying, "only you can create the change you want." I hope to see each and every one of you at the County Annual Meeting this year.



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