

2019 Madison County Proposed Policy Resolutions

State Policies.

- 1. We support and encourage New York State DEC to have a streamlined permitting process for farmers to complete work in water bodies.
- 2. Where set-backs are not applicable, present or inadequate, there should be a restriction in the NYS Building Codes that prohibits new housing construction within a farmer’s application exclusion zone (100 feet) that crosses over onto any adjacent properties.
- 3. We support allowing eWIC cards for use at farmers’ markets in New York State.
- 4. We support increasing the quarterly employer payroll threshold for unemployment insurance for agricultural labor to \$80,000.

National Policies

- 1. NRCS staff, as well as an independent qualified geologist, should be able to complete geological reviews for conservation practices.

Re-affirmations State

- 1. We support increasing New York State funding for County Law 224B, including Harvest NY, for the purpose of enhancing Cornell Cooperative Extension agricultural programs and staff (pg. 17, #16 section on Cooperative Extension)
- 2. We recommend doubling basic state support for County Law 224, which would provide additional resources to county cooperative extensions throughout New York State. (pg. 17, #17, section on Cooperative Extension)
- 3. We support the development of low-cost gelding, euthanasia and carcass disposal programs in New York State, without the use of state funding. (pg. 46, #30, section on Equine Industry)

Reaffirmations National

- 1. We support the right to repair one’s own equipment by amending the Digital Millennium Copyright Act to require agricultural equipment manufacturers to allow equipment owners and independent repair facilities to have access to the same agricultural equipment diagnostic and repair information made available to the manufacturers’ dealers and authorized repair facilities. Any penalty for alterations should be limited to the voiding of warranty, as well as the right of dealers to refuse services and trade on altered equipment. Any alterations to software should be limited to the owner’s personal use and should not be for distribution.

New State Policies

- 1. We support the development of a hops testing lab at Cornell University.
- 2. We recommend that universities of higher education that train and educate New York State’s future large animal veterinarians be required to teach students the use of captive bolt method in addition to chemical euthanasia.

Proposed By-law Changes for Madison County Farm Bureau

Article I

Section 3. Supporting Members. Persons not directly associated with farming or agriculture may make application to become a supporting member and if accepted shall upon acceptance be entitled only to a limited set of benefits as annually established by the board of directors. Supporting members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 4. Agricultural Alliance Members. Agriculturally-related associations, both incorporated and unincorporated, and agriculturally-related cooperatives interested in the preservation, advancement and profitability of agriculture may make application to become an agricultural alliance member and, if accepted, shall upon execution of a membership agreement, be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an agricultural alliance membership. Agricultural alliance members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. Student Members. Youth who are interested in agriculture, are in the age range of 16-21 years, and are enrolled in a *bona fide* educational program may apply for a student membership. Student members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 7. Joint Membership. Two or more persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations or corporations, or any combination thereof, shall not be accepted as members of this corporation upon a single membership agreement.

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Section 8. Relations with New York Farm Bureau, Inc. This corporation shall enter into a cooperative agreement with New York Farm Bureau for the purpose of coordinating the activities of their respective officers and personnel.

This corporation shall unite with the New York Farm Bureau in a joint membership arrangement for its members, wherein it is agreed that each of its members shall also be a member of New York Farm Bureau.

Section 9. Dues. The annual dues for regular members and associate members in New York Farm Bureau, Inc. and Madison County Farm Bureau, Inc shall be determined annually by voting delegates present at a duly called meeting of the corporation. Any proposed change in annual dues for regular members and associate members must be approved by two-thirds of the voting delegates present at such meeting. Such annual dues are payable in advance for the ensuing membership year to New York Farm Bureau, Inc. for the account of the county, state and national organizations. The proportion of the total dues returned to Madison County Farm Bureau by New York Farm Bureau, Inc., and additional rebates to counties will be determined by the State Board of Directors. Madison County Farm Bureau may desire to levy additional dues for Madison County Farm Bureau programs and may do so at the determination of its board of directors. Dues for student, supporting, and agricultural alliance members shall be set annually by the State Board of Directors, and shall be payable directly to New York Farm Bureau. The State Board of Directors shall establish the portion, if any, of the dues for student, supporting and agricultural alliance memberships payable to the respective county Farm Bureau.

Section 10. Special Consideration Membership Dues. The county Farm Bureau Board of Directors may, in its discretion, confer a "special consideration membership" at 50% of the regular county membership dues after considering the individual member's financial ability to pay dues. In order to qualify for this membership status, the individual must be at least 65 years old and must have been a county Farm Bureau member for the preceding ten years. In no event shall the total enrollment for this "special consideration membership" exceed 2% of the total county Farm Bureau membership for that year. Any additional consideration above this 2% level must be approved by the New York Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Section 11. Lifetime Membership Dues. Any regular member reaching the age of 70 or retiring on or after reaching the age of 65 shall be allowed to purchase a lifetime regular membership from the county Farm Bureau provided that the individual must have been a county Farm Bureau member for the preceding ten years. Cost of a lifetime regular membership, the proportion of such membership retained by the county Farm Bureau and the amount of any rebates to county Farm Bureaus will be determined by the New York Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Section 12. Membership in Good Standing. A member of this corporation shall be deemed in good standing if his membership has been paid for the current year. However, any definition of membership in good standing duly adopted and promulgated at any annual or special meeting of New York Farm Bureau shall be and become the definition of membership in good standing in this corporation. The foregoing rule shall also obtain where the matter of membership in good standing is the basis for fixing a right to or a privilege of membership in any associated, affiliated or subsidiary organization of this corporation, or of New York Farm Bureau.

Article III

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of meetings of the board shall be deemed to be duly given if notice thereof has been either mailed or sent electronically to each director, at the email address they have supplied for such purpose, at least ten days prior to such meeting. Directors may waive such notice either before or after such meeting. Such waiver can be written or electronic.

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.

Article V

Section 7. Other Officers and Representatives. The board of directors may create such other offices, elect such other officers, and appoint such representatives as it may deem necessary, who shall have authority to perform such duties as are prescribed by the board of directors.

Article VII

Section 9. Conflicts of Interest. The board of directors of this corporation shall maintain and abide by a conflict of interest policy, which fully complies with both state and federal law. Such conflict of interest policy shall be reviewed at least annually by the board of directors.



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September 2018



EVERY FARMER

Madison County Farm Bureau's
Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 18

at

Solsville Hotel • 7243 Valley Road, Madison

6:30 p.m. Cocktails

7 p.m. Dinner

Cost is \$25 per person*

**1 FREE dinner with a paid 2019 membership. Payment will be accepted at the door.*

Please join us for a night of good food, good company, quality discussion and decision making. We will be electing members to the Madison County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and voting on policy resolutions that will be sent on for consideration at New York Farm Bureau's State Annual Meeting in December. Your RSVP is requested by Thurs., Oct. 11. Please email eny@nyfb.org or call 1-866-995-7300. Refer to Madison County Annual Meeting when making your reservation.

We hope to see you there!

FARM BUREAU TAKEOVER NIGHT



Owera Winery / November 2

5276 EAST LAKE ROAD IN CAZENOVIA, NY

5-10 PM

MUSIC BY **ESP**

**All Tips & 20% Of Event Proceeds To
Benefit Food Bank Of Central New York**

**COME OUT AND ENJOY
LOCAL WINES, SPIRITS AND
HARD CIDERS, ALONG WITH
GREAT LOCAL FOOD**

**BEER TASTINGS
WILL ALSO BE
AVAILABLE**

**Madison County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors**

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Madison County Farm Bureau meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County Farm & Home Center, 100 Eaton Street, Morrisville, NY at 7:30 p.m.