Fulton County Farm Bureau News September 2018



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Annual Meeting All are welcome Saturday, October 27, 2018 Social Hour 6 p.m. * Dinner 7 p.m. The Bridge Walk at the Perthshire 112 Perthshire Drive, Amsterdam (off State Highway 30) near Perth Four Corners. \$12 per person, payable at the door. Cash bar available. One free 2020 Farm Bureau membership will be given away. The winner will be drawn from all of those who have paid their 2019 dues before that evening.

RSVP to Kevin Putman at 518-725-8755.

2019 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 ensure the meeting will run smoothly.

State

Environmental Issues/DEC

We encourage the New York State DEC to create a streamlined permitting process for farmers to complete work in water bodies.

Commodity Issues/Farm Based Beverages

We encourage the State Liquor Authority to develop and implement a New York State Craft Beverage Sustainability Production, Marketing and Labeling Program.

We encourage New York State to allow the interstate shipment of hard cider.

Economic Issues/Taxes/Real Property Taxes

We believe that farm labor camp structures should continue to qualify for real property tax exemption even if the owner occasionally resides at the house.

Commodity Issues/Non-Traditional Livestock We oppose pet dealers being allowed to buy rabbits from hobby rabbit breeders that do not have a license.



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Resolutions Cont'd:

National

Farm Policies Farm Program/Environmental Management Systems

We support the ability of third parties, as well as NRCS staff, to be able to complete geologic reviews for conservation practices.

We are opposed to NRCS making advanced payments available to all producers that participate in conservation programs.

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Fulton County Farm Bureau News Farm Policies Farm Programs/National Dairy Program We support the creation of a milk support program and the abolishment of the Cotton Ginning Cost Share Program.

Proposed By-law Discussion

Also being discussed at the annual meeting will be Fulton County Farm Bureau by-laws. The by-laws were originally established in January 1955 and last amended in 1993. Periodically we review these by-laws and make adjustments. New York Farm Bureau has adopted new language at the state level and Fulton County Farm Bureau is proposing several of the same changes at the county level.

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