

Onondaga County Farm Bureau



Fall 2018

Onondaga County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

A Taste of Onondaga County

Tuesday, October 16

at the

Heritage Hill Brewhouse & Kitchen • 3149 Sweet Road, Pompey

6:30 p.m.

FREE for Farm Bureau Members • Annual Door Prize Auction

RSVP by Oct. 9 to jrossi@nyfb.org or 315-252-1367

2019 Proposed Policy Resolutions for Onondaga County

1. All farms are exempt from local municipal laws that are already covered under NYS Department of Agriculture and Market policy.
2. The state should prioritize economic development funding for the following services which are lacking in our area:
 - *Permanent or mobile slaughtering
 - *Rendering plant.
3. A dye should be mandated if sodium penthanol is used on an animal.
4. 5C slaughtering (as opposed to just USDA) should be allowed for beef, pork and lamb due to the lack of USDA certified facilities and available appointments to those facilities.
5. New York Farm Bureau should develop a program for farmers and towns as to what the right to farm law is, what it means and how it should be uniformly applied.
6. We propose elimination of daylight savings time due to the inefficiencies it creates.
7. Any residential property bordering an agricultural property should require a 100-foot set back for any buildings, fences, wells or other non-naturally occurring structure.
8. We propose a financial incentive be created (opposed to a regulation) for voluntary reporting of (NY) hop and barley usage by all farm breweries, cideries and distilleries. This reporting should also be required for NYS Grown & Certified designation.
9. Eliminate the dual licensing of farm brewery/microbrewery. Any business with a farm brewery license should be required to meet the requirements of that license on all their products and not be allowed to dual license to avoid requirements.
10. The value-added producer program (USDA) is essential to New York State farms due to our ability to reach large markets with our products. We recommend expanding the program allowing funds to cover capital costs as well as operating costs.
11. Grants up to \$50,000 for producers.
12. Onondaga County Farm Bureau supports the consolidation of municipalities/governments.

Proposed Onondaga County Farm Bureau By-law Changes

The Onondaga 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



159 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205

New Format for County Annual Meeting

This year, Onondaga County Farm Bureau will host a Taste of Onondaga County as part of its annual business meeting. Local food and drink establishments will provide samples of their special items as an example of some of the great products our county has to offer. ***There is no cost for members to attend this year.*** Please take a moment to review proposed public policy resolutions and by-law changes that will be up for consideration during the business portion of the meeting. We will once again host our silent auction with proceeds going towards our county programming. Donations are appreciated. For more information, email palladinofarms1951@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

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