

State Annual Meeting December 2018, Syracuse, NY



Nora Carnes sits in on the resolutions meeting along with delegates from 52 counties in New York. The theme this year was “Believe, Engage, Connect”. This meeting sets policy positions for 2019. More information can be found in the *Grassroots* paper. David Fisher was again elected President and Eric Ooms as Vice President of NYFB. A vote was taken to increase dues for next year. It followed a year-long process and the increase was approved.

Holiday Dinner with County Legislators

In January, county Farm Bureau members met with Allegany County legislators for our annual holiday dinner. Legislators present introduced themselves, the district they cover and the committees they serve on. They ielded questions about the state of the landfill and cost of permits. They discussed the legalization of marijuana in New York and the farming of hemp. The Belvidere building project is still a work in progress and we discussed the loss of business in the county, with Dresser Rand and K-Mart closing.



Ruebarb Alpacas
Houghton, NY
www.ruebarbalpacas.com

A family-run, 92 acre alpaca farm, by Larue and Barb Austin. They currently own 12 alpacas, which they raise for their fine fiber. The alpacas are sheared once a year and their fiber is then used to make yarn, felted insoles, dryer balls and finished products such as socks, hats, mittens, sweaters and blankets. Their fiber is super warm and soft to the touch. You will find Larue and Barb set up at various craft shows in New York and Pennsylvania.

Land as your Legacy

Allegany County Farm Bureau jumped right into the new Farm Bureau year with activity. A “Land as your Legacy” forum was scheduled for members to learn from Nationwide Insurance about estate planning, succession planning, business planning, risk management and get a free assessment of what next steps they could take. This session was planned in conjunction Livingston and Steuben County Farm Bureaus, Nationwide Insurance and the Hollamby Agency. Attendance was robust.

Governor signs bill to extend 10-Year Real Property Tax Exemption. Allegany County Farm Bureau brought this to the attention of its legislators and were able to get the Governor to sign before it expired.

GREAT JOB ALLEGANY COUNTY FARM BUREAU!



Pictured: Allegany County Farm Bureau members with Allegany County legislators



Farm Bill Passes

The 115th Congressional Session has come to an end with the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill. The original bill expired at the end of September, but Congress was able to reach a deal that will continue programs to assist farmers as well as continue nutrition programs. The passage of the 2018 Farm Bill is welcome to New Yorkers who benefit from the programs and provides certainty when it comes to important programs for all commodities. Some highlights of the new bill include improvements to the dairy support programs, hemp is now considered an agricultural commodity, conservation programs are maintained, and the continuation of crop insurance and commodity programs. For more information, visit www.nyfb.org/resources/national-issues.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2	Serving at the Wellsville Community Kitchen
Feb. 6	Farm Bureau meeting at The Wellsville Brewery
Mar. 4-5	Lobby Days in Albany
Mar. 12-13	Lobby Days in Washington, D.C.
May TBA	Agriculture Career Day at Alfred University

DOT Farm Truck Informational Meeting
Hosted by Allegany and Steuben County
Farm Bureaus and presented by
Trooper Shields.

When: Feb. 6, 2019
Time: 11 a.m.
Where: 3186 County Rte. 61, Andover, NY
(*Farm Shop at Country Crossroads Feed and Seeds*)
Topics: Farm and Agriculture Plate
Registration, Fuel Transportation, Electronic
Logs and Q&A.

Free lunch will be served

RSVP by Feb. 2 to Darleen at:
607-478-8858

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Chronic Disease Screenings are recommended for anyone over 50 or age 40+ with the following risk factors: smoking, obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol or family history of stroke or heart disease.

To schedule an appointment for a screening at one of the following locations, contact the Allegany County Department of Health at 268-9491 (ask for Breeyan).

*** PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED ***

- March 13:** American Legion
23 Jefferson St., Wellsville, NY
- March 14:** Cuba VFW Post #2721
Rte. 305 North, Cuba, NY
- March 15:** Fillmore Fire Hall
20 South Genesee St (Rt 19), Fillmore, NY

Screening service is at NO COST for Allegany County women.

Women residing outside of Allegany County will be placed on a waiting list.

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How to E-Lobby—It’s fast and easy:

- Go to www.nyfb.org and click on the green “eLobby-Take Action!” button on the left side of the page under the banner photos, or by clicking the green “Take Action! Advocacy” button.
- Find the letter you want to send and click “Take Action.”
- The action alert description will appear followed by the recipients and the letter text. Type in your name and address and press “Send Message” at the bottom of the page.
- Your letter is sent directly to lawmakers and you are helping to impact farm public policy! Encourage your friends to E-Lobby by typing in their e-mail addresses.

If you have any problems using the E-Lobby feature, call the NYFB office at 1-800-342-4143.



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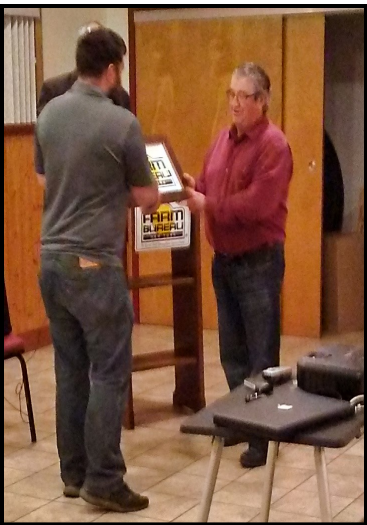
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Allegany County Annual Meeting



Honored guests at the Allegany County Farm Bureau Annual meeting were:
Virginia Cartwright (pictured left) was honored as the longest member of Allegany County Farm Bureau.



Kevin Hamilton (pictured right) was honored as the longest serving board member.

Thank you for your support of Allegany County Farm Bureau

Let Farm Bureau Know Your Concerns		Allegany County Farm Bureau Board of Directors	
Is there something happening locally affecting how you farm, such as local town ordinances? County Farm Bureau directors and representatives can help work with local town governments to strengthen your voice.		Darleen Krisher-Meehan, President - Andover	(607) 478-8858
Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Cooperative Extension Office in Belmont, NY. All members are welcome to attend.		Nora Carnes, Vice President - Belmont	(585) 268-5652
Tim Bigham - Field Advisor (716) 474-6585		Jenifer Lewis, Sect/Treasurer	(607) 725-0563
		Christian Lewis, YFR, Friendship	(585) 307-1974
		Liz Burrows, Pro-Ed	(585) 307-3219
		Aaron Santangelo, Cuba	(716) 307-6203
		Robin Kellogg, Scio	(585) 593-4982
		Mary Tripp	(585) 928-1884
		Rob Chamberlain, Angelica	(585) 466-3247
		Kevin Hamilton, Friendship	(585) 973-2836
		Joe Cygen	(716) 560-9677
		Ben Hollamby	(585) 301-8022



Pictured left: Mr. and Mrs Foster, who were honored as a 10 Year Dairy of Distinction recipient.



Pictured above left: Congressman Tom Reed addressed the group with updates on the state of affairs in Washington, DC. He also answered several questions from the audience.



Pictured above right: Legislator Curt Crandall spoke to the group about the importance of agriculture in our county. Discussed resolutions that need to be supported by county legislators.



Craig Braack, County Historian, gave a very informative and interesting talk about the barns in Allegany County. He had pictures of barns of past and present and talked about the differences in their construction.

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