

STATE ANNUAL MEETING WRAP UP

Madison County Farm Bureau was presented with four County Activity of Excellence awards at the New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting, held Dec. 4-5 in Syracuse, NY.

The County Activity of Excellence awards are presented to county Farm Bureaus that have exhibited excellence in a variety of categories relating to effectiveness in agriculture promotion and outreach, leadership and county Farm Bureau management, legislative advocacy, and membership.

The awards were presented for excellence in the following categories:

- Membership
- Agriculture Promotion & Outreach
- Leadership & County Farm Bureau Management
- Legislative Advocacy

During the State Annual Meeting, Madison County Farm Bureau members Bret and Johanna Bossard were presented with the James Quinn Award for their volunteer efforts. The couple offer tours of their farm, Barbland Dairy, and have been engaged at the local, state and national levels as strong communicators for farmers. They are also active on multiple boards and promotion efforts to improve the economic conditions for farmers. The James Quinn Award is given to Farm Bureau members for their extraordinary efforts during the course of a given year "To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture."

In addition, Madison County Farm Bureau president Darrell Griff was presented with a Distinguished President Award during the event.

While at the State Annual Meeting, farmer members also took part in the grassroots process of laying the groundwork

for the year ahead. More than 150 delegates from across New York proposed, discussed and voted on resolutions that will guide NYFB's public policy agenda for 2019.



Pictured: (l-r) James Quinn Award Winners Bret and Johanna Bossard pictured with NYFB President Dave Fisher and NYFB District Director Paul Fouts.

Interesting Farming Facts

Farming began around 10,000 B.C. during the First Agricultural Revolution, when nomadic tribes began to farm. Additionally, this is when the eight so-called "founder crops" of agriculture appeared:

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| 1) emmer wheat | 5) lentils |
| 2) einkorn wheat | 6) bitter vetch |
| 3) hulled barley | 7) chickpeas, and |
| 4) peas | 8) flax |

YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OFFERED February 8-9, 2019

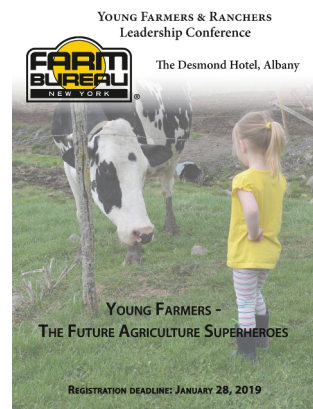
The New York Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference will be held Fri., Feb. 8 – Sat., Feb. 9 at The Desmond Hotel, Albany NY. The conference will consist of agricultural tours, workshops, speakers and networking opportunities geared toward young farmers 18-35 years of age.

Vance Crowe, Director of Millennial Engagement from Bayer Crop Sciences, will be the keynote speaker. In his presentation "Heroes, Villains and their Motivations: Getting Beyond "Tell Your Story", Vance Crowe will discuss how young farmers can articulate their challenges of being a successful farmer in the modern age so that consumers can relate and cheer for them to succeed online, in person and even in the grocery store.

Other workshop sessions include "Land As Your Legacy – Estate Planning from a young farmers perspective", "Public Speaking 2.0", "Fat Free Meetings" and "Media Training 101". Friday's agricultural tours will visit several

agribusinesses in the Capital Region. A team building dessert party is planned for Friday evening.

The cost for NYFB members to attend the two-day Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference is \$130 which includes registration fee, Friday lunch, Friday agricultural tours, Friday dinner and evening activities, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch. The hotel overnight will cost \$124.26/single or double occupancy. Contact The Desmond Hotel directly for reservations at 1-800-448-3500 or on-line: [NYFB Young Farmers](#) and use the Group Code" "NFB" for the discounted rate.





5TH ANNUAL AG TRIVIA CHALLENGE NIGHT

HOSTED BY

Madison County Farm Bureau
Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee

**Saturday, March 9, 2019
6 p.m.**

**Hampton Inn and Suites
25 Lakers Lane, Cazenovia**

- * Social Hour
- * Silent Auction
- * Table Decorating Contest
- * Catered Dinner
- * Team Trivia Event to Follow

**\$30 per person for Dinner & Team Registration
Teams of 6-8 people, 21 and over
Cash bar**

*Proceeds raised will go
towards FFA and 4-H youth
programming*

*Show us your creativity during a
"Best Agricultural Product"
themed table decorating contest*

*Please Return Completed Registration Form by **February 27, 2019** to Bailey Coon*

Team Name: _____

Team Contact email: _____

List of Participants:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

For more information contact Bailey at 315-439-0636 or bch1121@hotmail.com.

**Mail Completed Registration Form and
Registration Fee (\$30 per team member) to:**

Bailey Coon
877 State Route 13
DeRuyter, NY 13052

*Please make checks payable to:
Madison County Farm Bureau*

159 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205



Madison County
Farm Bureau News



NYFB members can now save
up to \$2,500 on new CAT machines.

Including: wheel loaders, skid steers,
backhoes, excavators and more.

Members must provide a valid Member Verification
certificate at the time of purchase.
Go to NYFB.org/member-benefits to obtain your certificate.



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

MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU



EVERY FARMER

Winter 2019

President's Report



I trust the holiday season was safe and enjoyable for everyone and the year ended on a good note for all. Just when it seems that you can relax as end of year activities are winding down, we're off and running with events for the new year!

Lobby Day in Albany for New York Farm Bureau is scheduled for March 5, 2019. This is an excellent opportunity for Madison County Farm Bureau

representatives to engage with their elected legislators as well as urban "Adopted Legislators". The purpose is to give a rural production perspective to our representatives and let them know what is working and what is not as they prepare to shape agricultural policies. For our urban legislators, this may be the only time that they meet with a farmer, and possibly the only rural New Yorker. Any Madison County Farm Bureau member who wishes to participate at Lobby Days is welcome to do so. Please contact me at 315-691-9635 for all the particulars.

I'm looking forward to having a productive 2019 and wish you all the same!

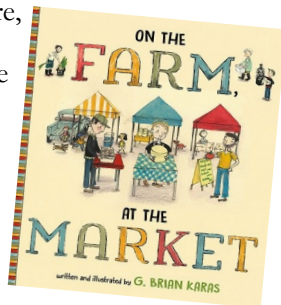
Darrell Griff

NY AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK

In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders during the designated NY Agricultural Literacy Week, March 18-22, 2019. Students and teachers will also benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow up activities while learning about agriculture.

This year's Agricultural Literacy Week book choice is *On the Farm, At the Market*, which highlights the story of agriculture with vivid illustrations and a community-centric storyline. Students will understand the importance of agriculture as an economic driver in communities across New York, and develop an awareness for where their food comes from and its journey.

The book will be donated to the school or classroom library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Agricultural Literacy Week. Two thousand books were donated last year while thousands of second graders participated in fun and educational activities.



MADISON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Elected officials representing Madison County are:

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Syracuse Office

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Syracuse, NY 13261

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