

**BE A LOCAL LEADER BY CONNECTING WITH THEM**

Contacting your local legislative leaders and informing them about the state of your operation can bridge the gap between economic downturns and local legislation. These representatives are also aware of a larger network and up and coming programs that farms can take advantage of.

Making the contact and making them “your leader” can make you their “go-to” for questions they may have on specific issues in the future. Break the barrier and bridge the gap to make the local and state leaders informed.

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**REMEMBER TO E-LOBBY!**

With a new year comes new NYFB e-lobbying efforts. To participate in the e-lobby action items that NYFB is working on, go to [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org) and click on the E-Lobby—Take Action! icon. Choose your passion and show elected officials you support New York agriculture!

**Oppose Farm Labor Mandate Legislation**

Legislation has been introduced that would require farms to pay overtime and allow their workers to collectively bargain, either of which could put a farm out of business through financial stress or worker strike. Please tell legislators that this legislation is extremely harmful for farms in New York.

**Oppose Legislative Ban of Lorsban in the State**

Legislation has been introduced that would ban the use of Chlorpyrifos in the state. Farms across New York depend on this product to protect their crops from pests and, in many cases, there is no alternative for use. We need your help to voice concerns about this legislation.

**ENRICHMENT DAY CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4  
COREY UNION ON SUNY CORTLAND CAMPUS  
8 A.M. TO 3:15 P.M.**

Enrichment Day is designed to provide information and entertainment for community members of all ages to broaden their knowledge of local topics and activities contributing to their overall well being. Highlighting this year’s Enrichment Day is keynote speaker Greg Olsen, acting director of the New York State Office for Aging.

**Agriculture Today in Cortland County** will be one of 19 presentations offered at Enrichment Day. Local farmers Paul Fouts (Fouts Farm), Adrienne Traub (Main Street Farms and Head and Heal CBD) and Amanda Barber (farmer and Cortland County Soil and Water District Manager) will speak about their experiences and updates in farming and conservation. There will be a short Q&A as well.

Co-sponsored by Tompkins Trust Company and the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Dryden, this event is open to all members of the community. Register quickly to reserve your spot. Call 607-753-5060 or visit the Area Agency on Aging, 60 Central Avenue, Cortland, for complete details and registration materials.

**7TH ANNUAL CORTLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURE  
CELEBRATION BANQUET**

The Cortland County Business Development Corporation/ Industrial Development Agency brought together agriculture, community and business to celebrate agricultural heritage and accomplishments during the 7th Annual Cortland County Agriculture Celebration Banquet. Held on March 12 at the Hathaway House in Solon, NY, members of the agriculture community were recognized for their dedication and efforts promoting and fostering agriculture.



*Pictured from left: Paul Fouts receives the Geraldine Young “Friend of Agriculture Award” from Jeffrey Perry, President of Cortland County Farm Bureau.*



*Pictured from left: Jessica Currie accepts the 2019 Cortland County Farm Family award for Currie Valley Farms with Cortland County BDC/IDA Board Chair Michael McMahon.*

**CORTLAND JR. YOUTH FAIR: JULY 9-13, 2019**

**Tues., July 9**

All Non-Perishables in place in the 4-H Bldg.  
Poultry and Rabbits in place ..... 10 a.m.  
Poultry Show ..... Noon  
Fair Queen Contest ..... 7 p.m.  
All Animals in place ..... 6 p.m.  
All Market Animal Weigh-In Schedules will be POSTED

**Wed., July 10**

Food/Nutrition Exhibits in place at 4-H Bldg. 9-11 a.m.  
Market Turkey and Boiler Showmanship ..... 11 a.m.  
Veggie Car Race ..... 11 AM  
Livestock Shows ..... 12-3 p.m.  
Midway Opens - “Ride Special” ..... 5-9 p.m.  
Bike Giveaway and Youth \$ Grab ..... 5 p.m.

**Thurs., July 11**

Dairy Goat Show ..... 9 a.m.  
Dairy Cattle Showman ..... 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Packed Lunch Contest..... TBA  
Creative Place Setting Contest..... TBA  
4-H Clothing Revue ..... 5 p.m.  
Midway Opens ..... 5 p.m.  
Animal Costume Contest ..... 6 p.m.  
Pie Social Hour ..... 7 p.m.

**Fri., July 12**

Dairy Cattle Breed Show .....8 a.m.  
Horticulture Exhibits Cut Flowers in place..... Noon  
Dairy Cattle Birthing Center ..... 1 p.m.  
Rabbit Show ..... 2 p.m.  
Special Foods Contest ..... 2 p.m.  
Decorated Cakes Contest ..... 3 p.m.  
Iron Chef Contest ..... 3 p.m.  
Chicken BBQ ..... 5 p.m.  
4-H Livestock Auction ..... 6 p.m.

**Sat., July 13**

Dairy Day All Day  
4-H and FFA Contests  
Tractor Operator Contest  
Dairy Cattle Birthing Center ..... 10 a.m.  
Children's Day - Ride Special Wrist Band ... 1-5 p.m.  
Bike Giveaway and Youth \$ Grab ..... 5 p.m.  
Fireworks .....Dusk



**Please Note:** Animal Registration, 4-H Horse Certificates and Non-Ownership Forms are all due by June 1, 2019. Registration forms for Cortland Jr. Fair can be found at: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>. Rulebook and paperwork for horses can be found at: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-horse-program>.



Cortland County  
Farm Bureau News

# Cortland County Farm Bureau News

## May 2019



### President's Message



As winter melts into spring and the itch returns for spring planting and the enthusiasm for a new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the Farm Bureau organization and the opportunities presented by membership. In the current economic and political climate, agriculture and business are not always painted in an idyllic light.

Prices are low and expenses high for many of our goods and services. The industry works hard to produce high quality food and resources while an increasing number of the population does not recognize the steps taken to assure quality and quantity.

New York Farm Bureau continues to be a grassroots, community-driven organization that influences decision makers at the local, state and national level. Farm Bureau is well-respected as an organization

representing its members. We may not always agree on issues and policies within our various producer groups, but our voice is loud enough to be heard by decision makers. In this time of global markets and political unknowns, our efforts to solidify our voices into one that speaks for all of agriculture, big and small, new and old, is critical to any potential for continued growth of the industry.

To that end, if you have friends and neighbors that are not currently Farm Bureau members, reach out and encourage them to join in our efforts to craft a strong voice for agriculture that reaches from Cortland to Washington, D.C. and beyond. Policy starts at the county level and choices are made by those that step up to be heard. Looking forward to the 2019 year with positive opportunities emerging from the struggles and success of 2018.

Sincerely,  
*Jeff Perry*  
President

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Cortland County Farm Bureau board meets the second Thursday of each month at the Cortlandville Grange, 82 Cortland Street, Homer.

### DAY AT THE FARM TOUR SCHEDULED

This year, New Hope View Farms LLC, in partnership with Cortland County Farm Bureau, will be hosting the annual "Day at the Farm Tour" on Thurs., June 13, for the entire kindergarten class at Homer Central School. Last year, approximately 135 students attended with chaperones and family members. This year, approximately 150 students are expected to attend.

Typically, there are four stations set up at the farm:

- An animal exhibit, where students can see and pet baby animals including calves, sheep and chickens. Our neighbors from UpHill Angus generously donate their time and animals for this exhibit.
- An equipment station, where students can look at and climb into the seat of a few pieces of machinery while volunteers and farm employees talk about what the equipment is for.
- A milking station, where students can watch live above the parlor while cows are being milked.
- The Cortland County Dairy Princess is anticipated to attend and hand out chocolate milk and cookies donated by Trinity Valley Dairy at the fourth station. The students will also each receive a farm coloring book and cow pencil to take home.



At the 2018 "Day at the Farm Tour", children were able to learn about and explore different pieces of equipment used on the farm.

This year we are looking forward to more volunteers and possibly a fifth station for the children to see what cows eat.

Thank you!  
Sarah Head, New Hope View Farm LLC  
Cortland County Farm Bureau



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