

Schuyler County Farm Bureau
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*** **SAVE THE DATE** ***
Schuyler County Farm Bureau
Summer Picnic



Thursday, August 8, 2019
at Atwater Vineyards
catered by Bucket Bar & Grill

6 p.m. Social Hour • Dinner served at 7 p.m.

Tents, tables and chairs loaned by Farm to Fork Fondo and Serendipity Catering



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Schuyler County Farm Bureau Happenings

Schuyler County Farm Bureau Spring 2019 Newsletter

President’s Message — Nicole Dockstader

Happy spring!! After a seemingly never-ending winter season it’s great to see things greening up, blooms bursting and busy farmers out readying their fields. Schuyler County Farm Bureau’s board has been busy in the first part of 2019. In March, members from Schuyler County Farm Bureau attended the annual Taste of New York Reception and Lobby Day where they presented samples of member-made cheese and wine and met with their elected officials on many important issues affecting local agriculture. I would like to take this time to remind members that lobbying is an important aspect of what NYFB does. If you are not able to or interested in attending a lobby trip, NYFB’s website has an e-lobby center where you can easily send a message to elected officials. Visit NYFB.org and click on the e-Lobby—Take Action! button to view two issues currently facing farmers for which you can help send an opposing voice. Every voice matters!



*Schuyler County Farm Bureau members
at Lobby Day*

Other events that the board has participated in include the Schuyler Equine Conference and NYFB’s Foundation Feast, as well as hosting a successful cabin fever reliever at Grist Iron Brewing Company. A few events to save the date for are the Finger Lakes Cheese Festival on July 27 at Sunset View Creamery and Schuyler County Farm Bureau’s annual summer picnic on Thurs., Aug. 8, to be held at Atwater Vineyard and catered by Bucket Bar & Grill. I would like to send out a huge thank you to Farm to Fork Fondo and Serendipity Catering for loaning their tents, tables and chairs for use at the picnic.

Schuyler County Farm Bureau is working on some new events and ideas to better communicate the great work going on in the agriculture community. I can’t wait to share them with you all soon. If you have any ideas or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I always want to work towards making Schuyler County Farm Bureau better and I can’t do it without all of you. I wish you all a safe and happy planting season and look forward to seeing you at one or all of the upcoming county Farm Bureau events!

- Nicole

Member Savings Programs

Don't forget all the great programs NYFB offers that can save you considerable cash, starting with the exceptional Workers' Compensation Safety Group 486. If you use or need workers' compensation insurance or have an agriculture-related business, you need to give NYFB a call. Quotes are easy and free.

NYFB's Grainger discount program continues to grow. Last year, members saved on average over 26% with free shipping. This now also applies to phone orders, not just online orders. For those of us who still use the phone, this is a big bonus. Grainger has pretty much anything you will ever need from tools to safety equipment to electric motors, etc. Typically it is one-day shipping, so check them out.

NYFB still has discount programs for John Deere, Caterpillar, Case IH, Choice Hotels, Wyndham Hotels, Nationwide Insurance, Thruway tolls through Bestpass, horse tack at Horseloverz.com, Regal Cinemas movie tickets and Avis and Budget rental cars. Travel discounts at Darien Lake, Water Safari and Enchanted Forest, Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom, Orlando attractions, and TripBeat. Health programs for prescription drugs through ScriptSave, My Wellness/Teledoc, health insurance information and a free Accidental Death and Specific Loss policy through your membership. Also, don't forget NYFB's legal referral service, issue fact sheets, resource books for labor and transportation, Farm Bureau clothing and free classified ads in Grassroots, also a great resource publication.

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Young Farmers Update

by Sarah Teed, Young Farmer

In February, NYFB's Young Farmers & Ranchers held their annual leadership conference in Albany at the Desmond Hotel. It was a two-day conference with many exciting events and topics covered. I thought the conference was very beneficial and provided me with networking opportunities with young farmers from across the state. Attendees spoke with New York State Commissioner of Agriculture & Markets, Richard Ball, who talked about some future programs for people who want to farm. We also heard from keynote speaker Vance Crowe, who talked about how young farmers can tell a story about their farms in a way that would make consumers listen and relate to the challenges they are experiencing.

The young farmers also toured three local agribusinesses:

- **Capital Roots Urban Grow Center**, which helps farmers around the area sell fresh products to people in the urban community. The organization started in a small abandoned house and now has its own building and plans on expanding.
- **Cargill Mill** at the Port of Albany, which produces feed for several farms and producers around the area, including Tractor Supply. We were able to tour the plant and ask questions about the feed and ingredients that go into the different products. A lot of the feed that was in the building was mixed up for Nutrena.
- **ReRun Farm**, which is a horse farm that takes Thoroughbred horses from the track when their racing career is over and slowly helps them make the transition from a racehorse to a horse used for pleasure riding. It takes time to transition a racehorse from the track to enjoy life in a pasture.

We also spoke with Donald Marsh from Nationwide. He talked about the need for farmers to plan for a transition to the younger generation and how to start those conversations. There were also several guest speakers who talked about public speaking, safety in agriculture, tourism, media interviews and fat-free meetings. I was able to go to two of the four meetings and both were very good and informative. At the end of the meetings, NYFB President David Fisher talked to us about how he is looking forward to this year and making more things happen in New York Farm Bureau and the importance of young farmers being involved in NYFB.

New Members

Being that NYFB is a membership organization, we can always use your help to maintain our great organization. This is the best time of year to sign up a new member because for \$99 you get the rest of 2019 and all of 2020. We all know neighbors, family or businesses who should be members. Joining is easy and convenient. You can mail your \$99 check to NYFB, go online to NYFB.org., or call 1-800-342-4143 to pay with a credit card. It's that easy! We all need to pitch in and stick together as a group to have success.