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President’s Report

Greetings from a soggy farm field.

It has certainly been a wet and challenging fall, winter and spring. I hear that first cutting went off before much of the planting. Throw in the economic atmosphere in farming, and you know we are a hardy bunch.

New York Farm Bureau continues the fight to keep farms viable in a tough New York State, and through an interesting time in the country and the world. Your efforts through the e-lobby center on NYFB’s website, in addition to State Lobby Days, Washington, D.C. lobby trips, service on various boards and many educational efforts, do pay dividends down the road. If you are interested in attending the fall Washington, D.C. lobby trip in September or State Lobby Days in March, please let me know as soon as you can.

Tompkins County Farm Bureau has been busy planning activities as well as reacting to some local issues. We have launched our version of the 10 Gallon Challenge, with milk or milk money donations going to the local food bank and pantries. Thank you to Art Berkey and Debbie Teeter for their role with this event. We helped out and sponsored the Ag Summit, had a table at Dryden Dairy Days, will be a part of the Apple Harvest Festival this fall on The Commons, supported the county dairy princess program, sponsored the renovation at Camp Oswegatchie for FFA leaders, as well strongly supporting and aiding the push for a new agriculture program and FFA chapter at Lansing Schools. Thank you to Kate Cole for spearheading this effort.

You may have noticed there has been no mention of the annual Agstravaganza, because we took off a year. Debbie Teeter was retiring and replacing knee joints and was unable to administer the process. The Downtown Ithaca Partnership could have helped but they were stretched. Tompkins County Farm Bureau

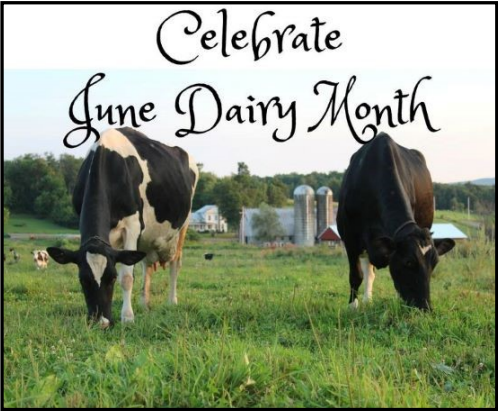
will have a tent at the Apple Harvest Festival this fall. It is a great venue to showcase agriculture. Speaking of Debbie Teeter, a huge congratulations on her retirement from CCE. We are wishing her well and looking forward to her return from said joint replacements.

On the legislative front, we had good groups attend the State Annual Meeting, setting policy, and at State Lobby Days, with a Tompkins County table at the Taste of NY Reception. Thank you to Kristin Tobias and Rod Porter for their help. Tompkins County Farm Bureau members went to Washington, D.C. in March and have weighed in on the Town of Ulysses zoning proposal and Danby logging ordinance. There is always something cooking.

Please help us stay vigilante on your local issues and let us know what is happening in your neck of the woods. Please share your opinion about what is going on in Albany, Washington, D.C. or in your community through NYFB’s policy development process in September and October. Please read your *Grassroots* newspaper monthly and the e-mailed News from NYFB every Friday. If we don’t have your e-mail, please share it with us so we can communicate better.

As I always say, stay safe. Thanks for being a member.

Lin Davidson
President



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Tompkins County Holds Dairy Princess Pageant



At this year's Tompkins County Dairy Princess Pageant, Alley French was named 2019 County Dairy Princess. In addition, Mackenzi Bailey was named County Alternate Dairy Princess; Andra Benson, Zora Benson, Abigail Gunning and Abby Thomas were named County Dairy Ambassadors.

A great big thank you to 2018 Dairy Princess and big sister, Erin Harkenrider, who did a fabulous job representing the Tompkins County dairy industry!

2019 Calendar of Events

Pasture Walk with the Finger Lakes Graziers

June 18

1-4 p.m.

Penn Yan, NY

Join the Finger Lakes Graziers on a pasture walk and learn about soil health.

For further details on this **free** event, visit the Northwest NY Dairy and Field Crops website at <https://nwnyteam.cce.cornell.edu>

Webinar: Dairy Margin Coverage Program and Risk Management Options

June 18

12 p.m.

For further details and to register for this **free** webinar, visit the South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops website at <https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu>

African Swine Fever Meeting—Herkimer

June 18

6:30 p.m.

Herkimer, NY

African Swine Fever, the highly contagious and deadly disease, affects both domestic and feral hogs and there is no treatment or vaccine currently available. For further details and to register for this **free** meeting, visit the Central NY Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops website at <https://cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu>

African Swine Fever Meeting—Norwich

June 25

6:30 p.m.

Norwich, NY

African Swine Fever, the highly contagious and deadly disease, affects both domestic and feral hogs and there is no treatment or vaccine currently available. For further details and to register for this **free** meeting, visit the Central NY Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops website at <https://cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu>

NOFA-NY Organic@Cornell Summer Field Day Series Innovations in Organic Vegetable Production

July 31

3-7 p.m. (vegetable tastings and reception to follow)

Homer C. Thompson Vegetable Research Farm

133 Fall Creek Rd., Freeville, NY

For further details on this **free** event, visit the South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops website at <https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu>

NOFA-NY Organic@Cornell Summer Field Day Series Management Options and Rootstock Varieties for Organic Apple Production

Aug. 1

3-7 p.m. (dinner included)

Cornell Orchards, 709 Dryden Rd., Ithaca, NY

For further details on this **free** event, visit the South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops website at <https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu>

Empire Farm Days

Aug. 6-9

Dairy Profit Seminars

Seneca Falls, NY

Bovine Reproduction and AI Training Course

Aug. 13-14

9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Oakfield, NY

This two-day AI workshop will cover the following topics:

- Reproductive Physiology
- Synchronization Protocols
- Heat Detection
- Artificial Insemination
- Proper Thawing of Semen
- Loading AI Guns
- Practice Breeding Cows

For further details and to register for this event, visit the Northwest NY Dairy and Field Crops website at <https://nwnyteam.cce.cornell.edu>

To have your event listed in the calendar of events, email:

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