

159 Wolf Road
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Cortland County
Farm Bureau News

*All are cordially invited to attend the
Cortland County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting*

Monday, Oct. 7

Reilly's Café

8 E. Main St, Marathon

6:30 p.m. Social and Milk Punch ♦ 7 p.m. Dinner

Business meeting to follow

\$15 per person

RSVP to:

Jeff at jap255@cornell.edu

or call 607-220-6139

**GET ONE FREE DINNER
WITH 2020 PAID DUES**

Cortland County Farm Bureau

2020 Policy Development Survey



Your opinion is important to help Cortland County Farm Bureau propose resolutions to the state level.

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 20

RETURN TO: Jeff Perry, 5531 Rte 41, Homer, NY 13077 or email to jap255@cornell.edu

COUNTY AND STATE ISSUES

1. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports allowing over-the-road semi-trailers, owned by the farm, to be registered with agricultural plates to haul the farm's agricultural commodities.

☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
2. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports incentives for the expansion of renewable natural gas in NY Renewable fuels standards. This may contribute to an increased demand for production from anaerobic digesters.

☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
3. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports the development of anaerobic digester models based upon European digester models to increase reliability and standardization of designs.

☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
4. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports the Department of Agriculture and Markets offering cost-share to help livestock producers offset the cost of implementing electronic livestock identification.

☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
5. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports eligibility for the NYS Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program based on an applicant having produced an agriculture product for no more than ten consecutive years rather than limit application to the first two years out of college.

☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
6. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports continued funding for Soil & Water Conservation District and Cooperative Extension of Cortland County.

☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
7. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports the PRIME Act (Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption) that allows a certain amount of farm-grown meats to be sold to in-state consumers under state inspection rather than USDA inspection.

☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree



8. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports the appointment of the open Wage Board seat be jointly reviewed by both the Department of Labor and Department of Agriculture and Markets, not the Department of Labor only.
- ☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
9. Cortland County Farm Bureau recommends that an evaluation of the newly-approved 60-hour work week for agriculture occur for one harvest cycle before the Wage Board recommends any changes.
- ☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
10. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports changing the allowed deductions for on-farm housing to reflect current values and not continuing to rely on 1990 values.
- ☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
11. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports the Cornell Nutrient Management SPEAR program as a best management practice to aid in dairy system efficiency and sustainability.
- ☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree

NATIONAL ISSUES

12. Cortland County Farm Bureau supports offering milk vouchers via food banks through the Milk Donation Program.
- ☐ strongly disagree ☐ agree ☐ no opinion ☐ agree ☐ strongly agree
13. **Other Issues?** Are there other agricultural issues facing producers and providers in the agriculture industry that Farm Bureau should be working on? Please give us a description (use the area below or add an extra sheet).

One item of interest: Any thoughts on food waste – crops left in field, or working to compost waste food rather than put in landfill?

Thank you for your input!

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September 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Farm Bureau Members,

Fall is quickly arriving and that means fall harvest and policy development! Cortland County Farm Bureau's annual survey to capture your perspectives is included in this newsletter. The items will be discussed and voted on at the County Annual Meeting, with the results moving on to the State Annual Meeting for voting

and implementation. This is where Farm Bureau develops our voice for agriculture, from the local level. Please take a few moments to review and voice your opinions.

RSVP to Jeff at jap255@cornell.edu if you have not yet done so.

**Pay your
Farm Bureau dues
By November 1
and save \$11.**

1-800-342-4143 or NYFB.org



NEW OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPING IN CORTLAND

The contract owners of the former Apex Tool site on Cleveland St. in Cortland are interested in utilizing some or all of the 130,000 sq. ft. of building for agricultural use including large equipment storage, indoor growing, aquaculture, etc. They can accommodate a large number of different tenants and are open to your ideas and occupants of all sizes. If you are interested, contact Eric Smithers at 315-430-7333 or esmithers@acropolisrealtygroup.com, or work through the Farm Bureau. They want to make this a Cortland County agricultural success project!

SAVE THE DATE!

CORTLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU'S AG TRIVIA NIGHT

to be held

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

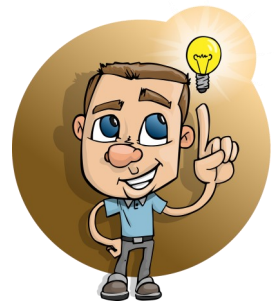
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**CAZENOVIA EQUIPMENT
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The Cortland County Farm Bureau board meets the second Thursday of each month at the Cortlandville Grange, 82 Cortland Street, Homer, NY.