St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau News September 2019 To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture

SAVE THE DATES ~ FALL EVENTS

Day at the Farm

Saturday, Sept. 28

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Twin Mills Farm

798 Five Mile Line Rd., Ogdensburg, NY Owned by Blake and Carmen Gendebien Please contact Patti Fisher or Kelsey O'Shea if you wish to volunteer or make a donation.

County Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Canton Methodist Church 41 Court St. Canton, NY 6:30 p.m. Social • 7 p.m. Dinner Please RSVP to 1-866-995-7300 or env@nyfb.org.

One free dinner per paid membership

2020 Proposed Resolutions

Below is a list of some of the resolutions that will be discussed at the annual meeting. Resolutions will also be accepted from the floor the night of the meeting. If you have a proposed resolution that you would like to present from the floor at the County Annual Meeting, please have it written beforehand. This will enable the meeting to run smoothly.

State

- We oppose all student loan forgiveness programs.
- We support semi-trailers being able to register as agricultural vehicles as long as they meet the current statute.
- We oppose expanding the incentives for the expansion of renewable natural gas in New York Renewable Fuels Standing.
- We oppose a personal income tax credit when costs are incurred for tree removal or tree treatment as recommended by a certified arborist or forester due to damage caused by the emerald ash borer.
- We oppose the Department of Agriculture and Markets offering a cost share to producers to offset the cost of implementing electronic livestock identification.

National

 We support milk vouchers being offered through the Milk Donation Program.

Benefit of the Month



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In this issue you will find: President's Message, Benefit of the Month, 2020 Proposed Resolutions, County Annual Meeting and Day at the Farm info.

President's Message: Hello, I hope your growing



season has gone well even with the late start we had due to rain. The St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau board has been working on your behalf throughout the summer. For the St. Lawrence County Fair, we had an interactive booth in the

FFA building and also partnered with our friends at the St. Lawrence County Ag Academy to have another informational booth. We had a great turnout for our annual summer picnic on July 17. Thank you to Scott Loomis and his family for hosting us again this year. It's a great spot for a picnic! For an upcoming event we will have our annual Day at the Farm on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Twin Mills Farm owned by Blake and Carmen Gendebien in Ogdensburg. Please contact Patti Fisher or Kelsey O'Shea if you wish to volunteer. As we wrap up our policy development season, we hope you will join us on

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St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau News Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the Canton Methodist Church for our County Annual Meeting. County Farm Bureau will pay for one dinner per paid membership. Additional dinners can be purchased. I hope you have a great rest of your growing season and see you in October.

Jon Greenwood, President



St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau display at this year's fair.

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St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau members prepare dinner for this year's picnic. Pictured l-r: Scott Loomis, Dale Sargent and Travis McKnight.