

Rensselaer County Farm Bureau News September 2019



To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture

County Annual Meeting

Please join us:

**Tuesday, Oct. 22
at 6:30 p.m.
\$12 dinner per person.
Payable at the door
by check or cash.**

Cash Bar Available

**Giuseppe's Restaurant
3680 NY-7
Hoosick Falls, NY**

**RSVP to the Regional Office
at 1-866-995-7300 or
eny@nyfb.org before Oct. 18.**



**Members are encouraged to
bring resolutions to the floor
that night. If you have a
proposed resolution that you
would like to present at the
County Annual Meeting,
please have it written
beforehand.**



President's Message:

Hello,
We have multiple vacant seats on our board and we encourage and invite you to get involved. If you are interested or would like to learn more, you can call me.



Speaking of a void in our board of directors, I would like to take this opportunity and give a huge shout out to John Betts to thank him for his numerous years of service. You will be missed and are irreplaceable.

THANK YOU JOHN!

*Tim Marbot
President*

**THANK
YOU!**

2020 Proposed Resolutions

Below are resolutions that will be discussed at the County Annual Meeting.

State

We support being able to take a doe with your regular seasoned rifle.

We support an independent economic analysis after a full growing season prior to the wage board making a recommendation to the legislature.

We support expanding the wage board to better represent the diverse sectors in New York agriculture.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article III/ Board of Directors/Section 4/Quorum.

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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What is covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance?

- Medical care following an injury or illness.
- Wage replacement if a worker loses income because of an injury.
- Costs for vocational retraining if an injury renders a worker unable to continue working in their current role.
- Compensation for permanent injuries.
- Benefits for families of a worker killed on the job; issues and illnesses that develop over a long period by the same injurious work activity.

For more information, call New York Farm Bureau at 800-342-4143.

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Albany, NY 12205



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Rensselaer County Farm Bureau Board of Directors *Need to dial 518 first.*

Tim Marbot, President.....	281-3432
Paul Molesky, VP & YFR Co-Chair.....	487-1769
Sandy Washburn, Secretary.....	618-5857
Ken Johnson, Treasurer.....	339-9402
Matthew Grab.....	810-9500
Nicole Childrose.....	605-4880
Michael Swartz.....	331-0830
Matthew Trzcinski, YF Co-Chair.....	441-7917
Nancy Trzcinski, Pro-Ed Chair.....	279-1738
Renee Ciardi, NYFB Field Advisor.....	461-8659
Dean Casey, NYFB Director.....	796-4874
Regional Office.....	866-995-7300

Legislative Successes in Albany

Prioritized successful renewal of the 10-year real property tax exemption on new farm buildings

Lead the charge to finally accomplish inherent risk reforms for equine operations, along with u-pick produce and u-choose Christmas tree farms, among others.

Increase in the reimbursement to schools who use New York-produced foods in their lunch meals.

Advocated the charge to increase the estate tax threshold in New York to over \$5,000,000.

Successfully pushed the change to enact a 2% cap on agricultural assessment increases in New York.

Secured the ability for farmers to obtain an agriculture trailer license plate at a reduced cost.

Worked to successfully secure hundreds of millions of dollars for farm research, promotional and environmental programs.

Successfully advocated for a number of new laws expanding wine trails and access to New York farm-based beverages.

Working to combat expanded labor mandates, improve access to agriculture education and implement infrastructure parity between downstate and upstate.



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