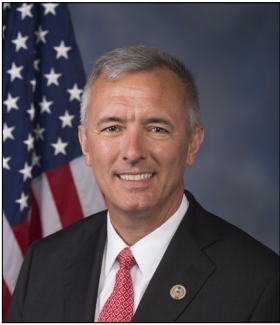


A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN JOHN KATKO



As the federal representative for Onondaga, Cayuga, Oswego, and Wayne counties in Washington, I remain focused on supporting our region's agriculture economy. Policies that recently went into effect – such as the new Dairy Margin Coverage

Farm Bill -- and legislation I have cosponsored like the Family Farmer Relief Act will improve financial situations for many Central New York farms. Additionally, Congress must focus on finalizing new international trade agreements once it returns for the fall legislative session. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on my recent actions to stand up for Central New York agriculture.

Regional dairy farmers have experienced unfavorable market conditions in recent years. These conditions exposed serious flaws in the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy), which failed to provide adequate coverage for dairy producers and was not reflective of their operating costs or needs. It was crucial the MPP-Dairy was replaced to reflect the current state of American dairy farming and I strongly advocated for such changes in the most recent Farm Bill. This legislation introduced the new Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program, establishing lower premiums and improving coverage levels for dairy farmers. Approximately 10,000 American dairy farms have already signed up for the new DMC program, providing farmers access to much-needed economic support. Enrollment into the DMC

program is now open and I encourage Central New York dairy producers to take advantage of this beneficial program.

Next, I cosponsored legislation that makes it easier for family farms in our community to restructure debts in Chapter 12 bankruptcy. The Family Farmer Relief Act of 2019 raises the debt limit to participate in Chapter 12 bankruptcy to \$10 million. Prior to enactment of this legislation, asset values under Chapter 12 bankruptcy rules for family farms were not reflective of the financial situations of modern family farms. Updating this debt limit will establish modern financial flexibility. This bipartisan legislation had widespread support when it passed both chambers of Congress earlier this summer. The President is expected to sign the bill into law.

Lastly, our country is currently negotiating the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) to create a more level playing field for America's farmers. Trade deals like the USMCA must be approved by Congress and it is imperative Congressional lawmakers finalize the USMCA in a timely, bipartisan manner. When Congress returns from the August district work period, I intend to work with the Administration and Congressional leadership in reviewing the final agreement.

I look forward to continuing to work in Congress to further grow and support the farming industry in our region and across the country. Our region's strong agriculture economy is among my top priorities in Congress and I am honored to represent you in Washington.

TASTE OF WAYNE COUNTY



Wayne County Farm Bureau President Matt Wunder, along with Wayne County board members David Coene, Stephen Britt, Gary Orbaker, Alicia Abendroth and Jeremy Eaton, spoke with NYS Senator Pam Helming at the Taste of Wayne County event in Newark on July 16.

THANK YOU EMBARK CRAFT CIDERWORKS

Wayne County Farm Bureau would like to thank Embark Craft Ciderworks and the DeFisher family for hosting the Wayne County Farm Bureau Cider Take-Over in July. It was a fantastic evening and we really appreciate all of their help in arranging the event. We hope to do another take-over event in 2020. Please like Wayne County Farm Bureau's Facebook page to stay up to date on all upcoming events!



2020 WAYNE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

PROPOSED POLICY RESOLUTIONS

Please review the resolutions below for the upcoming Wayne County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting being held on Oct. 27. These resolutions are a jumping-off point for discussion. Feel free to bring your own suggestions and unique ideas to the meeting at Young Sommer Winery. Hope to see you there!

STATE RESOLUTIONS:

1. Wayne CFB strongly suggests that New York State discourage location of solar panels on prime, fertile farmland by removing tax incentives.
2. Wayne CFB supports providing incentives for solar construction on industrial/commercial rooftops, and on marginal, less productive land.
3. Wayne CFB opposes any proposed increase in the water level of Lake Ontario over 247 feet above sea level as the impact to agricultural lands on or near the lake will be catastrophic.
4. Wayne CFB opposes any proposed changes from the REDDY Committee to local building codes for structures on or near Lake Ontario that would raise the elevation higher than current requirements.
5. Wayne CFB strongly encourages NYS to change the composition of the Farmworker Wage Board to include five members so as to more fairly represent the various entities involved.
6. Wayne CFB recommends that the Farmworker Wage Board be required to wait an entire year after the implementation of the Farmworker Labor Bill to make any recommendations for changes in the wage rate.

Reaffirm # 63 under Ag Labor (pg 72)



YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS SOUGHT

Wayne County Farm Bureau is looking for new members for its Young Farmers & Ranchers group. Any Wayne County Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18-35 can join! If you are interested in:

- Acquiring cutting-edge information through participation in educational conferences.
- Building a network with fellow young farmers and agricultural enthusiasts.
- Earning recognition for achievements in business excellence and leadership success.
- Continuing professional development and personal growth.
- Providing workable solutions for issues affecting agriculture.
- Influencing public policies that affect agriculture now and in the future.
- Stepping up and telling the story of agriculture.
- Serving your community by volunteering and making a difference.

Give Amanda Krenning-Muoio a call at 585-749-9508. This is an exciting opportunity for all young farmers in Wayne County.

REMEMBER TO E-LOBBY!

Now more than ever it's important to show your support for agriculture with the e-lobbying efforts of New York Farm Bureau. To participate in the e-lobby action items that NYFB is working on, go to www.nyfb.org and click on the E-Lobby—Take Action! icon. Choose your passion and show elected officials you support New York agriculture!



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SUNDAY, OCT. 27

YOUNG SOMMER WINERY

4287 JERSEY ROAD, WILLIAMSON, NY

5 p.m. Social Hour • 6 p.m. Dinner

Dinner: \$25 per person with cash bar

Please join us for an evening of quality discussion, decision making and fun as Wayne County Farm Bureau hosts its annual meeting.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

RSVP by Oct. 21:

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- Share tools to connect with consumers who are eager to learn about food and farming.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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