

Honoring Leberge & Curtis, Inc.

St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau honored the equipment dealership, Leberge & Curtis, Inc., on Nov. 1, 2019. A short presentation by St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau honored the dealership for its years of service to the agricultural community of St. Lawrence County.

Leberge & Curtis, Inc., served the needs of the St. Lawrence County agricultural community for over 65 years. The business was regarded for top quality, great customer service and fairness. Beyond the equipment they sold, the Leberge & Curtis, Inc. name was iconic in the agricultural community of St. Lawrence County.

St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau began in 1955 and the Curtis families were great supporters of Farm Bureau since the beginning. Leberge & Curtis, Inc., partnered with the Farm Bureau member-only benefit program, Safemark Tire and Battery, for many years. During that time, the dealership was recognized as the top battery dealer in New York State. The service program not only led to member savings, but also to a great relationship between Farm Bureau and the business.

In recent years, Leberge & Curtis, Inc., was an exceptional partner in St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau’s annual Day at the Farm. Day at the Farm is held the last Saturday in September at different dairy farms in St. Lawrence County. The focus of the event is to educate the public about modern animal agriculture. Leberge & Curtis, Inc., was a generous sponsor of the event, and provided many volunteer hours.



On Nov. 15, 27 young farmers from St. Lawrence County gathered for dinner at the Barking Dog Saloon in Parishville. Kristen and Leonard Brown from Orange County joined us for food and conversation. After dinner, the group attended the Clarkson vs. Cornell Men's Hockey Game at Cheel Arena in Potsdam.



2020 Agricultural Literacy Book

During the week of March 16-20, we are proud to feature *Right This Very Minute*. We are often hungry "right this very minute" throughout the day for breakfast, or lunch, or a snack. A table-to-farm book about food and farming connects the foods we find ourselves wanting during the course of a day to the work farmers are doing every day to grow, raise and produce our food. This book will take students on an explorative journey to trace the food on their plate back to its source- the farmer. Once again, St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau has purchased books to have volunteers read in their local schools.



On Sept. 10, St. Lawrence County Young Farmers held an event at Swing Time Mini Golf in Potsdam.



New York Farm Bureau Website

Check out NYFB’s website www.nyfb.org. It's easier to navigate and improves access to NYFB programs, information and services for members.

Pictured right: St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau members at the County Annual Meeting in October.



Funds Available for Repairs or Upgrades that Improve Safety on NY Farms

The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) is offering financial assistance to farm operations for repairs and upgrades that help make for a safer workplace.

Farmers are awarded 50% of the cost of the project, up to \$5,000.

The cost-matching program is designed to address the unique needs of small and medium-sized farm operations without the complexities often attached to many agricultural grants.

Recently funded projects: cattle handling systems, silo repairs and barn electrical repairs

Contact NYCAMH at 800.343.7527 or email jmfsf@bassett.org



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President’s Report



Hello St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. The St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau board has been quite busy over the past few months. On Oct. 22, we held our County Annual Meeting at the Canton Methodist Church where we had great discussion on policy and re-elected the county directors that were up for election this year. On Nov. 1, we honored the dealership LeBerge and Curtis for their outstanding service to the agricultural community of St. Lawrence County. Leberge and Curtis served the needs of the St. Lawrence County agricultural community for over 65 years. The business was always regarded for top quality, great customer service and fairness. We were proud to honor this great business and pillar of our agricultural community. On Nov. 15, our Young Farmer and Ranchers held a fun district event at the Clarkston vs. Cornell men’s hockey game. It was great to see so many young people from our agricultural community come out to the event. At State Annual Meeting held in Binghamton, NY on Dec. 2-4, Dan Huntley, Ted Greenwood and I attended as delegates for our County Farm Bureau. Ted Greenwood also competed at the Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet and did very well. At the meeting, St. Lawrence County was awarded all four County Awards of Excellence for overall achievement in program planning at the county level. We are also hosting an educational DOT workshop on Friday, March 20, at 10 a.m. at Bill Tiernan’s shop. I hope you have a productive and safe planting season and hope to see you all at the DOT workshop in March.

Jon Greenwood
President

New York Farm Bureau Releases 2020 State Legislative Priorities

- ◆ Support critical funding for current agricultural animal health, promotion, research and environmental programs in the final FY 20/21 state budget.
- ◆ Obtain financial offsets and amendments to the recently enacted farm labor statute in the final 2020-2021 State Budget.
- ◆ Ensure fair and equitable farm labor wage board hearings that are located in farming regions across the state. We support providing the wage board with adequate time and resources to ensure that sufficient farm data is available to know the full effects of the law prior to a wage board decision.
- ◆ Ensure staff funding for critical positions at the Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- ◆ Oppose legislative pesticide prohibition or ban bills that circumvent the registration process at the Department of Environmental Conservation.
- ◆ Oppose efforts to establish a prevailing wage for publicly funded projects, including agricultural cost-share programs through the Environmental Protection Fund.
- ◆ Support farmers in their efforts to adapt to and mitigate climate change through funding of critical programs in the Environmental Protection Fund and legislative programs that support on farm renewable energy.
- ◆ Oppose efforts to further restrict the use of medically necessary preventative and therapeutic use of antibiotics.
- ◆ Oppose the NY Health Act
- ◆ Support funding for Cornell University College of Life Sciences and College of Veterinarian Medicine Growing Demand for Dairy Proposal.

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DOT Educational Workshop (Free)

Friday, March 20
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bill Tiernan’s Workshop
845 Waterloo Road, Waddington, NY

St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau is hosting a DOT workshop to update area farmers on current DOT truck regulations.

Guest Speaker: Trooper Collins will give an overview of current DOT law and will do a hands-on truck inspection after his talk.

Light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to the Regional Office: eny@nyfb.org Or 1-866-995-7300