Montgomery County Farm Bureau News September 2020



To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Notice and Invitation Thursday, September 24 ♦ 6:30 p.m. Fonda Fairgrounds, Scott Hall

Dinner will be provided by the Farmer's Feed Bunk Food Truck. This is an opportunity to safely meet with your neighbors and fellow farmers. Feel free to arrive up to an hour before the meeting to visit and eat.

Your meal is FREE with a paid 2021 renewal or new membership.

Please plan to pay for your membership/renewal at the event.

The business meeting of the evening will consist of board of director elections, 2019-2020 financial review, county bylaws amendment, and policy development resolutions. Policy resolutions will be taken from the floor during the meeting. Please bring any ideas that you may have with you.

Do you have an idea for a change in current local, state or federal legislation that would increase your productivity or profitability? Would a new piece of legislation serve your needs better?

As a member of New York Farm Bureau, this is your chance to have your voice heard and work toward changing legislative policies in 2021 and beyond.

It is said that squeaky wheels either get greased or replaced. Let's see what we can do to get agricultural policies the grease they deserve.

Please RSVP to: Eastern Regional Office at 1-866-995-7300 or eny@nyfb.org

2020 Proposed Bylaws Changes

Section 5. Electronic Participation. The Board, any committee of the Board, and any committee of the corporation may participate in the meeting by means of conference, telephone, electronic video screen, or similar communications equipment allowing persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time, and participate without limitation in all matters before the Board. Participation in the meeting by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 6. Action without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board, any committee of the Board, or any committee of the corporation may be taken without a meeting if all persons entitled to vote at such meeting consent thereto. Such consent may be written or electronic, and such consent is filed with the minutes documenting such action.

The former Section 5 will be renumbered as Section 7 The former Section 6 will be renumbered as Section 8 The former Section 7 will be renumbered as Section 9 The former Section 8 will be renumbered as Section 10 Take a look at what NYFB Safety Group 486 has to offer. 16.3% Average Decrease in 2019 rates for Safety Group 486 policyholder Cumulative rate decrease of over 51% in the past four years. 36% five-year Dividend Average

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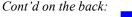
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Annual Meeting Discussion Topics

Other potential items to consider and discuss at the County Annual Meeting:

- 1. To be eligible for an agriculture assessment on operations that are less than seven acres, should the annual gross sales requirement be decreased to \$25,000 from \$50,000?
- 2. Should New York State establish a capital fund for agricultural investment? Should it be a cost-share grant program or low interest revolving loan fund?
- 3. Should New York Farm Bureau take a stronger position on solar development on farmland? If so, what should that position be?

corresponding lack of scheduling dates, should New York Farm Bureau have new policies on federal meat processing and slaughterhouses?

4. Considering the lack of USDA meat processors and the





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