



Wage Board Moves to Lower OT Threshold

Governor Proposes Tax Credit to Offset Costs

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The Farm Laborers Wage Board voted two-to-one on Jan. 28 to recommend lowering the farmworker overtime threshold to 40 hours a week over the next decade, despite more than 70% of the testimony given by farmers and farmworkers

who asked for overtime to stay at 60 hours.

The measure was pushed through by Wage Board Chair Brenda McDuffie and her counterpart from the AFL-CIO, Denis Hughes, minutes after final testimony was heard. New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher voted against lowering

the threshold, saying they needed time to review all of the testimony. There were also concerns that the recommendation was orchestrated without his input and that the Department of Labor did not play all of the submitted video testimony during the final hearing.

"In the end, the decision was made with little deliberation or reflection of the testimony. I would have hoped

my fellow board members would have considered more of the impacts that this will have on agriculture," said President Fisher.

Grow NY Farms, an agricultural coalition that NYFB has worked closely with the past year, quickly responded to the decision saying, "It is

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March is for Celebrating Maple

Eric Randall drills a hole for a tap on his land in Genesee County. His operation and many others will be a part of the return of Maple Weekends this year. For more details on Randall's operation, the first year of operation for Cornell's Arnot Maple Lab and details on Maple Weekends, see the **Commodity Report**, starting on page 13.

Avian Flu Detected in Long Island Small Flock

NYSDAM

A small, non-commercial backyard flock in Suffolk County, New York has tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The flock had a total of eight birds in it. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed the presence of HPAI after samples from the flock were tested at the Cornell University Animal Health Diagnostic Center and confirmed at the APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) is working closely with USDA APHIS on a joint incident response. The announcement prompts reminders for commercial and hobby poultry farmers to increase their biosecurity measures to help prevent the spread of the disease.

AGM officials have quarantined the affected premises in Suffolk County, and the small number of remaining birds on the property will be depopulated to prevent the spread of the disease. Birds from the flock will not enter the food system. As part of existing avian influenza response plans, AGM and USDA are

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NYFB Submits Comments of Revised WOTUS Definition

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New York Farm Bureau submitted comments last month calling on the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the proposed Revised Definition of the "Waters of the United States (WOTUS)" and keep in place

the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR).

The NWPR was a clear, defensible rule that appropriately balanced the objective, goals, and policies of the Clean Water Act. However, the revised definition proposed by the Biden Administration looks to greatly expand WOTUS to classify mostly dry land and low spots as navigable

water. This will create grey areas in the law that will make it challenging and costly for farmers to comply in a timely manner.

A similar WOTUS definition was put in place by President Obama's administration but was then pulled back and clarified under President

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE PERRIN FAMILY



After 41 years with NYFB, Fred retired in 2018 and continued to grow pumpkins and farm his land.

NYFB Loses a Dear Friend to Many

Fred Perrin Dedicated His Life and Career to the Good of Our Organization and its Members

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Fred Perrin, who so many have lovingly called “Mr. Farm Bureau”, passed away Feb. 4 after a courageous battle with a lung illness that never diminished his spirit or passion for the people he cared about, his family, friends and of course, fellow farmers.

Fred retired from New York Farm Bureau in 2018 as Director of Member Relations and Field Services, capping off a 41-year career with the organization.

He began his career with Farm Bureau as a volunteer county leader while operating a dairy farm in Ogdensburg, NY. Fred was active in the Young Farmer & Rancher Program, participating in the Discussion Meet Competition, and serving on the State Young Farmer & Rancher Committee.

Fred was hired as a field staff member in 1977 serving the northern New York counties for 18 years. Responsibilities during that time also included staff coordinator for the NYFB Women’s Program, Coordinator of the Young Farmer & Rancher Program, and field coordinator for membership.

In 1996, Fred was promoted to Director of Organization and Field Services bringing him into the state office in Albany where he continued to grow professionally. All the while dedicating himself to our members and the greater agricultural community.

He worked alongside Jeff Kirby, who retired in 2020 as NYFB’s CEO, for much of that time.

“I worked with Fred Perrin for more than 36 years, and in my eyes, Fred was ‘Mr. Farm Bureau.’ He cared so deeply about New York agriculture and our members. It would simply not be possible for anyone to be more dedicated to serving our Farm Bureau members than Fred Perrin was. Fred was the ultimate advocate for our members, and a great friend to all of us,” said Kirby.

Fred was most recently seen at the 2021 State Annual Meeting in tribute videos to Kirby

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Jeff Kirby
Former NYFB CEO



Fred and his wife Lee at their home in Ogdensburg, NY.

and Jon Greenwood, a St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau member, both being honored for their distinguished service to agriculture.

“I met Fred almost as soon as I joined Farm Bureau over 40 years ago. He had only recently started as field person for District 7 and only lived a few miles away. I became the district YF&R Rep and being close in age we traveled to many meetings together. I really enjoyed working with Fred. He was all about Farm Bureau. We spent many hours talking about NYFB, policy issues, how to get more people involved, anything Farm Bureau related,” said Greenwood. “We worked together while fighting a proposed Federal Wildlife refuge in St. Lawrence County. It was a highlight of our time working together. Fred lived and breathed Farm Bureau, you could not find anyone more dedicated. Farm Bureau and I both lost a true friend.”

Judi Whittaker of Broome County Farm Bureau echoed a similar sentiment.

“One of my first memories was at YF&R conference. He greeted us like we had been lifelong friends. A welcome I still remember, helping us navigate the conference facility giving advice which workshops to attend and who to meet,” said Judi Whittaker of Broome County Farm Bu-

reau. “This began my quest to be the same kind of welcoming person. Fred and Lee (Fred’s wife) quickly became like family.”

Judi added, “Fred was Farm Bureau every day. The historian of all past events and he loved sharing stories about all those who had been there before us. I feel blessed to have been introduced to Fred, a lifetime of service to our agriculture community. Job well done good and faithful servant. God be with Lee and the family.”

There was an outpouring of love and sympathy on NYFB’s Facebook page when we shared the sad news. People from all over New York grieved together and fondly remembered Fred. They said he always had the best interest of farmers at heart and who made everyone care about New York agriculture. He was a kind man, a great advocate, and a mentor to many.

“I best remember him radiating joy in his service, which was a good example and how it should be,” Sandy Falcone on Facebook.

Fred lived full time back in Ogdensburg, NY after his retirement, continuing to grow pumpkins and farm his land. Fred and wife Lee have two grown children, along with their beloved grandchildren. He was also a man of deep faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



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Before the Buzz

Decorative hives await warmer weather at Sperry Brook Apiary in Mooers, NY.

NYFB Joins Partner Organizations Pushing Back on NYC Mayor’s Proposed School Meals Changes

By Beth Meyer, ADANE and Elizabeth Wolters, NYFB

New York City Mayor, Eric Adams, made a move to require New York City Schools go vegan on Fridays adding “Vegan Fridays” to the current weekly schedule of meals that also include “Meatless Mondays” and “New York Thursdays.” The mayor has also been recently quoted in wanting to ban chocolate milk from school meals as well. New York City Schools, the largest school district in the United States, is responsible for serving more than 800,000 students daily.

While we understand the intent is to serve healthy meals to children, and vegan options can certainly be part of providing healthy well-balanced meals, it is important that policy decisions are made based on the National School Lunch program and not personal opinions. New York City School District is still required to offer milk under these federal regulations, even on “Vegan Fridays.”

Concerns with the proposed ban on chocolate milk is that it may have the opposite health effect on children who receive meals at school and the nutrients they receive as chocolate milk has been shown to influence participating in the school meals program.

In a study conducted by Cornell



NYC Mayor Eric Adams

University of Oregon schools, the total daily milk sales decreased by 9.9% when flavored milk was removed from the cafeteria and contributed to a 6.8% decrease in children eating lunch.

In the Los Angeles Unified District, a 78% decrease in milk waste was shown when flavored milk was returned as an option as well as an increase in number of school meals served. The Dietary Guidelines and School Meals program, as developed by the U.S Department of Agriculture, allows for the consumption of both flavored and unflavored milk.

Studies have shown that milk consumption at the noon meal is critical and is correlated with overall diet quality as well as calcium intake.

New York Farm Bureau, representatives from American Dairy Association North East, National Dairy Council working in partnership with MilkPEP, National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), and others will continue to advocate for healthy options, including meat and dairy products in our state’s schools and will be working to engage our members on this issue.

American Ag Exports Shattered Records in 2021

USDA

WASHINGTON — The American agricultural industry posted its highest annual export levels ever recorded in 2021, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced in early February. The final 2021 trade data published by the Department of Commerce this morning shows that exports of U.S. farm and food products to the world totaled \$177 billion, topping the 2020 total by 18 percent and eclipsing the previous record, set in 2014, by 14.6 percent.

“These record-breaking trade numbers demonstrate that U.S. agriculture is incredibly resilient as it continues to provide high-quality, cost-competitive farm and food products to customers around the globe and that the Biden-Harris Administration’s agenda is working for American farmers and producers,” Vilsack said. “This is a major boost for the economy as a whole, and particularly for our rural communities, with agricultural exports stimulating local economic activity, helping maintain our competitive edge globally, supporting producers’ bottom lines, and supporting more than 1.3 million jobs on the farm and in related industries such as food processing and transportation.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For a detailed summary of 2021 U.S. agricultural exports by market: <https://tinyurl.com/ag-export1>

For a detailed summary of 2021 U.S. agricultural exports by product: <https://tinyurl.com/ag-export2>

The United States’ top 10 export markets all saw gains in 2021, with six of the 10 – China, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, the Philippines and Colombia – setting new records. Worldwide exports of many U.S. products, including soybeans, corn, beef, pork, dairy, distillers grains and pet food, also reached all-time highs. China remained the top export destination, with a record \$33 billion in purchases, up 25 percent from 2020, while Mexico inched ahead of Canada to capture the number two position with a record \$25.5 billion, up 39 percent from last year.

“It’s clear that our international trading partners are responding favorably to a return to certainty from the United States,” Vilsack said. “We owe our thanks to America’s agricultural producers who always work hard to be reliable global suppliers.”

NYFB Submits Comments on New Proposed ECL CAFO Permit

New York Farm Bureau submitted comments on the recently proposed changes to the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Permit.

One major proposed change to the permit is the switch from a five-year permit to a ten-year permit. This will require removal of certain authorizations that were previously covered under the current permit including the need to obtain a Construction Stormwater General Permit when constructing structural practices and diverting any non-contact cooling water to groundwater sources. This change will require a farm to seek additional coverage outside of the CAFO permit but

the integrity of the ECL CAFO permit is more likely to remain by extending the timeframe for coverage.



NYFBs comments seeks clarification on several areas including seemingly different treatment of earthen structures verses those constructed with concrete, 24-hour notification requirements, compliance with NRCS standards for existing structural practices, and field setback requirements among others.

NYFB also stresses the importance of education on the new permit requirements and the need for continued funding for cost-share programs for farms to complete practices.

Comments can be found on our website.

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THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Farm Bureau Takes on WOTUS Changes Again to Avoid Regulatory Overreach

Sometimes it feels like when we make headway on an issue, the current can quickly change in the other direction. Case in point, our ongoing issue with the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) regulations. We are once again needing to push back on proposed changes that would greatly widen its scope and create hardships for our members.

The ripple effects were felt late last year when the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released their proposed rule formally repealing the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) that was put in place by the Trump administration. The EPA and Army Corps want to replace it with a revised WOTUS definition that once again expands the definition of navigable waters to include the so called “significant nexus test.” This is what was proposed under the Obama administration that we fought hard against through the “Ditch the Rule” campaign.

The revised definition would allow the EPA and Army Corps to regulate ephemeral features whose impacts are questionable to a navigable water. These could be low spots on farm fields, areas that run with water only after a rainstorm, and even ditches.



David Fisher
NYFB President

This additional regulation would force farmers to spend thousands of dollars for permits just to perform basic farm practices on newly regulated land.

The definitions of each would be subjective at best and not based on mapping or clear guidance. The outcome would create grey areas in the law that would make it challenging and costly for farmers to comply in a timely manner.

This move is very disappointing to say the least. Farmers finally had environmentally responsible regulations that brought clarity to clean water efforts. But with the return of

the significant nexus test, large areas of private land miles from the nearest navigable water could unfairly fall under the new regulation. This additional regulation would force farmers to spend thousands of dollars for permits just to perform basic farm practices on newly regulated land. We are talking about applying fertilizer, moving dirt or building a fence, work that could be delayed if permits are held up. Mistakes in interpreting the unclear and subjective proposed water regulations could lead to large civil fines for farmers as well as criminal charges. None of this makes sense.

New York Farm Bureau has submitted comments calling on the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the proposed Revised Definition of the “Waters of the United States (WOTUS)” and keep in place the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR). The NWPR was a clear, defensible rule that appropriately balanced the objective, goals, and policies of the Clean Water Act. We believe the revised definition exceeds the legislative intent

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THE ZIPLINE

Growing Sustainable Solutions Together

Farmers and ranchers believe that each season can be better than the last. That’s the optimism driving us forward in the face of hardship and overwhelming challenges. And it’s the optimism that has been driving us for decades to adopt innovative tools and techniques to leave our land better than we found it. Looking back on agriculture’s achievements, I am optimistic for where we can be in the days and generations to come. We cannot do that work alone, however. We must grow solutions together.

Today, farmers and ranchers are being identified more and more as partners in addressing the challenges of our changing climate. I cannot think of another time when our achievements across agriculture have been so recognized by leaders and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. Add to that the fact that farmers and ranchers rank as the most trusted professionals in the U.S. today. Americans know they can count on us to produce a safe, sustainable food supply, and we take that trust seriously.

It’s unfortunate that same re-



Zippy Duvall
AFBF President

spect is not being shown by some in the national media right now. A couple major publications have started singing from the activist’s song sheet rather than presenting the full story of agriculture and sustainability. These articles and editorials claim agriculture to be a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, ignoring the fact that EPA data shows agriculture to be a small contributor overall. Also conveniently leaving out the unique and significant characteristics of methane, the GHG emitted by animals and manure, that make it different from other industries’ emissions of carbon dioxide. I understand that a newspaper column

can’t provide a full science lesson on methane’s natural cycle, with its relatively short life span of 12 years compared to the hundreds of years CO2 remains in the atmosphere. But it can be stated simply, as I just did, and noted that the short methane lifespan is relevant because as methane is being emitted, it’s also being naturally broken down in the atmosphere.

Critics are looking for simple answers to complex solutions. Instead of hurling incomplete and disparaging statements at the farmers who feed the nation, how about we engage in an honest dialogue about potential solutions and unintended consequences. The burdensome regulations some are calling for place affordable food sources at risk. Asking farmers to bear the full burden of changes will put small farms out of business, increasing consolidation and making meat more expensive. Worsening food insecurity for millions of American families is not the solution. That’s one of the reasons Farm Bureau is

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GUEST OPINIONS

Hinchey Prioritizes Agriculture in 2022 Session

Having grown up in upstate New York, surrounded by centuries-old family farms, I learned at an early age the immense value agriculture holds for our state and nation. I’ve seen the love that goes into producing a crop, taking care of livestock, stewarding the land, and feeding communities. Today, as Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Food Committee, I have the honor of fighting on behalf of New York farmers to ensure that farms are getting their fair share of attention and investment.

For many of you, this job is about continuing the legacy of a farm that’s been in your family for generations — it runs in your blood, and you want to see that legacy continue for generations more. And so do I. That’s why I’ve worked to elevate agriculture as a full state priority, and I’m proud of all we’ve delivered on that front in just one year.

In 2021, we secured the highest agriculture budget in recent history, and the governor signed a slate of bills I sponsored to boost industry support, including my bill to make Nourish New York a permanent state program, which opened up a new sales channel for farmers while continuing to provide healthy food for people in need. My bill to create an online directory



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of New York farm businesses was also signed to better connect the dots between farmer and consumer as well as my bill to help farmers save time and money by extending district protections to custom operators.

I also sponsored the Soil Health and Climate Resiliency Act to pave the way for agriculture to become a bigger part of New York’s fight against the climate crisis.

Here are some of the areas I’m championing in 2022:

Expanding Markets for NY Agricultural Products

I’m working to strengthen our local supply chains by creating pathways for municipal organizations and state agencies to purchase food from New York farmers. I’ve introduced legislation (S6808A) so that by 2024, 25% of all food purchased by state agencies is sourced from

New York, as well as a bill that incentivizes schools, hospitals, and others to choose local producers instead of out-of-state bidders (S7534).

Supporting Next Generation Farmers

Helping new farmers access farmland and receive guidance is important for the long-term sustainability of New York ag. With that foresight, I’ve introduced legislation to revive the Beginning Farmers NY Fund (S6067) and expand eligibility for the NYS Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program (S4082) to put new farmers in a better financial position to invest in their business and acquire land.

Delivering Tax Relief

We need to do more to alleviate the heavy tax burden on farmers, and I sponsor legislation to do that, including bills to double the Farm Workforce Retention Tax Credit (S3502A) to \$1,200 (which I was glad to see the Governor include her in Executive Budget) and one to establish the NY Farmland Preservation Act (S6078A), which will provide more established farmers with a tax credit for selling or rent-

ing their equipment to beginning farmers.

Bolstering Farm to School

I’m committed to expanding farm-to-school to include breakfast, and I sponsor legislation (S4315) to allow products like milk, yogurt and cheese to be part of the 30% program, significantly increasing incentives for schools to purchase directly from New York processors.

Making NY an Industrial Hemp Leader

Hemp is a valuable commodity that can be manufactured into tens of thousands of products, from building materials to packaging, and I’ve introduced legislation (S7508) to help kickstart the industry in New York.

It’s been a busy but productive year moving ag to the forefront of the conversation. Based on that work, we’re seeing a real commitment to strengthen the industry across the state, which puts us in an incredibly exciting moment for agriculture. I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the year ahead to deliver more investment and opportunity for New York farms.

Opportunities, Challenges Lie Ahead for NY Agriculture

During this legislative session, my goal will be to stay focused on the future of New York agriculture. While there are hopeful signs, there are also some causes for concern; opportunities, along with challenges.

The session started with Gov. Hochul proposing the best budget for agriculture in recent memory, with many important programs funded from the beginning, and some with significant increases. Given the enormous pressures facing the entire industry, this support is very much appreciated.

The governor also proposed a series of tax breaks, including an Investment Tax Credit and Farm Workforce Retention Tax Credit, along with critical investments in programs that farmers rely on.

In recognition of the passage of last year’s Soil Health and Climate Resiliency Act, a total of \$17M was included for Climate Resilient Farming, an increase of \$13M. An additional \$2M was added for Farmland Protection, along with an increase of \$4M for Soil



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and Water Conservation Districts. And our successful Nourish NY program was budgeted for \$50M.

At this time last year, I pledged to help restore critical funding that was cut from the budget and to advocate for agriculture as a valued partner. This year, after much advocacy, we are no longer in a position of having to restore key funding for Cornell’s Diagnostic Lab, ABCD child care centers, and many other important programs.

We will of course work to restore areas where funding was cut, and advocate for additional funds in critical areas as well. New initiatives are also

in the mix to promote urban farming and to address the need for diversity in agriculture.

Meanwhile, the recent overtime decision is causing a lot of concern throughout the farming community.

It’s no secret that I did not support turning over this important matter to a wage board, especially one without an appointee from the Commissioner of Ag and Markets. If these recommendations are accepted, the first wage change to 56 hours would go into effect in two years.

I realize this will put New York at a disadvantage, as we are surrounded by states working under federal wage rules from 1938. This could also compound labor shortages, made worse by the lack of federal immigration reform.

The budget contains a proposed overtime tax credit to help address the added expense, along with the other tax proposals. If approved, I will recommend that this credit be paid up front or quarterly, given concerns already expressed about cash

flow.

Please know there are many people who are deeply committed to the success of New York agriculture and to New York’s farmworkers. We are forever grateful for the work being done at every point in our fragile food supply chain. We also know that the pandemic revealed what it takes to bring food from farm to market, and how vulnerable that system really is.

I strongly believe that a new-found appreciation is emerging, one that is leading to a better understanding of how much it actually costs to grow and produce food. It is also leading the governor, my colleagues and others to support long-needed investments in this critically important industry.

The many farm tours we’ve worked on together are having tangible results when it comes to better understanding and support. I know we still have long way to go, but as your advocate in state government, I remain hopeful.

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set by Congress when it passed the Clean Water Act and unlawfully ex-

pands federal jurisdiction.

We continue to urge the EPA to seek input from farmers and make their rulemaking process as transparent as possible. Three years ago, farmers’ efforts created the Navigable Waters Protection Rule. This

fixed the problems of the 2015 WOTUS Rule bringing clarity and certainty to farmers across New York and the country on what is and isn’t a Water of the U.S.

We did it once and can do it again. We call on EPA to recognize the bur-

densome, overreaching regulations placed on farmers and not write the term “navigable” out of Clean Water Act regulations.

FDA Announces Agricultural Water Rule for Produce

USDA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a proposed rule as part of the Food Safety Modernization Act Rule (FSMA) on agricultural water used on produce.

It proposes to require farms to conduct comprehensive assessments that would help them identify and mitigate hazards in water used to grow produce. This is the latest step in the agency's implementation of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), and it proposes to replace some of the existing requirements for agricultural water in the Produce Safety Rule (PSR).

Key provisions in the proposed rule include: A requirement for farms to manage their agricultural water quality based on the results of a comprehensive systems assessment ("agricultural water assessment") that is adaptable to the wide variety of water sources and uses and future scientific advancements. An annual assessment by farms of their pre-harvest agricultural water to identify any conditions likely to introduce hazards into, or onto, covered produce or food contact surfaces.

Based on these assessments, farms would then determine whether corrective or mitigation measures are reasonably necessary to reduce the potential for contamination. The assessment would include an evalua-

tion of the farm's water system, agricultural water use practices, crop characteristics, environmental conditions and other relevant factors, such as the results of any testing conducted to inform the assessment.

A requirement that farms implement expedited mitigation measures for hazards related to certain activities associated with adjacent and nearby lands, to protect the quality of the water used on produce.

This is being included following several recent outbreak investigations on produce that revealed potential routes of contamination including activities and conditions, such as animal grazing and the presence of livestock and wildlife on land adjacent to, or near, produce farms or their water sources.

The removal of certain testing requirements for pre-harvest agricultural water and replacing them with the agricultural water assessments identified above.

The proposed revisions are intended to address stakeholder concerns about complexity and practical implementation challenges while protecting public health. NYFB is currently reviewing the proposed rule and will plan to submit comments to FDA. A copy of the proposed rule can be found on the Federal Register under Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0471 and comments are due by April 5, 2022.

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committed to advocating for sustainability initiatives and policies that provide the accessibility and flexibility needed by farmers and ranchers to adopt more climate-smart practices economically and in a way that strengthens our food system and food security.

Climate Smart Commodities

Last week's announcement of USDA's new Climate Smart Commodities program is another important step on the path forward. Secretary Vilsack acknowledged the leadership of the Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance, which Farm Bureau co-founded, and we are pleased to see that USDA's plan is consistent with the Alliance's policy recommendations. With this program, USDA is empowering farmers and ranchers of all commodities, sizes, backgrounds and regions to adopt more climate smart practices. This kind of voluntary, incentive-based program will be critical in helping agriculture achieve our shared sustainability goals and keep high quality protein within reach for American families.

Growing Climate Solutions Act

The Growing Climate Solutions Act is another great example of what we can do to shape the future of sustainability in agriculture. This bill passed the Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support—92 yes votes to be exact. Now we are eager for the House to pass this legislation and deliver it to the President's desk. Of course, there is still work to be done on the policy side to ensure that programs work for all farmers and that farm data is secure

America's farmers and ranchers would not be able to fulfill our mission of growing food, fuel and fiber for all without sustainable practices.

in the process, but these voluntary, market-based examples show how far we have come and give us optimism about where we go from here.

Just as critical to our future success, is our nation's investment in research and development. We need to empower our brightest minds and hardest workers to develop new technologies and techniques to further our sustainability efforts. My grandfather couldn't have dreamed of the technology available to farmers today, and I am excited to see glimpses of the tools in store for the next generation of my family and yours. From robotics that improve our efficiency in tending and harvesting our crops to advancements that protect animals from disease, the future of our farms depends on the research at agricultural companies and land-grant universities today. We need to ensure that the latest technology is not only available, but accessible to all.

The word sustainability gets thrown around so much, it can start losing its meaning for some. But for America's farmers and ranchers we know that we would not be able to fulfill our mission of growing food, fuel and fiber for all without sustainable practices. We are doing better today because of our commitment to care for our land, air and water, and we will continue to do better tomorrow for our families and yours.

Award Nomination Deadline May 1 for 2022 New York AEM-Leopold Conservation Award


Applications for the New York AEM-Leopold Conservation Award are now being accepted, with county Soil and Water Conservation Districts applying on behalf of farms. Eligible candidates successfully incorporate AEM Best Management Practices into the management of the farm, which also assist the landowner in meeting business and environmental goals. Applicants should demonstrate conservation leadership and outreach in the agricultural sector and be an inspiration to other landowners.

Applications for the New York AEM Leopold Conservation Award must be received by the Department by May 1, 2022. Nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of conservation leaders. Interested candidates should contact their local

county Soil and Water Conservation District to learn more. The application can be found at www.sandcountystation.org/ApplyLCA.

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Deadline Extended to Enroll in 2022 Dairy Margin Coverage Programs

USDA

USDA has extended the deadline to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMC) for program year 2022. The deadline to apply for 2022 coverage is now March 25, 2022.

The DMC program offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. Supplemental DMC will provide \$580 million to better help small- and mid-sized dairy operations that have increased production over the years but were not able to enroll the additional production.

Now, they will be able to retroactively receive payments for that supplemental production. Additionally, FSA updated how feed costs are calculated, which will make the program more reflective of dairy producers' actual expenses.

Supplemental DMC Enrollment: Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds based upon a formula using 2019 actual milk marketings, which will result in additional payments. Producers will be required to provide FSA with their 2019 Milk Marketing Statement. Supplemental DMC coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Participating dairy operations with supplemental production may receive retroactive supplemental payments for 2021 in addition to payments based on their established production

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Supplemental DMC will require a revision to a producer's 2021 DMC contract and must occur before enrollment in DMC for the 2022 program year. Producers will be able to revise 2021 DMC contracts, apply for 2022 DMC, and enroll in other FSA programs by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

DMC 2022 Enrollment: After making any revisions to 2021 DMC contracts for Supplemental DMC, producers can sign up for 2022 coverage. DMC provides eligible dairy producers with risk management coverage that pays producers when the difference between the price of milk and the cost of feed falls below a certain level.

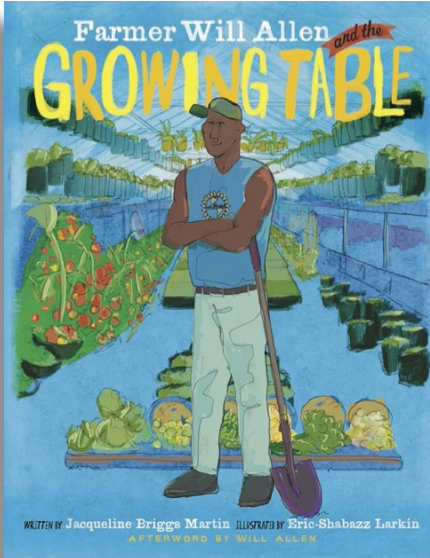
In 2021, based on data to date, DMC payments have triggered for January through November for more than \$1 billion. For DMC enrollment, producers must certify with FSA that the operation is commercially marketing milk, sign all required forms and pay the \$100 administrative fee. The fee is waived for farmers who are considered limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged, or a military veteran.

To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

Agricultural Literacy Week: March 21-25

For the past 17 years, volunteers throughout the state have helped to celebrate New York agriculture by reading a book with an agricultural theme to elementary school students.

This year's featured book "Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table" written by Jacqueline Briggs Martin with art by Eric Shabazz Larkin, focuses on farmer Will Allen who is no ordinary farmer. A former basketball star, he's as tall as his truck, and can hold a cabbage, or a basketball, in one hand. Farmer Will sees what others can't, the opportunities for growing food whether you have 100 acres or a rooftop and shares the journey from soil to table with those around. This book will take students on an explorative journey learning about community gardens and inspire them to build communities through food, even if they only



have a pot on their porch to cultivate. Hands-on activities related to the book are also offered to extend learning. Books are then donated to the school or classroom library.

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Long-Awaited YF&R Conference Allows Members Professional, Educational Opportunities

Since the 2021 conference was cancelled due to the pandemic, the NYFB Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee has been working for the past two years on planning a joint leadership conference for young agriculturalists with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. This leadership conference themed “Why Farm Bureau?” was finally held Feb. 12-13, 2022, at the Wyndham Garden State College Hotel in Pennsylvania.

Young farmers from across New York State joined with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Young Ag Professionals to attend workshops, hear speakers, network, and socialize.

Most of the young farmers attending from New York had never attended a state YF&R conference before so this was a great opportunity for the group of young farmers to make new friends and establish a great network of peers that can help them plan future YF&R events in their county/district.

The young farmers were able to choose from a variety of workshops with topics that included: impromptu speaking, policy development process, building your leadership brand, mental health Awareness, proaction in lameness, entering the meat industry, networking for suc-

cess, retirement for beginning farmers, farm finance and niche marketing.

Nationwide presented a general session on “Land as Your Legacy” to encourage the young farmers to start planning for the future now.

Matt Episcopo, the Keynote Speaker’s presentation “POWER Tactics that Get Leaders Results” provided many tools and tips for the attendees to establish credibility, trust and rapport to make them successful leaders. This session provided audience interaction and practice to put these new skills to work.

Jon Iverson, AFBF YF&R Chair attended the conference and spoke on his experience serving on the national committee and also shared highlights of his farm operation.

After the formal conference ended, attendees had the opportunity to tour the Penn State Dairy Barn Complex.

New York Farm Bureau’s Young Farmers & Ranchers Program would like to thank Farm Credit East for providing sponsorship that enabled NYFB young farmers to attend this conference. Their support for the Young Farmers & Ranchers Program in New York is very much appreciated.



Young Farmers & Ranchers

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NYFB YF&R COMMITTEE

From left, Christina Kohler, NYFB YF&R Chair; Jon Iverson, AFBF YF&R Chair and Drew Ross, PFB YAP Chair



NYFB YF&R COMMITTEE

NYFB Young Farmers & Ranchers attendees at the 2022 Young Ag Professionals Leadership Conference with Jon Iverson, AFBF YF&R Chair.

COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS



CORNELL COLLEGIATE CHAPTER OF FARM BUREAU

Cornell Collegiate Chapter officers during their Eboard meeting to plan the first chapter meeting of the semester.

Cornell Chapter

As we start our spring semester here at Cornell, the Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter is ramping up their recruitment and outreach on the Ithaca campus. Returning for their Executive Board positions are Caroline Lafferty, Grace Harrigan, Emily Starcescki, and Alyssa Roorda. We as an Executive Board met this past week to plan out our first meeting and schedule the events for the rest of the semester. With Cornell at green status, we as a chapter have the opportunity to finally meet in-person to start off our spring semester. This semester we plan on bringing in a few guests to our meetings from varying backgrounds. The executive board also has planned out a few weekends for farm tours and vis-

its to industry locations. We are held our first meeting Feb. 22 in Morrison Hall. We are excited for this semester and the fresh new faces to our chapter.

Connor Nugent, Chapter President

SUNY Morrisville Chapter

This semester is well underway here at SUNY Morrisville. The chapter has a lot planned for the semester, including different workshops for everyone on those Campus Like Non-Ag students to grow their knowledge on Ag. We are very excited about our plans for this semester. Our goals for this semester are to develop the chapter and recruit more members.

Brennan Daily, Chapter President

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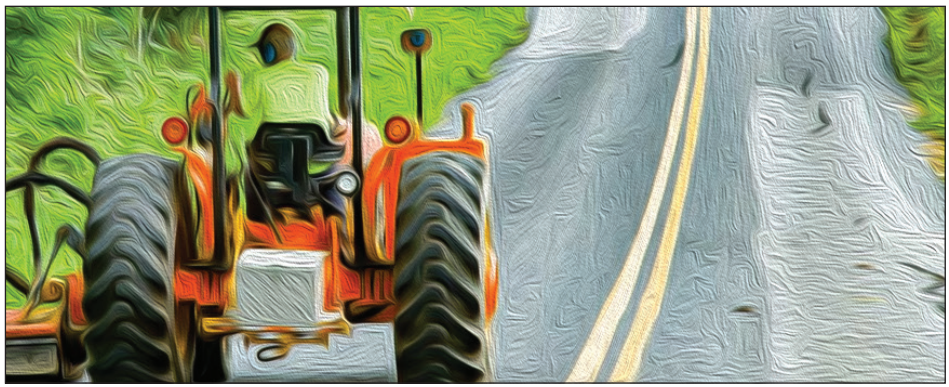
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Compliance Corner

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Review: Springtime On the Farm and On The Roads

Winter isn’t over, but with springtime around the corner, it won’t be long before farmers will begin prepping the ground for planting. That means more trucks and other farm equipment will be on the roads, so let’s review some common scenarios and rules of the road in New York.

Clean Roads

New York has laws restricting and prohibiting the depositing or dropping of foreign substances on roads. Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law states that “no person shall throw or deposit on any highway glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, cans, snow, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway.” A farmer, or anyone who intentionally deposits such items on a highway, will be fined. However, the courts have also interpreted this law to apply to the unintentional situation. Even if such objects are placed on the highway accidentally, the person responsible will be guilty of a violation of the law. Therefore, farmers who may be more apt to transport such refuse or materials in open trucks or wagons should be careful not to drop such objects in the road, and if they do, and are cognizant of it, should make efforts to remove it.

Spring brings melting snow and rain, and both result in muddy fields. That mud (and manure) can be carried on farm vehicle tires and deposited onto roads. Section 1220 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits depositing materials on roadways, including “any nauseous or offensive materials.” This law allows a “reasonable or unavoidable deposit of nauseous or offensive matter” when transporting agricultural trucks, machines, or implements or dairy or domestic animals. The courts have found that it is “sound practice” for a farmer to transport

animal waste from one location of his farm to another, on public road, for the purpose of applying it to the land. However, the farm community should exercise responsibility regarding the dropping of mud and manure in the road and remember that everyone benefits from clean and safe roads.


Sharing the Road

The law in New York pertaining to slow moving vehicles (SMVs) includes a definition of agricultural equipment, which states that if agricultural equipment is self-propelled or used in combination like a tractor and hay wagon, for example, each shall separately display a slow-moving vehicle emblem. It also requires the use of lamps when visibility is not clear 1000 feet ahead or behind agricultural equipment regardless of the time of day.

While there is no law in New York requiring farm tractors to pull over onto the side of the road or onto a shoulder part-way in order to not impede traffic, it would be considered good practice to do so when possible to help alleviate large build-ups of traffic or in areas where you may be less visible to on-coming traffic.

For specific information on SMV emblems, signaling devices, and lamps, access a brochure prepared by the committee, Sharing the Road with Slow-Moving Vehicles, at <https://tinyurl.com/nyfb-smv>

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Promotion & Education

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Oneida CFB Makes Donation For Ag Literacy

Karen Howard, Oneida County Farm Bureau Pro-Ed Chair, presents a check to the Oneida County Cooperative Extension Ag Literacy Coordinator Lisa Farley, right, for the purchase of Ag Literacy Books that will be distributed to all public libraries within Oneida County.

P&E Program Promotes Ag Literacy

Last year the NYFB Promotion & Education Program distributed "Ag Mags" which were purchased with an ag literacy grant from Nationwide. This grant was received for winning the 2019 American Farm Bureau Foundation Leader Award. Ag Mags are a four-page colorful agricultural magazine for kids grades 3-5 developed by the AFBF Foundation for Agriculture. Each magazine contains information about agriculture, bright pictures, classroom activities and agricultural career profiles in the specific subject matter area covered in the magazine.

A limited number of Ag Mags are still available for distribution. County Farm Bureaus have the opportunity to apply for participation in this project. The topics of the Ag Mags that are available through this project are: Ag Innovation, Career, Energy, Farming Practices, Food Waste, Natural Resources, Pizza, School Garden, and Snacks. The Ag Mags are shrink-wrapped in bundles of 30 and can be used in classrooms, at county fairs, summer Ag camps and



other county events. Once an application is accepted and ag mags distributed, a project evaluation form is required.

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Top row, from left: Advisor Jami Willard, Riley Duffy, Cole Henderson, Allison Stewart, Zoe Zacharski, Daniel White, Cordelia White, Sawyer Updike, Ethan Huff, Alex VanCamp, Alex Brockway, Graham Smith, Chad Griswold, Liam Wolverton. Second row: Zackary Huff, Alex Stiller, Madylin Renckert, Davina Patchen, Ellie Updike, Morgan Kisner, Victoria Pasqua-Jennings, Allana Norton, Alannah Smith, Ashtin Jerome, Paul Buisch. Seated: Isabelle Kuleszo, Macey Salmon. Not pictured: Piper Wingler and Ethan Wolverton.

Promotion & Education

Romulus FFA Reviving History in Seneca County

By Jami Willard
Promotion & Education State Committee
District 3 Representative

Since I started my journey as an agricultural teacher it has been a dream of mine to bring back Future Farmers of America in Seneca County, and I finally made this dream come true. On Jan. 14, I was notified of my chapter's approval from Cornell. I am now the first advisor since 1958 at the Romulus Central School District.

The Romulus FFA has been very successful over the last couple months and has received lots of support along the way. We currently have 29 active members and counting. The chapter has a great group of officers who are eager to get all members involved, encourage, and show leadership throughout our district.

Since we have started meeting, the chapter has been working together to develop and support all the ideas that the members have. We have been working closely with other FFA Chapters in the district and making plans to attend as many events as we can this school year. We have planned multiple field trips already and are looking forward to attending all events. The chapter hopes to get to Camp Oswegatchie in the summertime.

The historian, Morgan Kisner has

been working closely with both staff members and me to dig up any history of the first FFA organization. After spending hours upon hours going through old yearbooks and newspaper clippings, we were able to find out that the first "Future Farmers of America" at Romulus was organized in 1935. The last group pictured was in 1958. With help from Lisa Freier, we recently sent out letters to past FFA members who might still be alive. Freier sent out roughly 35 letters to families and members, and some of those members are still alive today. So far, we have had a couple people reach back out to us. One member said he had some papers to go through and then would get back to us as soon as he organized them. We are very fortunate to be able to get in touch with these folks, and it helps having a supportive community.

Kisner's grandfather, Karl Kisner participated from 1951 to 1955. Kisner's grandfather, as well as others, are very excited to see FFA back. They enjoyed their time participating in events locally. Kisner interviewed her grandfather, and he explained how successful their FFA was, "a great group of farm boys and no women."

His favorite memories were going on field trips to Cornell, as well as other farms, and planting trees for the government. He said they kept



SPECIAL/JAMI WILLARD

Two trophies from past Romulus FFA chapters were recently recovered. One is from 1935 and a few others are from 1956 from the dairy and poultry contests at the Trumansburg Fairgrounds.



SPECIAL/JAMI WILLARD

Jami Willard is the first FFA advisor at Romulus High School since 1958.

track of accomplishments, and that's what we plan to do as well!

I was able to find some of their old trophies with some guidance. One from 1935, and a few others dated in 1956 from the dairy and poultry contests at the Trumansburg Fairgrounds. It is truly so special to bring

this history back out for all to enjoy and look back on. I hope that it will inspire others in the future, as it has for me.

Romulus FFA is very excited for this new chapter, and I am looking forward to helping all members grow and succeed.

Let's Make ATV, UTV Safety for Youth a Priority

All-terrain vehicles and utility task vehicles have become increasingly popular over the last few decades. Many find them fun to drive. Landowners, including farmers and ranchers, often find them useful for a variety of tasks such as towing or hauling things, pulling small implements, plowing snow and transportation.

While fun to drive and useful for work, ATVs and UTVs can also be dangerous. In the U.S., there are more than 100,000 emergency room visits annually due to ATV/UTV injuries, and approximately 650 people die in ATV/UTV incidents each year. Between 25% and 50% of these injury and fatality incidents involve children.

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Workers' Comp Corner

By Henry Talmage
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Safety Awareness Week (March 7-11), New York Farm Bureau reminds everyone about how important it is for youth to follow safety guidelines when riding ATVs and UTVs.

The reasons for caution are straightforward, according to the Child Ag Safety Network:

- ATVs and UTVs can weigh more than 2,000 pounds;

- ATVs and UTVs roll over easily;
- Most ATVs are not meant for passengers;
- Rollovers, run-overs, falls and ejection from ATVs and UTVs are common causes of injuries and fatalities;
- ATVs and UTVs are not designed for roadway use and are especially prone to rollovers on paved roads;



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and

- What's legal isn't always safe.

Youth safety guidelines from the network are in keeping with the theme of Ag Safety Awareness Week, which is "Prepare. Prevent. Protect." NYFB encourages you to follow them during the week and throughout the year.

- Always wear a helmet, especially on ATVs;
- Take a safety course;
- Children under 16 should not operate an adult-size ATV or any UTV;
- Do not drive ATVs or UTVs on paved and/or public roads; and
- Ensure the operator can safely operate the vehicle and perform the task

Whether you are riding to work or riding to play, please ride to live by being safe and safety a priority, encourage those around you, especially young riders, to do the same. Together, we can make ATV/UTV safety a priority for youth on our farms.

March Highlights Farm Safety Week

Sharing resources that will help farmers and ranchers keep safety top-of-mind through the Agricultural Safety Awareness Program is a priority of county and state Farm Bureau leaders across the nation. As part of this year's ASAP commemoration, March 7-11 has been designated as Agricultural Safety Awareness Week. U.S. Agricultural Safety and Health Centers will join Farm Bureau in promoting the week with its theme "Prepare. Prevent. Protect."

During this week and throughout the year, Farm Bureau encourages farmers to make safety a priority on the farm. The Agricultural Safety Awareness Program is a part of the Farm Bureau Health and Safety Network of professionals who share an interest in identifying and decreasing safety and health risks. For more information and resources, visit the ASAP Facebook page or follow along to NYFB's Facebook page for special tips during the ASAP week.

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For Eric and Eleanor Randall of Randall's Maple Products in Alexander, NY, maple production is not only a passion but in the blood. In the case of Eric, his family's history of maple production can be traced back to early 1800's shortly after settling their 100-acre farmstead in Java, NY.

"We have invoices or snippets from early 1800 dates to show they produced maple products and we have an invoice from 1914 from to Fisher Brothers, a hardware and farm equipment place that sold everything in the Village of Java. Their ancestors traded maple sugar and syrup for goods needed for the farm at the astounding rate of \$.09/per pound for the maple sugar made on the farm," he said.

Every year the Randalls are involved in Maple Weekend, which is usually the two weekends after St. Patrick's Day. This is a great opportunity for them to not only showcase their family history of producing maple syrup but continue their education of the public on maple production and its future.

While explaining the processes his ancestors went through, or issues faced to make maple syrup he makes sure you understand the history, or the

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labor involved. Realizing this knowledge comes from over 170 years of family history along with an undergraduate and graduate degree in botany coupled with years of teaching at both SUNY-Buffalo and Edinboro University, in Pennsylvania, gives you a different view to maple production. You realize it's not just about or as simple as collecting sap then boiling. It's about forest management and the science of trees. That means understanding plant species, where they come from and where they're migrating to.

"Those patterns matter when one considers threats to maple production like climate change and invasive species. Climate change and invasive species threaten not only maples and maple syrup production, but also nearly every aspect and most

native species within modern forest practice," he said.

In the early days, maple processing was a lot different from what we know today. His family used wooden buckets for sap collection. These buckets were stored during non-production season, carried down to Brown Brook, which runs through the Java farm, and placed in the water, sitting for a few days to soak up enough water to not leak during sap collection. Once ready, they carried a "sleeve" of 10 wet buckets into the woods and hung them on trees for collection.

"It was quite a process. Our records from the 1880s-1890s, show they tapped around 1800 trees. Nearly 2000 wooden buckets in the woods and you gathered from them every day," he said.

That didn't include the boiling of sap, which was an all-day affair. "You'd gather sap during the day along with other farm chores; milking cows, cleaning the barn or repairs and then boil all night. There wasn't the advantage of electricity. No steam away, no R.O. (reverse osmosis), you just boiled sap night and day. With no mechanical pumps it was all gravity driven and usually done by the light of one small

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New York State Maple Producers Association Preparing for the Return of Maple Weekend

NYSMAPA

The NYSMAPA is excited to celebrate the 26th Annual Maple Weekend this spring with our fellow producers. After two long years of not being able to share our world with our local communities, we are anticipating a great turnout. If you are unfamiliar with Maple Weekend, it's an event we host that takes place across NYS with

participating maple producers. This acclaimed event is a way for the public to get an inside look into the production of pure maple syrup and see what life is like on the farm. Spread out across two weekends, March 19-20 and 26-27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., families and friends can join our sugar-makers for a delicious, fun-filled outing that has a little something for

all maple lovers to experience and, of course, taste. For more information, visit mapleweekend.com.

It's still too early to tell, but we're hopeful the maple season ahead is sweet and plentiful! Our producers have been hard at work prepping and tapping and now awaiting warmer days. It won't be long before we start to see sap flowing through

those lines and steam billowing out from the sugarhouses.

Producers haven't been the only ones hard at work. Our friends at Cornell, The Arnot Maple Center, have been busy developing groundbreaking research that will benefit the production of maple syrup and

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Cornell Maple Program at the Arnot Forest: Revisited One Year Later

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Knowing that maple was the commodity for our March issue of Grassroots, I immediately spoke up during our planning meeting and mentioned that I would like to revisit the Cornell Maple Program at the Arnot Forest, of which I had written a feature story for the March 2021 Grassroots. They had broken ground the previous year on a new state-of-the-art maple lab and would like to see how progress was coming with it. Besides, Cornell's maple program is, by far, the largest and most comprehensive full-time maple program in the country, and like many others, was heavily affected by COVID, in terms of number of taps, no maple weekend, and their educational outreach was severely hampered.

So, I sent an e-mail in mid-February to Aaron Wightman, Director of the Arnot Forest Maple Program, asking for an interview. Well, as I figured out quickly, it was like trying to get some time with the president during a world-wide crisis, or an L.A. Rams player on Super Bowl Sunday. In fact, his offer was to do the interview at 7 p.m. the Sunday night during the Super Bowl, as he was just tapped out on time (maple sap reference). We finally agreed to a 5 p.m. interview the following day. It was only then that I was able to get to the bottom of what was going on.

Aaron and I hooked up via a phone call that Monday afternoon and he was definitely much calmer and more light-hearted. He was then able to hit the highlights of why the craze, and I got it. You see, Aaron is a multi-talented person, who was not only in charge of tapping the 7,800 trees in the 4,200-acre Arnot Forest, but was also the electrician, plumber, and chief bottle-washer in the almost completed maple lab. Plus, he was behind on taping trees, only 2,000 at that point. Thankfully January into early February was cold and not very conducive to any sap run of note. We were then able to review the previous year and what a whirlwind it was for the program.

As mentioned, the previous year they had broken ground on their new lab and had the ribbon-cutting at the beginning of September for the building. Note that I said the building, not the facility or the lab. That left the winter to get the equipment in place, properly plumbed and electrified to be ready for the upcoming sap season. Throw in supply chain issues, labor shortages, COVID restrictions still, and just plain old real world delays, and here they were in February still working on getting things in place and operational. Smartly, Aaron had prioritized the things he needed to at least collect sap for the trees he did have tapped so the process could begin.

The new 4,200 square foot building is fairly nondescript outside of its beautiful setting, surrounded on four sides by the Arnot Forest. But, once you get inside, then you see all the new shiny things that make up a working sap line and maple production equipment that really opens your eyes. This upgrade was long overdue, as the previous sugar shack/sap-house, built in 1957 was less than 1,000 square feet, was unheated, had rough unfinished floors, and no bathroom (egads!).

The new building has a 20C commercial kitchen, two identical production lines (so they can run simultaneous trials during any given run), and a bathroom, all in a comfortable and heated environment. The facility has a capacity of around 20,000 gallons from 16,000 taps, so there is room for growth. It is the first of its kind in the country and definitely a source of pride for the staff, Cornell, and all of New York.

Perhaps the main purpose of this new facility is to keep Cornell at the forefront of new maple products



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The shiny new twin evaporators that allow Cornell to run simultaneous experiments.

development and alternative uses of sap and syrup as a sweetener or additive, as well as an educational tool for the many producers across the state, nation and the world. Back in August, Cornell was able to hire Catherine Belisle, a product development food scientist. Aaron tells me that she hit the ground running and is going great guns, all with the help of veteran technician Ailis Clyne, who was hand-labeling those little boutique maple syrup bottles during my visit. The current crop of new products includes a shelf-stable maple marshmallow, a maple electrolyte sports drink and sports gel (concentrated single-serve for endurance athletics), and a maple brandy. They also continue their work on perfecting maple beer, wine, soda, kombucha, maple chocolate amongst others.

As to the education piece, the program has gotten back to a few of their highly popular on-the-road "maple school" programs across the state with decent results in attendance, though not at pre-pandemic levels yet. They did have a successful in-person winter meeting, after two years virtual, with 350 folks in attendance in Syracuse, also down from the usual 1,000 plus, but with all the restrictions, a big win for the industry.

Still going, and growing, is their podcast "Sweet Talk: All Things Maple". The program also keeps expanding the information through their maple calculator, which is a computer program that helps anybody from a few to thousands of taps calculate input and output costs, equipment specs and needs, land area, it seems to do it all. Their website is a plethora of information and resources for not only the industry but for anybody that has an interest or doing research for, say, a Grassroots article.

As we approach the post-pandemic world and a somewhat return to normalcy, we are all reflecting on what is important and what can we use out of the experience to move forward with more efficiency and prioritization. The Cornell Maple Program is no different and one of the casualties for them was their beloved Maple Weekend events. They have pretty much made up their minds to discontinue it on-site. They have leased the land where the old lodge and multiple bunk cabins sit to Tompkins County.

As Aaron put it, their top two priorities are new product development and quality improvement for those products, including syrup. He also pointed out that why would they want to compete for folks with the many maple syrup operations in the area, especially this year when folks will be hopefully emerging from their COVID hibernation.



The 20,000 gallon storage area for the new lab.



The Cornell Maple Lab at the Arnot Forest.

For now, Aaron and his team at the Cornell Maple Program will focus on their many research projects to help the industry to keep moving forward. Their research on tapping, timing, tube and vacuum size and pressure, sanitization, adding dissolve oxygen for flavor and grade improvement (amongst many) are invaluable to the industry. The addition of the new lab and new folks like Catherine make all that possible and help quicken the pace and expand the possibilities. The "sap farms", as Aaron calls them, can all feel fortunate that they have folks like Aaron and his team beside them for that support and innovation that all industries need, but some never get to have.

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oil lamp hanging over the evaporator which for my family was a monster at five feet wide by 14 feet long. Bigger than anything I've ever had here."

Modern Techniques

Today's process to collect sap for boiling has come a long way over carrying frozen buckets into the woods. It's a series of miles of a wet, dry tubing system entwining its way throughout their acres of property collecting sap.

"All this tubing is on grade, suspended by trees, posts or tied back, with about seven taps per 70 feet of collection lines. We try to not do more than that," he said.

But with those lines comes costs and maintenance. Eric jokes "The deer and squirrels keep us very busy. Add in winds storms and every branch which falls has got to hit a line. It's magnetic." Deer and squirrels are only minor problems when you get into cost, climate change and invasive species.

Costs have played a major role in maple production over the years. "My ancestors used to get nine cents a pound for maple sugar, and generally you can make eight pounds out of a gallon, so they earned \$.72 a gallon. For comparison, syrup sold for about a dollar a gallon during WWI or \$3 after WWII, which was a lot of money, but nothing compared to now," Eric said.

By Eric's estimates, their current evaporator, which was built to utilize "waste" steam to hasten evaporation along with R.O, would cost somewhere around \$45,000. While most modern evaporators use fuel oil or gas, the Randall's burn wood and their rig routinely uses about a quarter ton of wood every 17-18 minutes with a total of around 14 full cords a year. In the sugarbush, food grade sap tubing costs about \$.50/per foot and each dropline is estimated at \$7.50 each.

Climate Challenges

While costs are an issue, climate change and invasive species are even bigger. "Climate and maple syrup can't be separated, to be honest. You cannot have maple syrup without the climate we have in what I call Atlantic North America. Nowhere else on earth is there the semblance of species of trees that provide sap we can utilize," he said.

The region Eric calls Atlantic North America is made up of 18 states and provinces which goes from Minnesota down to northern Iowa, across

through northern Kentucky, West Virginia, and as far north as Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. It is this area which has the unique combination of trees, Black Maple, Sugar Maple, Red Maple and Silver Maple, good soil, and four seasons of weather to produce prime sap needed for maple products. But there has been a change to what he calls our seasonality.

"When you talk in terms of global warming, you cannot talk in the basis of one to two-year cycles, but I figured we were in one of these cycles where it gets colder than it gets warmer and it may take several thousand years to change, but we've seen a change. In a short time. I've been here since 1975 and it was uncommon for us to have those jags of 60-degree temperatures in February and March, which really knocks the daylight out of our sugar production."

Rainstorms, early flooding, and warmer weather has increased over the past 15-20 years and when you add all that up "The progression of climate change becomes very real." With the evident change in climate areas like Pennsylvania, northern Ohio, southern New York or even the Catskills are having a tough time with maple production. Add in the natural migration of maples looking to survive in an ideal cooler climate and you have big issues.

"I worry about how much warmer we are here. The Adirondacks will make syrup two weeks longer than we will. I cannot make syrup much beyond the fifth or sixth of April. My grandparents didn't even think of tapping until the first of March and have records of making syrup one year through May. Granted it wasn't very good syrup, but it was May. Now, if we don't tap in early February, we'll miss a good third to quarter of our crop."

Warmer Temperatures and Invasive Species

Currently, the two most troublesome pests are the Asian Longhorn Beetle and Gypsy Moth. "The advent of international travel and global transport has introduced so many new insults to our natural ecosystem. 50 years ago, you didn't have anywhere near the impact from invasive pests now impacting our woodlots or crops that we see today," he said.

All maple producers must learn to adapt to climate change, protecting their trees from pests while practicing sustainable forestry. It's about taking what has been passed down to you and adapting it to your needs for today and the future. This is done in the hopes of preserving a family history or providing a legacy for future generations because it's what farmers do. Just like those before them, you find

The NYSMPA has also been working on regulatory updates. Along with other maple associations from other states, we are currently petitioning the FDA to update the definition of maple syrup. The current definition in use is outdated and has no basis. Together, we hope we can change it to represent exactly what our industries produce – a pure, natural sweetener derived from 100% maple sap.

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products alike; and ultimately benefit our producers' success. We are thankful for the opportunities our funding allows and our ongoing relationship with the folks at Cornell. It only makes our industry continue to grow sweeter and sweeter.

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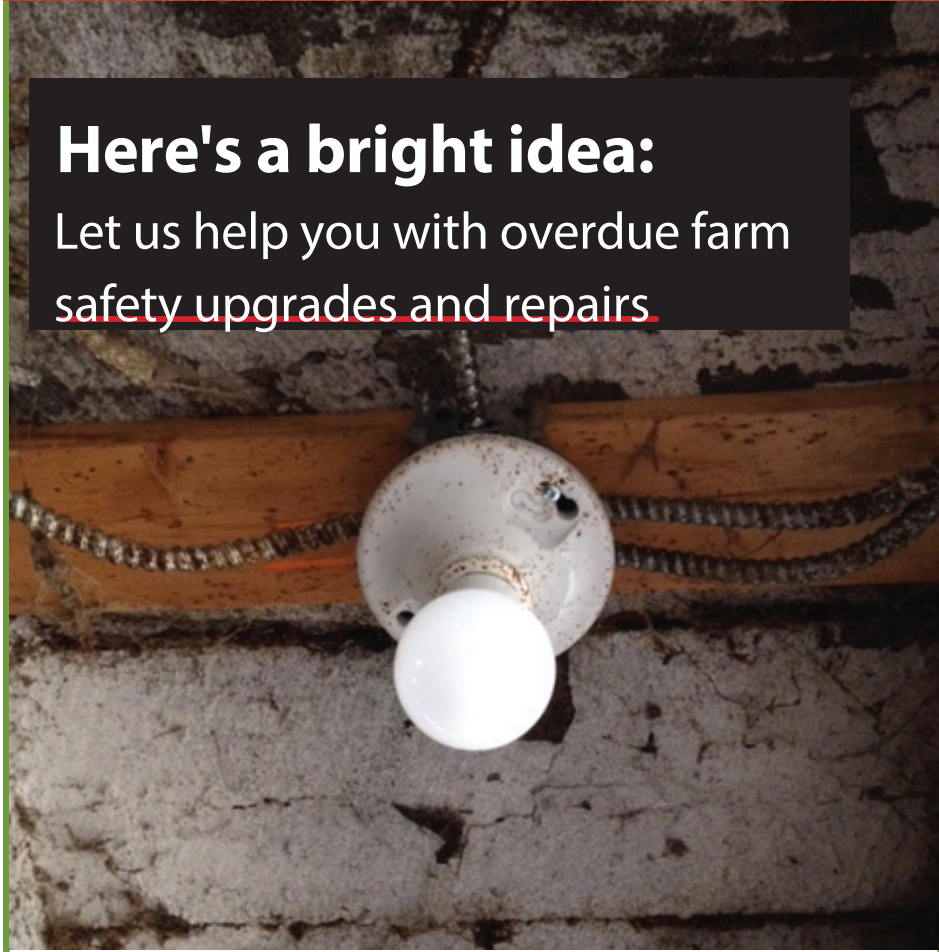
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Agriculture Month Declared in Chenango County

Above: Chenango County Farm Bureau President Bradd Vickers addresses the Chenango County Board of Supervisors on the importance of agriculture in the county

Right: Vickers receives a resolution from Chenango County Board of Supervisors Chairman George Se-neck along with the rest of the board dedicating March 2022 as Agriculture Month in Chenango County.



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From left, Phyllis Couture, David Zilker, County President Bruce Rossette, Amanda Dackowsky, Chuck Couture, Katie Hill, Nathan Blesy and Marcia Stang holding Amanda’s daughter.

Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau Holds Annual Legislative Presentation

The Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau makes an annual presentation to their county legislature. The topic this year was the status of meat and other processing facilities in the county. Amanda Dackowsky, right, presented the topic. Ten county Farm Bureau members were present, eleven counting legislator Ginger Schroder.





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ONEIDA COUNTY ROTARY CLUB

Wagner Speaks at Oneida Rotary Luncheon

John Wagner, NYFB Director of County Farm Bureau Relations and Development, recently spoke at Oneida Rotary Club Urban/Ag luncheon. His remarks were in regard to the state of agriculture in Madison and Oneida Counties and some of the issues facing the ag industry today in New York State.



Teacher John St. Mary of Brushton-Moira Central School is presented with Golden Owl finalist award. From Left, Derek Hill, New York State FFA; Anna Western, New York State FFA; John St. Mary, Brushton Moira FFA Teacher; Star Bashaw, Nationwide; Kirby Selkirk, Franklin County Farm Bureau President.

Golden Owl Awards

Nationwide first partnered with state FFA organizations to create the Golden Owl Award in 2018 to highlight the growing importance of educators and recognize the services of many of the country’s leading agricultural teachers. The program also supplies additional resources to help boost the teachers’ programs and provide students with optimal learning experiences. State-wide regional awards were recently presented.



Award Photos by NYFB Field Staff



Award winner Taylor Bogardus is an agricultural teacher at Schoharie Junior/Senior High School. From left, Richard Ball, Commissioner, New York State Department of Ag and Markets; Jesse Marsh, Nationwide; Todd Heyn, NYFB Field Advisor; Bogardus, Derek Hill, New York State FFA, Makenna Seitz, New York State FFA, Kevin Calacone, Schoharie Central School District Superintendent.



Golden Owl Award winner Pat Walker teaches at Randolph Central School District Randolph, NY and is the National FFA organization adviser. From left, Tim Bigham, NYFB; Jeremy Woltz, Nationwide Insurance; Molly Adams, NYS FFA President; Walker, Derek Hill, New York State FFA; Bruce Rossette, Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau President.



Matt Bryant, conservation and agriculture teacher, National FFA advisor from Greater Southern Tier BOCES (Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben Counties) accepts his award. From left, Greg Stewart, Nationwide; Julia Uhrinek, New York State FFA Treasurer; Derek Hill New York State FFA Director, Mark Watts, Chemung County Farm Bureau Vice-President), Bryant, Nikole Watts, Chemung County Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Chair.



Tina James-Miner, an agriculture teacher at Windsor High School holds her awards. From left, Judi Whittaker, Broome County Farm Bureau; Jesse Marsh, Nationwide; New York State FFA Molly Adams; Derek Hill, New York FFA Director, Miner; Toby Youngs, Winsor High School Principal; Scott Beattie, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for Winsor Central School District.



PHOTO AT RIGHT: Melvin Phelps, an agriculture educator and National FFA organization adviser at Lowville Academy and Central School accepts his award. From left, Derek Hill, New York State FFA; Anna Western, New York FFA State Secretary; Phelps, Golden Owl Award Winner; Alan Daniels, Nationwide Insurance; Joe Shultz, Lewis County Farm Bureau President, and John Wagner, NYFB Director of County Farm Bureau Relations and Development



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disingenuous and irresponsible that the data, research, and comments made from those who know agriculture best were cast aside by the majority of the Wage Board. Changing the overtime threshold to 40 hours a week for farmworkers in New York means that these workers will be limited to 40 hours, due to simple farm economics. This is not a win for farmworkers that self-proclaimed worker advocates will claim.”

Many farmers and farmworkers testified that a lower threshold would mean fewer hours, less income, and force those wanting to work more to find a second job or leave New York State for better employment opportunities. New York State can’t afford to lose its skilled workforce.

Grow NY Farms also reinforced that agricultural production, diversification, and job availability would suffer, saying this is not a scare tactic. New York has already seen farmworkers leave the state for more hours of work along with production shifting to less labor-intensive crops since the farm labor legislation was enacted in January 2020.

“Further collapse of New York agriculture is on the hands of those who spread falsehoods and look to destroy the livelihoods of farmworkers they say they represent. This is also a loss for New Yorkers who enjoy and depend on access to local food, something that was highlighted during the pandemic,” said the coalition’s statement.

The New York State Department of Labor is waiting for the Wage Board’s official recommendation to be submitted. Once it has, NYS Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon has 45 days to submit her report for a 15-day public comment period.

Meanwhile, NYFB and its partners continue to stress that New York State should stay at 60. President Fisher met with Gov. Hochul at the governor’s mansion last month. He reiterated his disappointment in the decision and made the case of why its best to keep the threshold where it stands. The governor has proposed a refundable tax credit in her executive budget that would reimburse farms for overtime costs between 40 and 60



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NYFB member, Brian Reeves, a vegetable grower in Baldwinsville, NY, addressed the media during a press conference at the New York Capitol on Feb. 15 that was hosted by the Assembly republican conference. The effort opposed the wage board recommendation to lower the farm labor overtime threshold from 60 to 40 hours.

hours. Though there is no guarantee that funding will make it into the final state budget that must be negotiated with the legislature by April 1.

New York Farm Bureau does not believe the refundable tax credit will work as it is currently written. Farms will still have to cash flow the high costs of overtime before seeing refunds a year later. There will also be an increase in payroll taxes associated with the higher wages. If the tax credit is enacted, it must address immediate needs, including being refundable on a quarterly basis of the current year, so farmers do not have to wait for reimbursement until after filing their annual tax returns the following year. The overtime threshold should also revert to 60-hours if funding for the tax credit ever goes away.

NYFB and its members participated in a press conference on Feb. 15 at the Capitol hosted by Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay, Assembly Agriculture Committee Ranker Chris Tague and their conference. Farmers speaking out against lowering the threshold included Brian Reeves, President of the NYS Vegetable Growers Association and Onondaga County Farm Bureau member, Sarah Dressel, an apple grower and Ulster County Farm Bureau members, and Nata Chittenden, a dairy farmer and Columbia County Farm Bureau

member. All three spoke passionately about the negative impact this will have on their farms, their employees, and the food supply. NYFB Public Policy Director Jeff Williams also spoke at the event.

New York Farm Bureau will continue to press hard that a lower threshold is bad policy all the way around. “So much is at stake. This is a priority issue for New York Farm Bureau and all of agriculture. We have worked closely with our partners in the Grow NY Farms coalition and will continue to fight forward together,” said Fisher.

‘Cost of Dairy’ Study Finds Price Increases

The USDA has announced the release of a Cost of Processing Study for Cheese, Whey, Butter and Nonfat Dry Milk Plants. The study gathered data from dairy processing plants located throughout the country to estimate the average costs of manufacturing a pound of four dairy commodity products (cheddar cheese, butter, dry whey and nonfat dry milk) that are used in Federal milk marketing order (FMMO) price formulas.

The study finds increases in average processing costs for all surveyed dairy commodity products from the previous, 2007, cost study except butter. The total weighted average cost for butter dropped 4.4 cents from \$0.185 to \$0.141, for whey

increased 6.7 cents from \$0.19 to \$0.27, for cheese increased 8.9 cents from \$0.16 to \$0.25, and for nonfat dry milk increased 12.7 cents from \$0.17 to \$0.29. This suggests an increase in make allowances would be necessary to account for these increases in processing costs. A copy of the study can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/nyfb-dairy>

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<https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/training>

For more information, visit the New York State Department and Agriculture and Markets website at:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/food-safety-modernization-act>

Or contact the Produce Safety Unit at (518) 457-3846.

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Three Life Insurance Options to Secure Your Farm

The following information is provided by Nationwide®, the #1 farm and ranch insurer in the U.S.*

Life insurance can protect your family and your business in more ways than you might think. If you're a beginning farmer, it can provide your family with financial stability in your absence. It is also instrumental in helping your farm continue after illness, retirement or if you pass away. It can even help provide needed funds should something happen to one of your operation's most valuable employees.

Here are three examples of how the right life insurance coverage can protect you:

1. Term policies can help beginning farmers

If you're younger or just beginning your farm, you've likely taken on some debt...maybe even a hefty amount of it. After covering your family's living expenses and paying on your farm's debt, there may not be much left over in your family's bank account.

That challenge is exactly why term insurance is so important. Term policies provide life insurance coverage at the lowest cost and can help your family cover your personal or business debts. It can also create an emergency cash fund or provide needed financial support while your family gets back on their feet.

"As a farmer just getting started, you may have incurred personal debt in order to finance the growth of your farm. This debt has a life of its own and will survive your premature passing. This debt means that less of your assets will be available to support your loved ones," according to Nationwide Advanced Consulting Group Director Steve Hamilton. "A level term life insurance policy that protects your family through the life of your loan is an easy and cost-effective way to help make sure your debt does not burden your loved ones after your passing."



2. Universal life policies for established farmers

If you're a more established farmer with a higher-value operation, there's an additional benefit that can come with a permanent life insurance policy. Whether you're concerned about protecting your family or your savings, universal life policies can provide:

- Permanent death benefit protection
- Income tax-free death benefits for your family
- Additional source of savings with tax benefits
- Source of tax-free supplemental income in retirement

"More established farm operators can consider adding a permanent, cash-accumulating life insurance policy to their personal balance sheet," said Hamilton. "Farms, land and equipment all possess varying degrees of liquidity risk. If your family needs funds quickly after your passing, an asset may not sell quickly or profitably when there's a lack of demand. Whether the policy allows your family to bide time for a better offer or allows your family to keep the tractor running if you're not around, a permanent, cash-accumulating life insurance policy can become the cornerstone of a farming family's financial plan."

3. A survivorship life policy for the future of your farm

When planning the future of your operation, the right life insurance policy can help ease the financial pains of transitioning the farm. A survivorship

"Even if the next generation is not your successor, a buyout funded with life insurance amongst future or current co-owners can help the farm continue operating while your family is financially taken care of."

life insurance policy is an option to consider.

"A buyout of your farm funded with a survivorship life insurance policy can ensure that your farm's successors have the funds to purchase your operation or that your spouse and children that may not work the farm receive the financial benefits of your life's work," Hamilton added. "Even if the next generation is not your successor, a buyout funded with life insurance amongst future or current co-owners can help the farm continue operating while your family is financially taken care of."

If you're interested in exploring your life insurance options to secure your family's or your farm's financial future, don't wait. Get connected to a financial specialist who can help protect your farm, family and future by visiting [Nationwide.com/YourLand](https://www.nationwide.com/YourLand).

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working jointly on additional surveillance and testing in areas around the affected flock.

To date, additional cases of HPAI have been confirmed in wild birds in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Georgia, and Florida. Cases have also been detected in commercial flocks in Indiana and Kentucky, and a backyard flock in Virginia. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, these recent HPAI detections in birds do not present an immediate public health concern. No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F kills bacteria and viruses.

Further information about the

USDA response can be found on their website.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, “Avian influenza outbreaks can spread quickly. We will continue to do all we can at the Department to safeguard the state’s flocks and encourage everyone who keeps poultry to be vigilant about minimizing their birds’ exposure to the virus and to wild bird populations. Our poultry industry is a significant part of the state’s agricultural industry and these biosecurity steps are our best line of defense against the disease.”

AGM officials are reaching out to poultry and egg farms across the state to ensure best practices are being implemented and to prepare for potential additional avian influenza cases in New York.

The Department encourages those involved in poultry production to take extra steps to prevent their flocks from becoming infected. All poultry producers, from small backyard to large

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commercial operations, should review their biosecurity plans and take precautions to protect their birds. Poultry biosecurity materials and checklists can be found on the USDA’s “Defend the Flock” website. Best practices include:

- Discourage unnecessary visitors and use biosecurity signs to warn people not to enter buildings without permission.
- Ask all visitors if they have had any contact with any birds in the past five days.
- Forbid entry to employees and visitors who own any kind of fowl.
- Require all visitors to cover and disinfect all footwear.
- Lock all entrances to chicken houses after hours.

- Avoid non-essential vehicular traffic on-farm.
- After hauling birds to processors, clean and disinfect poultry transport coops and vehicles before they return to the farm.
- Report anything unusual, especially sick or dead birds, to AGM.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, poultry owners should keep their birds away from wild ducks and geese and their droppings. Outdoor access for poultry should be limited at this time.

To report sick birds, unexplained high number of deaths, or sudden drop in egg production, please contact AGM’s Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502 or the USDA at 866-536-7593.



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Thomas Joins ALT Staff as Stewardship Specialist

Aaron Thomas was recently hired as a Stewardship Specialist position at the Adirondack Land Trust. Thomas will work with farmers, landowners and other partners for the sustainability of Adirondack farms and food systems.

Thomas has previously worked with the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts and United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to help farmers develop conservation plans and manage natural resources through voluntary federal cost-share programs.

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to work with North Country farmers for a positive impact on the land and local food system,” Thomas said. “Farmers are not alone in working toward a sound economic and environmental future for their lands, and I look forward to making new connections and learning from the region’s farming community.”

Thomas was raised on a small farm in central New York and has lived in the Plattsburgh area for 10 years. He studied at SUNY Plattsburgh and William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute, earning a B.S. in environmental science with a focus on climate change and agriculture.

While this staff position is new, farmland has been central to the Adirondack Land Trust’s mission since it was created to meet a need for a land-saving group focused on places that make the Adirondack Park function not just as an intact ecosystem but as a landscape that supports healthy communities. The land trust has protected 26,710 acres since its founding in 1984.

To learn more, visit adirondack-landtrust.org.



Aaron Thomas

USDA to Invest \$1B in Climate Smart Commodities, Piloting New Revenue Streams, Expanding Markets

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Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is delivering on its promise to expand markets by investing \$1 billion in partnerships to support America's climate-smart farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. The new Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities opportunity will finance pilot projects that create market opportunities for U.S. agricultural and forestry products that use climate-smart practices and include innovative, cost-effective ways to measure and verify greenhouse gas benefits. USDA is now accepting project applications for fiscal year 2022.

"America's farmers, ranchers, and forest owners are leading the way in implementing climate-smart solutions across their operations," said Vilsack. "Through Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, USDA will provide targeted funding to meet national and global demand and expand market opportunities for climate-smart commodities to increase the competitive advantage of American producers. We want a broad array of agriculture and forestry to see themselves in this effort, including small and historically underserved producers as well as early adopters."

For the purposes of this funding opportunity, a climate-smart commodity is defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced using agricultural (farming, ranching or forestry) practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon.

Funding will be provided to part-

HOW TO APPLY

A range of public and private entities may apply, including:

- County, city or township governments
- Special district governments
- State governments
- Small businesses
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) (other than institutions of higher education)
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) (other than institutions of higher education)
- Private institutions of higher education, or
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education.

The primary applicant must be an entity, not an individual.

Funding will be provided in two funding pools, and applicants must submit their applications via Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on:

- **April 8, 2022**, for the first funding pool (proposals from \$5 million to \$100 million), and
- **May 27, 2022**, for the second funding pool (proposals from \$250,000 to \$4,999,999).

Proposals must provide plans to:

- Pilot implementation of climate-smart agriculture and/or forestry practices on a large-scale, including meaningful involvement of small and/or historically underserved producers
- Quantify, monitor, report and verify climate results
- Develop markets and promote climate-smart commodities generated as a result of project activities

ners through the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation for pilot projects to provide incentives to producers and landowners to:

- implement climate-smart production practices, activities, and systems on working lands,
- measure/quantify, monitor and verify the carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits associated with those practices, and
- develop markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities.

USDA published a Request for Information in September 2021 seeking public comment and input on design of this new initiative and used the nearly 400 comments

Lake Champlain, Delaware Water Basin, and the Long Island Sound Watershed. New York Farm Bureau also advocates for conservation programs and practices, like no-till, riparian buffers, and cover cropping, that reduce erosion and protect water quality. The new WOTUS definition will only impede these efforts.

American Farm Bureau Federation submitted comments as well.

"Farmers and ranchers rely on clean water to grow the food America's families rely on, so we work hard to protect the resources we're entrusted with," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "We need rules that are clear and can be interpreted by farmers without spending thousands of dollars on legal fees. We had that with the Navigable Waters Protection Rule. The proposed new rule threatens to take us back to vague and complicated regulations that will keep farmers from growing the nation's food while protecting the environment."

You can read NYFB's comments on the website www.nyfb.org.



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NYFB's submitted comments say, "Considering drains, ditches, stock ponds, and other low spots on farmlands and pastures as jurisdictional 'waters' opens up the potential for regulation of activities on those lands that move dirt or apply products to the land."

This additional regulation would force farmers to spend tens of thousands to obtain permits that would delay or halt standard farming practices like tilling the land or applying fertilizer. New York Farm Bureau believes the revised definition exceeds the legislative intent set by Congress when it passed the Clean Water Act and unlawfully expands federal jurisdiction.

New York farmers have a long history of protecting our waters including those of national importance like the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna Watershed, the Great Lakes,

received to inform this funding opportunity.

Visit usda.gov for additional information, including details on Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities and resources to support your application.

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House Passes Continuing Resolution to Fund Government Through March 11

On Feb. 8, 2022, the House passed H.R. 6617, the Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act, to extend funding for the federal government through March 11, 2022. As of press time, funding for the federal government was set to lapse Friday, February 18, 2022. To avoid a government shutdown, the House passed H.R. 6617 (a continuing resolution) to fund the government through March 11, 2022, by a vote of 272-162. The Senate was expected to take up the continuing resolution as well. It remains to be seen whether Congress pass a longer-term appropriations package to fund the government to the end of the fiscal year, which is Sept. 30, 2022.

As Congress moves forward with its spring legislative session, the focus will be on confirming a new Supreme Court justice to replace retiring Justice Stephen Breyer. It also remains to be seen whether portions of the Build Back Better bill will be split from the large legislative package in an attempt to pass those provisions that are more widely agreed upon.



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Farm Bureau Supports the Ocean Shipping Reform Act

Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and John Thune, R-S.D., have introduced the Ocean Shipping Reform Act (S. 3580), the Senate response to the House version (H.R. 4996) passed by a bipartisan vote (364–60) in December 2021. Ongoing congestion and related logistical obstacles threaten U.S. farmers’ ability to meet much-welcome increases in foreign demand for our products. Accessibility to export containers has been further limited by record shipping costs and harmful surcharges. With these factors combined, the ability for farmers to fulfill overseas contracts has been significantly impacted, with some estimations exceeding \$4.2 billion in lost agricultural exports. The legislation is the first major update of federal regulations for the global ocean shipping industry since 1998.

The Ocean Shipping Reform Act would: Require ocean carriers to certify that late fees — known in maritime parlance as “detention and



demurrage” charges—comply with federal regulations or face penalties; Shift burden of proof regarding the reasonableness of “detention or demurrage” charges from the invoiced party to the ocean carrier; Prohibit ocean carriers from unreasonably declining shipping opportunities for U.S. exports, as determined by the FMC in new required rulemaking; Require ocean common carriers to report to the FMC each calendar quarter on total import/export tonnage and 20-foot equivalent units (loaded/empty) per vessel that makes port in the United States; Authorize the FMC to self-initiate investigations of ocean common carrier’s business practices and apply enforcement measures, as appropriate; and Establish new authority for the FMC to register shipping exchanges.

Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Important WOTUS Case

On Jan. 24, the Supreme Court announced that they would grant cert in the high-profile Clean Water Act case, Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency. A decision in this case could provide significant clarity on what is the proper test for determining which wetlands are “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act. Over the last several decades, there has been considerable confusion over where to appropriately draw the line of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. The confusion stems from a 2006 Supreme Court decision, Rapanos v. United States, which left us with a fractured 4-1-4 decision and two tests of Clean Water Act jurisdiction. The majority of the plurality’s decision, authored by Justice Scalia, supported a test which relied on the presence of “relatively permanent” waters, while Justice Kennedy created a far broader concept of jurisdiction known as the “significant nexus” test. Since the Rapanos decision, the regulated community has been flummoxed over the conflicting tests of jurisdiction and the Supreme Court could finally provide clarity on which test should dictate jurisdictional determinations. Farm Bureau has called for the agencies to halt the work they are doing on the proposed WOTUS rule, that is currently out for comment, until the Supreme Court has handed down an opinion in this case.

USDA Announces Inaugural Federal Advisory Committee on Urban Agriculture

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack selected 12 members to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) inaugural Secretary’s Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture to provide input on policy development and to help identify barriers to urban agriculture as USDA works to promote urban farming and the economic opportunities it provides in cities across the country. The Committee is made up of agricultural producers, and representatives from the areas of higher education or extension programs, non-profits, business and economic development, supply chains and financing.

Members include: Jerry Ann Hebron, Mich., Urban Producer; Bobby Wilson, Ga., Urban Producer; Viraj Puri, N.Y., Innovative Producer; Kaben Smallwood, Okla., Innovative Producer; Sally Brown, Wash., Higher Education; John Erwin, Md., Higher Education; Carl Wallace, Ohio, Non-Profit Representative; John Lebeaux, Mass., Business and Economic Development Representative; Zachari Curtis, D.C., Supply Chain Experience; Allison Paap, Calif., Financing Entity Representative; Tara Chadwick, Fla., Related Experience; Angela Mason, Ill., Related Experience. More details will be available in the Federal Register and at farmers.gov/urban.

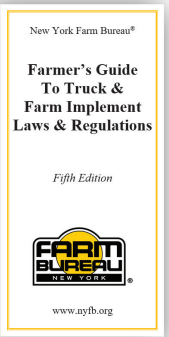
USDA Announces Efforts to Ease Port Congestion

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced plans to increase capacity at the Port of Oakland in Oakland, California and improve service for shippers of U.S. grown agricultural commodities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is partnering with the Port of Oakland to set up a new 25-acre “pop-up” site to make it easier for agricultural companies to fill empty shipping containers with commodities. Fewer containers have been made available for U.S. agricultural commodities, as ocean carriers have circumvented traditional marketing channels and rushed containers back to be exported empty and as a result, many of these carriers have suspended service to the Port of Oakland. USDA is now taking action to reduce these shipping disruptions that have prevented U.S. agricultural products from reaching their markets.

The site will provide space to prepare empty containers beginning in early March. Agricultural companies and cooperatives will have easier access to these containers, which they will fill with commodities, restoring shipping services to agricultural products while relieving congestion. The new site will also have a dedicated gate with the ability to pre-cool refrigerated shipping containers to receive perishable commodities, all while avoiding bottlenecks that would have resulted from entering the main area of the Port.

New York Farm Bureau’s Farmer’s Guide to Truck & Farm Implement Laws & Regulations, 5th Ed.

New York Farm Bureau®’s publication Farmer’s Guide to Truck & Farm Implement Laws & Regulations, 5th Ed., commonly known as the “Truck Book,” is a resource tool prepared to assist farmers in understanding the myriad state and federal transportation laws and guidelines that affect their farm business. Additions to the fifth edition of our most popular guide are contained within text boxes and labeled “5th Edition Update” for ease of reference. There’s new info on CDLs, farm plates, ATVs, Infrastructure Friendly Vehicle (IFV) requirements, lights and reflectors, and many more things important to our members.



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State Department Proposes to Increase Fees for Non-immigrant Visas

The State Department published a notice in the Federal Register of its intent to increase the non-immigrant visa (NIV) fee for several classifications of visas, including H-2A and H-2B visas. The proposed change would increase the fee to \$310 per visa. The current rate is \$190 per visa. Usually, each NIV application fee is paid by the employer no later than at the time a visa appointment is set at a U.S. Consulate or Embassy abroad and is non-refundable. Worker paid NIV fees cannot transfer to another person. Worker paid NIV fees must be reimbursed to the worker in the first workweek. The comment period for this proposal closed on February 28, 2022. NYFB submitted comments urging the Department to refrain from increasing the costs to access agricultural workers.

Commerce Imposes Duties on UAN Fertilizer Imports

The U.S. Department of Commerce has determined that imports of UAN (urea ammonium nitrate) from Russia and Trinidad/Tobago are sold in the U.S. at less than fair value (dumping). As a result of this decision, the Department of Commerce will impose preliminary anti-dumping duties and require cash deposits on imports of UAN from Russia and Trinidad/Tobago. Preliminary duties for Russian firms, depending on the specific product, range from 9.15% to 127.9%. Preliminary duties for Trinidad/Tobago are 63.08%. A final determination of the duty rates will be announced in July 2022. The anti-dumping duties are in addition to preliminary countervailing duties announced in December 2021. The preliminary countervailing duties were imposed on Russia at 9.66% to 9.84% and on Trinidad/Tobago at a 1.83% rate due to subsidies. Final rates will be announced in April 2022.

CF Industries filed petitions with the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission in June 2021 requesting anti-dumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations on imports of UAN from Russia and from Trinidad / Tobago. CF requested the investigations saying that the fertilizer industry is harmed by dumped and unfairly subsidized UAN imports. Farm Bureau submitted comments explaining the impacts of increased fertilizer costs on U.S. agriculture. The U.S. imports approximately 30% of nitrogen use. Russia and Trinidad and Tobago accounted for 81% of U.S. imports of UAN in 2020.

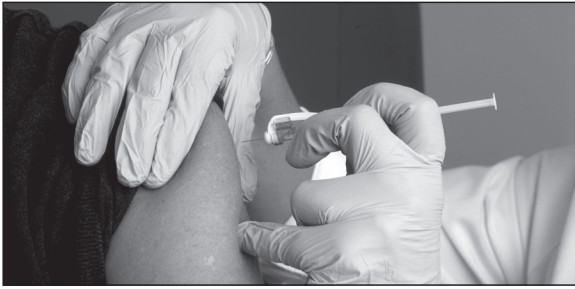
USDA Announces Conservation Reserve Program Signups for 2022

Agricultural producers and landowners can sign up soon for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The General CRP signup will run from Jan. 31 to March 11, and the Grassland CRP signup will run from April 4 to May 13. General CRP helps producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Meanwhile, Grassland CRP is a working lands program, helping landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as working grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations and provides important carbon sequestration benefits to deliver lasting climate outcomes. Landowners and producers interested in CRP should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for the program -- for General CRP before the March 11 deadline, and for Grassland CRP before

DHS Vaccination Requirements for Land Ports of Entry, Ferries

The Department of Homeland Security has issued a vaccine requirement for entry into the United States at land ports of entry and ferry terminals which was effective Jan. 22, 2022. The new requirements apply to noncitizens who are neither U.S. nationals nor lawful permanent residents (“noncitizen non-LPRs”). Previously, essential workers like truckers and agricultural workers (H-2A visa holders) were exempt from this requirement.

Inbound non-U.S. individual travelers (non-U.S. citizens who are neither U.S. nationals nor lawful permanent residents) can seek to enter the United States via a land port of entry (POE) or ferry terminal if they are fully vaccinated and have appropriate documentation. Non-U.S. individuals traveling to the United States via land ports of entry or ferry terminals, whether for essential or non-essential reasons, must: verbally attest to their COVID-19 vaccination status; provide proof of a CDC-approved COVID-19 vaccination, as outlined on the CDC website; present a valid Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document, such as a valid passport, Trusted Traveler Pro-



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gram Card, or Enhanced Tribal Card; be prepared to present any other relevant documents requested by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer during a border inspection; and meet all other existing requirements for entry not related to COVID-19.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated: In two weeks (14 days) after a dose of an accepted single-dose vaccine; two weeks (14 days) after the second dose of an accepted two-dose series; two weeks (14 days) after receiving two doses of any “mix-and-match” combination of accepted COVID-19 vaccines administered at least 17 days apart.

A list of accepted vaccines is available at <https://tinyurl.com/nyfb-cdc-pov>

the May 13 deadline. Additionally, fact sheets and other resources are available at fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Reminder: Entry Level Driver Training Requirements Go into Effect

Implementation of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) final rule was final on February 7, 2022. Published in 2016, the ELDT regulations were mandated by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). FMCSA’s ELDT regulations set the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. This includes those applying to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time;
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

The ELDT regulations are not retroactive; the entry-level driver training requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022. Any individual who meets one of the exceptions for taking a skills test in 49 CFR Part 383 is also exempt from the ELDT requirements. More information is available at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license/entry-level-driver-training-eldt>.

USDA, DOJ Launch Online Tool Allowing Farmers to Report Anticompetitive Practices

Farmers now can anonymously report potentially unfair and anticompetitive practices in the livestock and poultry sectors using an online tool the USDA and DOJ launched. The launch of the new tool, located at farmerfairness.gov, aims to create more competitive agricultural markets that are fairer to producers and consumers. As part of the agencies’ enforcement partnership, the agencies are signing an interagency Memorandum of Understanding to further foster cooperation and communication between the agencies and effectively process the complaints received through the portal. Complaints or tips will go through a preliminary review by USDA Packers and Stockyards Division staff and Department of Justice staff. If a complaint raises sufficient concern under the Packers and Stockyards Act or antitrust laws, it will be selected for further investigation by the appropriate agency. This action may lead to the opening

of a formal investigation.

Users can submit information under their names or may submit anonymous complaints. If a complainant provides their personal information, DOJ or USDA staff will only contact them if additional information is needed. To submit an anonymous complaint, users can provide information about the potential violation without including their names or contact information.

For any information provided, DOJ and USDA will follow their respective Privacy and Confidentiality Policies. Packers and Stockyards regulations regarding confidentiality also apply. Producers who choose not to use the farmerfairness.gov portal also can submit complaints or tips about potentially anticompetitive practices by e-mailing PSDComplaints@ ; calling (833) 342-5773; or mailing Stop 3601, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-3601.

USDA Announces Updated School Lunch Rules for 2022-23

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced updates to the school nutrition standards that give schools a path forward. The transitional standards that will begin in school year (SY) 2022-2023 and USDA intends to use them through SY 2023-2024. In 2022, USDA will continue to prioritize supporting schools as they navigate the challenges of the pandemic and related operational issues while also ensuring children continue to enjoy healthy meals at school. USDA is also planning for the future by engaging with school meal stakeholders to establish long-term nutrition standards beginning in SY 2024-2025.

USDA previously updated the school nutrition standards in 2012. The new final rule – Child Nutrition Programs: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium – establishes the following requirements beginning SY 2022-2023: Milk: Schools and child care providers serving participants ages six and older may offer flavored low-fat (1%) milk in addition to nonfat flavored milk and nonfat or low-fat unflavored milk; Whole Grains: At least 80% of the grains served in school lunch and breakfast each week must be whole grain-rich; and Sodium: The weekly sodium limit for school lunch and breakfast will remain at the current level in SY 2022-2023. For school lunch only, there will be a 10% decrease in the limit in SY 2023-2024. This aligns with the U.S Food and Drug Administration’s recently released guidance that establishes voluntary sodium reduction targets for processed, packaged, and prepared foods in the U.S.

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Why Farm Bureau?



Barb Hanselman, Del Rose Farm
DELAWARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 2010

“In today’s world, policy, consumer perceptions, neighborhood relations, urban pressures, access to markets, the world supply, and more have even greater impacts on us as farmers, and that is why being a Farm Bureau member is so important. It is a grassroots organization to help us as farmers succeed and help agriculture thrive.”



John Sorbello, Sorbello Farms
WAYNE COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 1986

“I’ve been a Farm Bureau member for many years and have seen how much we can achieve when we all work together, regardless of farm size, commodity, production type, etc. I guess that’s why working membership has become such a passion for me. Every time I sign a new member, it’s an invigorating experience, knowing I’ve introduced someone new to the world of Farm Bureau!”



Patty Gilbert, Adon Farms
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 2011

“Farm Bureau has given me the skills and confidence needed to connect with policy makers at all levels, and to serve as an advocate for agriculture. I have had the opportunity to meet farmers from all over and gained a larger appreciation for our industry.”



Cub Frisbie, Frisbie Farms
TIOGA COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 1990

“Farm Bureau is more important now than ever. If we do not represent ourselves, who do we think will represent us to the legislators of our county, state and nation? More and more, legislators even at the local level, have little knowledge of how agriculture works. Keeping our family farms profitable will provide a safe and abundant food supply for the US consumers.”



Karen Rivara, Aeros Cultured Oyster Co
LONG ISLAND FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 2000

“I am a shellfish farmer and I switched to the Safety Group in 2018 and only wish I had done it sooner. Coverage for Workers Compensation through the NYFB Safety Group 486 is more affordable than what I had before and the customer service is beyond excellent. I would highly recommend it if you have employees.”



Lee Hollenbeck
FULTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER SINCE 1980

“Go back 30-40 years ago. The right to farm laws; I don’t remember any other organization but Farm Bureau that helped make that happen. Now, real time; how many farms would be affected today with modern manure management systems in place if there was no right to farm? This is just one example of what I mean when I make comments on “I don’t know what agriculture would be like without having the voice for agriculture of Farm Bureau.”

Would you like to share your Farm Bureau story?
Did Farm Bureau help you on a local or state issue? Have you benefited from one of our member savings programs?
If you have a story why you feel Farm Bureau is important to you contact your local field advisor or Jessica Gaige Martin at jmartin@nyfb.org or 518-431-5602



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