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Sipping Sours in the Summertime

Acclaimed Tin Barn Brewery opened their second location in Yates County on Memorial Day Weekend to a big fanfare. Owners Lauren and Dale VanPamelen purchased the former Starkey's Lookout Winery earlier this year to expand their presence in the Finger Lakes Region. They are the third downstate brewery to open in the Finger Lakes. Read more in this month's Commodity Report on page 13

Solicitor General Supports AFBF Challenge to California Prop 12

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The U.S. Solicitor General, one of the highest ranking officials in the Department of Justice, filed a brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a challenge to California's Proposition 12. The state law seeks to ban the sale of pork from hogs that don't meet California's production standards, even if the pork was raised on farms outside of California.

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) and National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) filed the challenge, arguing Proposition 12 violates the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause.

In the amicus brief, Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar argues that AFBF and NPPC have stated a valid claim that Proposition 12 violates the constitution and will create burdens in interstate commerce.

"Other states might well condition in-state sales on even more square feet of space per hog, or on compliance with requirements concerning animals' feed, veterinary care, or virtually any other aspect of animal husbandry. The

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NYS SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

Legislative Session Concludes Quietly, Record Funding Secured for Ag

By Jeff Williams

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The Senate and Assembly left Albany in early June and legislative session ended relatively quietly. Most of the activity for agriculture came via the state budget in early April, when New York Farm Bureau was able to help secure record agriculture funding, including a refundable investment tax credit for farming, doubling the Farm Workforce Retention Tax Credit and a tax credit to defray the costs of overtime should the threshold be lowered below the current 60-hour level.

During the last days of legislative session, agricultural advocacy was able to keep legislation banning neonicotinoid seed treatments and enacting an extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packing from passing both houses. However, legislation was passed that would categorize class C waterways as streams adding them to the list of protected streams under the Protection of Waterways Regulatory Program in New York and allow local governments to adopt local laws or ordinances to ban the application of pesticides to certain local freshwater wetlands. New York Farm Bureau is actively communicating with the Governor's office with the hope of securing either a veto of the legislation or chapter amendments to minimize impacts on agriculture. Although the Legislature is expected to return to Albany this summer, we do not anticipate EPR or the neonicotinoid ban legislation to be brought up.

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Proposed SEC Rules Nearly Impossible for Family Farms

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On June 17, American Farm Bureau Federation warned the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) about the consequences to rural America of the SEC's proposed rule, "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors." The proposal would require public companies to report on Scope 3 emissions, which are the result of activities from assets not

owned or controlled by a publicly traded company but contribute to its value chain. While farmers and ranchers would not be required to report directly to the SEC, this regulation would impose additional burdens as they provide almost every raw product that goes into the food supply chain.

NYFB submitted comments as well warning of the concerns to New York farmers. The comments were filed on behalf of AFBF and

10 other agriculture organizations. The organizations state, "Our organizations and our members are committed to transparency in climate-related matters to inform our stakeholders in a manner consistent with existing practices in the agriculture industry. However, without changes and clarifications, the Proposed Rules

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AFBF reports that the average cost of a summer cookout for 10 is \$69.68, which breaks down to less than \$7 per person. The overall cost for the cookout is up 17% or about \$10 from last year, a result of ongoing supply chain disruptions, inflation and the war in Ukraine.

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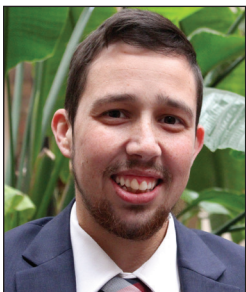
The NYFB communications department won the “Best Newspaper Award” in its category at the American Farm Bureau Federation Communications Contest for state Farm Bureaus for *Grassroots*. The award was received in person at the AFBF Communications Conference in early June in Omaha, Nebraska. The judge said about *Grassroots*, “Well done...I can’t imagine anyone who wouldn’t find quite a bit of it useful and interesting.”

Pictured is Communications Director Steve Ammerman, Assistant Director of Communications Brooks Brown and Terri Moore, Vice President of Communications for AFBF.

In 2021, *Grassroots* also won best newspaper in its division in the same competition, as well as two other awards for best COVID news story and best non-COVID feature story.



NYFB’s Wallach Receives Promotion



Kyle Wallach

New York Farm Bureau recently promoted Kyle Wallach to Associate Director of Public Policy. He formerly served as Assistant Director of Public Policy. “Kyle is staff lead on several critical policy issues and has demonstrated a track record of high-quality member-service. He really has helped the Public Policy team with advocacy work on Extended Producer Responsibility legislation and other bill that impact farmers in the state. This promotion is very well-deserved,” said Jeff Williams, Director of Public Policy at New York Farm Bureau.

Young Named AFBF Executive VP

The American Farm Bureau Federation has named Joby Young the organization’s next Executive Vice President, stepping into the role in mid-July following the retirement of Dale Moore.

As Executive Vice President, Joby will serve in a chief of staff role at AFBF, managing across departments and working closely with our state Farm Bureaus to achieve organizational goals. It’s a familiar role for Young who previously served in the same capacity at USDA and in Congress.

Young said he looks forward to starting in the new role, adding, “I’m honored to join the talented team at the American Farm Bureau Federation. Having worked alongside the Farm Bureau community nationwide throughout my career, there is no better team to work with and no better mission than to serve America’s farm families and rural communities.”

Young is currently a partner at Horizons Global Solutions LLC, a consulting firm where he advises clients in the food and agriculture sectors.

Young previously served as Chief of Staff in a variety of USDA offices and mission areas, including the Office of Congressional Relations and Rural Development, before becoming the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary and ultimately serving in that role for the entire department under the Secretary of Agriculture. He also served as a Chief of Staff in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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MOOT PHOTOGRAPHY

Jason Gardner and his tractor, *Expensive Guesswork*, compete in the New York Hot Farm Pulling Series at DeRuyter Fireman’s Field Day on June 4.

Tractor Pull Season Revs Up into Action

By Madison Nolley
Special to *Grassroots*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Summer has officially started and that means tractor pulling season is in full swing.

The New York Hot Farm Pulling Series had their first pull on June 4, 2022 at DeRuyter Fireman’s Field Day with Light Hot Farm and 466 Hot Farm classes pulling that day. The first-place puller in light hot farm was Erik Law with his tractor *Steve’s Little Ford* and in 466 hot farm it was James Bray with his tractor *IH 1066 Bray Farms*.

Jason Gardner who also pulls within the 466 Hot Farm class has been pulling with NYHFPS since 2019 when he bought his tractor *Expensive Guesswork*. I asked him how he was feeling about the upcoming pulling series.

“I’m feeling pretty excited about the upcoming season as I’ve made some changes and wants to get some new things figured out on my tractor, I enjoy seeing everyone very much, and I enjoy trying to help put on a show for the crowd,” he said.

He is also quite worried about the prices of gas. The pullers not only have to buy fuel to run their tractor they also need to have gas to get to the pulls.

“I’m usually at least two plus hours away from every NYHFPS and at \$6 a gallon for fuel it’s very expensive,” said Gardner.

The action can be seen on Facebook Live on the page **@New York Hot Farm Pulling Series**.

The full schedule, rules, and club details can be found on the website <https://nyhotfarm.com>.

Although fuel is expensive this year and unexpected parts breaking when pulling, pullers still love to do what they do and always love to put on a show for our crowds. Some have decided to take the risk and pull for points. When a puller is pulling for points the distance they pull is recorded and the further they pull, the more money they will receive at the end of the year.

The first-place puller in the 9,500-pound Limited Hot Farm Class last year was the Durant Farms Pulling Team, which consists of Daryl and Karl Durant with their tractor *Big Game*. As July has started our pullers have a pretty busy month with pulls with three in just one week. The first pull of July is on the fourth at Norwich Fairground starting at 6 p.m. On July 8-9, there will be pulls at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Brookfield, NY and Afton County Fairgrounds.

Farm Leaders Discuss the Future of Agriculture on July 20

New York Farm Bureau will hold a “Future of Agriculture Summit” on July 20 in Syracuse. This event will build upon a very successful meeting of the NYFB State Board of Directors with leaders of Farm Bureau’s Agricultural Alliance business members held last April.

At the July event New York Farm Bureau leaders and Alliance members will delve into the issues highlighted at the earlier meeting, including labor and workforce development, agricultural research and the next generation of farmers, climate change and urban legislator outreach and advocacy. Gov. Hochul has been invited to give a keynote address at Summit.

The July meeting will position the organization for a final, much larger, high-level conference for Farm Bureau members as part of the organization’s State Annual Meeting in December in Buffalo. More information will be forthcoming on the December conference.

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Concord Grape Innovation Contest Offers \$100K in Prizes

Cornell Chronicle

Applications are being accepted through Aug. 1 for the inaugural New York Concord Grape Innovation Award, a first-of-its-kind business competition aimed at stimulating innovation and development of new products and markets for one of New York’s largest and most historic grape industries.

Funded by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and organized and hosted by Cornell AgriTech, the competition will award more than \$100,000 in cash prizes and packages of support from Cornell experts.

The competition is split into two categories: best new Concord grape beverage and best new Concord grape-based product. Awards, decided by a judging panel of industry, government and academic leaders, will be given to the top three applicants in each category. The proposals will be judged on market readiness, innovative approach, economic impact to the Concord grape industry, potential for expanded utilization of Concord grapes and percentage of Concord grape in the product. Proposed products must contain at least 30% Concord grape.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Including online application form
<https://tinyurl.com/cornell-grape-contest>

Finalists for each category will compete in a judging symposium on Dec. 9 at Cornell AgriTech in Geneva. In addition to the prize packages, winning products will also be featured at Taste NY welcome centers and markets across the state.

Concord grapes make up around 80% of the total tonnage of all grapes grown in the state, with the greatest concentration of production being in the Lake Erie region. Statewide, around 121,000 tons of Concord grapes are grown annually on some 30,000 acres of vineyards.

The competition is open to any established New York business, including food processors, producers and entrepreneurs, that have been in business for at least one year as of Jan. 1, 2022. Semi-finalists will be announced on Aug. 19 and will be invited to submit a full product proposal. In November, finalists for each category will be selected to compete in the judging symposium.

Farmer Olympic Events coming to Empire Farm Days at Palladino Farms

Empire Farm Days will be celebrating another wonderful year from Aug. 2-4, again at Palladino Farms in Pompey, NY. The annual celebration recognizes and honors all this agricultural in New York State, and this year, a new attraction will be sure to bring out both the bravado and the brawn in some attendees.

There will be a couple of new events this year to attract both farmers and the whole farm family, including the Farmer Olympics. Sign-ups will be taking place on site.

Sponsored by Country Culture, the online country lifestyle source, the Farmer Olympics will feature five events that will test strength, speed and agility. The events will be divided up by age class for both farmers and other attendees to compete in. Events featured include a bale toss, hay bale hurdles, a sledgeman-



mer throw, an egg toss and a tire flip. Competitors are invited to enter into as many contests as they see fit. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to winners in each age group. In addition, on Tuesday, Aug. 2 and Wednesday, Aug. 3 there will be kid- dy tractor pulls with trophies awarded for our smaller competitors. Country Culture and Lee Trade Shows wants to see if you have what it takes to win the blue ribbon at this year’s Empire Farm Days. **To learn more about the show, visit empire-farmdays.com.**



Johanna Bossard, with her husband Bret and daughters Brynley and Raegan, at the Golden Owl Award Ceremony.

Bossard Named NY FFA Golden Owl Awardee and New York’s Ag Educator of the Year

The New York FFA, New York Farm Bureau and Nationwide honored Johanna Bossard at the New York FFA annual state convention in May as the 2021-22 NY FFA Golden Owl Awardee where she was crowned New York’s Ag Educator of the Year. Agricultural educators serve a critical role in preparing future generations for success. They also devote immeasurable time, and often their own resources, to help students pursue their passions. Our goal for this program is to recognize outstanding agricultural educators because we understand the importance of developing the next generation of agriculturalists. This year’s winner truly demonstrates the qualities of an amazing agricultural educator. Johanna has been teaching for twelve years at the same school, building a program that now boasts 175 students. Her involvement in agricultural education

goes beyond her local school district, she also gives back by mentoring other agricultural educators in the areas of animal science and middle school agriculture. Speaking of giving back, it is important to her that the general public understand agriculture. She accomplishes this goal by serving on the Madison County Farm Bureau Board as the Pro-Ed chair, educating the community about agriculture through her social media platforms and providing activities throughout the year on their family’s dairy farm. Reflecting on her career, she is proud of all the awards, grants, obtaining the CTE endorsement for her program, all of the community involvement and building relationships with other educators. But what she is most proud of is the impact she has had on hundreds of students over the years!

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Diet May Play Role in ADHD Symptoms in Children

Here’s a good reason for children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) to eat their fruits and vegetables: It may help reduce inattention issues, a new study suggests. As part of a larger study, researchers asked parents of 134 kids with ADHD symptoms to complete a detailed questionnaire about the typical foods the children ate, including portion sizes, over a 90-day period. Another questionnaire asked parents to rate symptoms of inattention – a hallmark of ADHD – in their kids, such as having trouble staying focused, not following instructions, difficulty remembering things, and difficulty regulating emotions. Results showed that kids who consumed more fruits and

vegetables showed less severe symptoms of inattention, said Irene Hatsu, co-author of the study and associate professor of human nutrition at The Ohio State University. “Eating a healthy diet, including fruits and vegetables, may be one way to reduce some of the symptoms of ADHD,” said Hatsu, who is also state specialist in food security for Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. The study was published online recently in the journal Nutritional Neuroscience. - College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences The Ohio State University



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THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

NYFB Future of Agriculture Summit to Focus on Opportunities

New York Farm Bureau is a forward-thinking organization. Our members and their future are at the center of all that we do, whether it is through advocacy, education, or programming. That mindset will be front and center this month at the first-ever New York Farm Bureau “Future of Agriculture Summit,” an invitation only event for members of New York Farm Bureau’s commodity and issue committees along with our Agriculture Alliance partners.

This came out of the New York Farm Bureau strategic plan approved last year by the board of directors. We knew our members want to best position themselves to capitalize on opportunities in order to better prepare their farms or agribusinesses for whatever comes their way. This includes staying on top of the major issues affecting agriculture.

Earlier this year, our board invited our ag alliance partners together to have this conversation, looking at the biggest challenges and opportunities that exist for New York agriculture. It was a thoughtful conversation that represented the true diversity of the state’s commodities.



David Fisher
NYFB President

“Change in inevitable, on our farms and in life. It is how we react to that change that will define us.”

And this month’s summit in Syracuse will continue that discussion.

This conference is designed to engage leaders in moving past the challenges presented to farming in the state and proactively address pathways to success. In other words, let’s not get bogged down on the hurdles in front of us, but rather focus on solutions to jump over them. After all, every challenge presents a new opportunity. We will have four panels that will focus on workforce development, urban

legislative outreach, agriculture research needs, and climate change.

I am excited about the event. There will be a lot of great material to talk about together. We look to find common ground on the big issues of the day and work towards common goals. Often, we get caught up on playing defense. This is a chance to play offense, to go after what our members and the greater agricultural community need to be successful in the state. By building a forward-thinking agenda, we can be more successful together.

And it won’t stop in July. Our board and staff are hard at work developing next steps for what will come out the summit. We plan to devote a full day at December’s State Annual Meeting in Buffalo addressing the changing climate in New York, and I don’t just mean weather patterns. We look to give our members the latest information and access to thought leaders, which will better prepare their own farms for what may be coming down the pike. This is a good reminder that it

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Shipping Reforms Deliver a Roadmap for Bipartisan Solutions

Farmers and ranchers, like many Americans, face enormous challenges right now. From drought to inflation and rising input costs to supply chain bottlenecks. We’ve been asking our elected officials to step in and get our supply chains moving again. And they just took a big step to do so.

I was honored to be invited to the White House to represent America’s farmers and ranchers as President Biden signed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act into law. After nearly a year of bipartisan work, these reforms are the first the shipping industry has seen in almost a quarter of a century. This legislation is a positive step that should help alleviate the shipping headaches many farmers have faced for the past couple of years. Some estimates suggest that we’ve lost \$25 billion in ag exports because of shipping challenges. Many of those losses occurred as perishable agriculture products rotted at ports while empty containers left the U.S. to be filled with goods elsewhere. Before the pandemic, containers



Zippy Duvall
AFBF President

arrived from around the world full of goods American consumers wanted and relied upon. Farmers, ranchers, and other companies that needed to export their products would load them up before sending them back to the port to be exported. But because of economic shocks that have disrupted supply chains, the cost to ship a container has increased more than 1000% since January of 2020. Instead of delivering food to consumers around the world, it had to wait as shippers make more money by quickly sending empty containers back to ports in Asia that would

“We hope that members of Congress can continue working together to solve many other challenging issues facing farm country, from the lack of labor to water infrastructure and the rising cost to farm.”

bring back consumer goods rather than take the extra days to load agricultural products. While these shippers get the privilege of calling on American ports and it might be best for their bottom line, it can lead to disaster for many farms, ranchers, and other American companies. It also further complicates an already strained global food supply. Now, the Federal Maritime Commission can hold ocean shippers accountable and help ensure that

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GUEST OPINIONS

Farming will be the Key to Environmental Sustainability Solutions in the Northeast

The New York State brewing industry reached another milestone recently by hitting the 500 brewery mark, 504 to be exact, making it the largest craft beverage industry in the state and second-largest in the country behind California which has over 1100.

The industry never stopped growing during COVID, but the rate of brewery openings did slow dramatically over the past two years going from one brewery opening every eight days pre-COVID, to one brewery opening approximately every 21 days currently.

This is not to say that the industry doesn't have challenges and strong headwinds to push through. There are many including an aluminum can shortage, the permanent closing of many restaurants and bars that carried New York State beer on draft, staffing shortages, and supply chain issues that still plague the industry on multiple levels. Through



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it all, like all small business owners, they press on.

Thankfully, customers are coming back to tap rooms and the recent run of nice weather has outdoor spaces full once again.

The New York State Brewers Association has been working hard to ensure the industry stays on track, especially legislatively. The 2022 legislative session had two significant wins this year to help the industry. The first was a retail expansion bill for farm brewers that was passed in this year's budget. This will allow breweries to have a second licensed business on their

licensed premise, why is that significant? Before this was passed, a brewery was not permitted to have a food truck on their licensed premise, the local artist was not allowed to sell their artwork, or the local farm wasn't allowed to sell their cheese or produce on a brewery's licensed premise just to name a few.

This will be a big boost to the farm brewery license allowing more flexibility to not only bring in more customers, but to also work with local businesses to help them reach more customers as well.

The second was a slight modification to the farm brewing license itself. Currently, the farm license requires 60% NYS hops and 60% all other NYS ingredients. This threshold was set to increase to 90% in 2024. Legislation was passed that would push the increase to 90% to Jan. 1, 2029.

With 504 breweries over half

holding a farm license, through the feedback of non-farm license holders, we learned many were hesitant to add it with the 90% requirement coming so quickly.

The NYSBA can use these extra five years to not only educate breweries on the benefits of adding a farm license, but will allow the hops, barley, and malt industry to continue to mature adding even more high-quality NYS-grown ingredients into the supply chain.

The growth wouldn't be where it is today without the high-quality NYS malt, barley, and hops that already exist, and we certainly wouldn't be here without the continued support of the Farm Bureau. Having this support ensures that the future looks bright for continued, but steady, growth moving forward.

Paul Leone is the executive director New York State Brewers Association.

New York Cider Industry: We are in a Moment!

"We are in a moment in New York State." Inspirationally spoken by Elizabeth Ryan of Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider, these words resonate broadly as they relate to the unique and exciting potential of today's New York hard cider industry.

At the New York Cider Association, our recent economic impact study uncovered that New York Cider now contributes a total economic impact of over \$1.7 billion, \$378 million in taxes, and \$279 million in tourism annually to the New York State economy. What was just a handful of cider producers in 2011 has now grown to over 125 licensed producers representing an industry growth of over 2400% with all signs pointing to continued robust expansion!

Without strong support and cultivation, however, we will miss a tremendous opportunity for exponential return to New York's economy and agricultural industry. We strongly believe that much like former Gov. Mario Cuomo invested in New York's wine and grape industry in the 1980s, now is the time to deeply invest in the unmatched potential of the New



Scott Ramsey
New
York Cider
Association

York Cider industry.

"The explosive growth of the cider industry over the last 10 years is astounding," says Jonathan Oakes of Steampunk Cider and the newly appointed president of the New York Cider Association.

"We are currently in a long-overdue revival era for this craft beverage and with meaningful support and attention, we can continue and even expand our well-deserved leadership in the production of a world-class beverage right here in New York," Oakes said.

To achieve this, our strategic roadmap at the New York Cider Association consists of three branches:

• **Cider Market Expansion** – consumer education and brand pro-



gramming as well as legislative support designed to foster seamless growth for new and existing cider makers.

• **Cider Sector Development** – educational and community development initiatives that will provide foundational support for cider makers to produce high-quality, orchard-based products.

• **Cider Industry Research** – science-based, practical studies resulting in measured, durable gains for New York's leadership and reputation.

Support of these efforts will keep us moving towards our vision of being the leading national cider brand that garners consumers' preference, confidence, and demand. While do-

ing so, we can leverage our state's advantages of having more cideries than any other state, being the second-largest apple producer in the country, and of already being known around the country as the source of quality craft beverages.

"For me, this revival of cider is all about the yearning to reconnect with nature itself," says Executive Chef Michael Anthony of Manhattan's Gramercy Tavern and one of New York's cider's biggest champions. "Understanding that it's right there... not outside of our grasp...but right in front of us."

This opportunity, without a doubt, is right in front of us. It truly can be the moment for New York State! Now more than ever, it's time to support the unprecedented growth of the New York Cider industry to elevate our standing in the craft beverage landscape as well as to achieve worldwide reputational leadership in the hard cider and agricultural industry.

Scott Ramsey is the executive director of New York Cider Association.

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American consumers get the products they need from other countries and that consumers worldwide get the food, fiber and fuel we work hard to raise every day. We take pride in stocking America's pantries and ad-

ressing hunger around the globe, and this law will help us do both.

What's important to recognize is how members of both parties set aside their differences to deliver solutions for America's farmers, ranchers, and consumers. While farmers and ranchers bring most Americans around the table to share a meal, agriculture also brings members of Congress to the table to find solu-

tions. During a time of incredible partisan division, we're grateful that our elected officials could see past their differences and put us on a path to solving one of the issues we face. America needs more bipartisan cooperation, and hopefully, this legislation was just the start.

We hope that members of Congress can continue working together to solve many other challenging is-

ssues facing farm country, from the lack of labor to water infrastructure and the rising cost to farm. Their work on the Ocean Shipping Reform Act has delivered the roadmap to bipartisan success. Farmers and ranchers stand ready to join lawmakers at the table to develop solutions that work for everyone.

USDA-FSA Accepting Nominations for Farmers to Serve on Local County Committees

USDA

The USDA- Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting nominations for county committee members. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for members. LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. This may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area. County committee members make important decisions about how Federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2022 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2022.

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA that is up for

election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women, and beginning farmers to nominate, vote and hold office. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as con-

servation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county's election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form. Urban farmers should use an FSA-669-A-3 for urban county committees. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections. Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7, 2022. Producers can find their local USDA Service Center at farmers.usda.gov/service-locator.

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takes being involved in New York Farm Bureau to be a part of this big picture discussion. As part of establishing greater member value, NYFB's board created issue committees earlier this year. These are an opportunity to receive relevant information about your committee of choice, including an invite to the summit. You can find more information under the "programs" tab on our website, nyfb.org. Or look for the information every Thursday in your weekly digital news alert. Details on the summit can be found on the "events" page.

Change is inevitable, on our farms and in life. It is how we react to that change that will define us. I want to set up New York Farm Bureau and our members to capitalize on what lies ahead. I truly believe exciting things are in front of us.

USDA to Allow Producers to Request Voluntary Termination of CRP Contract for FY 2022

USDA

The USDA will allow Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants who are in the final year of their CRP contract to request voluntary termination of their CRP contract following the end of the primary nesting season for fiscal year 2022.

Participants approved for this one-time, voluntary termination will not have to repay rental payments. FSA is mailing letters to producers with expiring acres that detail this flexibility and share other options, such as re-enrolling sensitive acres in the CRP Continuous signup and considering growing organic crops. Producers will be asked to make the request for voluntary termination in writing through their local USDA Service Center.

If approved for voluntary termination, preparations can occur after the conclusion of the primary nesting season. Producers will then be able to hay, graze, begin land preparation activities and plant a fall-seeded crop before Oct. 1, 2022. For more information and questions about your individual conservation programs, contact your local USDA FSA and NRCS office.

Since CRP land typically does not have a recent history of pesticide or herbicide application, USDA is encouraging producers to consider organic production. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to help producers plan and implement conservation practices, including those that work well for organic operations, such as pest management and mulching. Meanwhile, FSA offers cost-share for certification costs and other fees.

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Growers Disappointed Supreme Court Decides Not to Hear Glyphosate Case

AFBF

Agriculture groups including the American Farm Bureau Federation, American Soybean Association, National Corn Growers Association, National Association of Wheat Growers, and National Cotton Council issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent decision to deny the writ of certiorari petition to hear the case *Monsanto v. Hardeman*, which pertains to state glyphosate health warnings:

“We are disappointed the Supreme Court has decided not to hear this case, which has significant implications for our global food supply and science-based regulation. With the conflict in Ukraine threatening food security around the world and the persistent dangers posed by climate change, too much is on the line to allow the emergence of an unscientific patchwork of state pesticide labels that would threaten grower access to tools needed for productive, sustainable farming. We will be discussing the implications of the court’s announcement and will determine what reforms may be needed to ensure a patchwork of state labels does not jeopardize grower access to these vital tools or science-based pesticide regulation.”

On May 23, the groups sent a letter signed by 54 agricultural groups to President Biden urging him to withdraw a Solicitor General’s brief submitted to the Supreme Court advising against taking up the case. In a disturbing departure from previous bipartisan administrative policy, the Solicitor General’s brief argues federal pesticide registration and labeling requirements do not preclude states from imposing additional labeling requirements, even if those requirements run counter to federal findings. The groups will be considering today’s decision and what additional reforms may be needed to prevent a patchwork of state labeling requirements from disrupting commerce and undermining science-based pesticide regulation.

Effort Outlines Strategies to Integrate Renewable Energy Sources Into Working Landscapes

NYSDAM

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball recently announced the release of the Interim Report from the State’s Farmland Protection Working Group (FPWG). The interim report focuses on preliminary strategies to integrate renewable energy sources into working landscapes with minimal impact on agriculture, including the need for more research; the potential for financial incentives; and proposed tools for State and local governments. These strategies will be expanded and explored by the FPWG in a final report to be released late this year, in order to fully understand their impact on renewable energy siting and agricultural resources.

The Interim Report specifically focuses on prioritized topics and several associated preliminary strategy summaries that are being expanded and explored by the FPWG to fully understand their impact on renewable energy siting and agricultural resources. Preliminary strategies include:

- Facilitate further research related to dual-use or co-utilization of agricultural production and utility-scale renewable energy projects, including the expanded use of innovative “agri-voltaics” in project design.
- Initiate a study assessing all economic pressures impacting New York’s agricultural economy and land use. This study will build on the information contained within the September 2020 CLCPA Final SGEIS and related environmental reviews, and

FOR MORE INFO:

The Interim Report can be found online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/nys-energy-group>

determine the potential benefits and/or burdens of renewable energy development and non-solar land-use conversions related to New York’s agricultural industry.

- Encourage environmental, habitat, and ecosystem services studies of operating solar projects, with a focus on grassland bird and threatened and endangered species benefits and impacts.
- Incentivize developers and landowners to continue to utilize land for farming within the project site, co-existing with solar projects.
- Explore options on how best to disburse Agricultural Mitigation Payments to assist local agriculture-supporting efforts.
- Create a State level working lands management plan.

Update local farmland protection plans to reflect siting of renewable energy facilities.

- Update NYSEDA’s model solar energy local law to enhance treatment of and provide options to address agricultural issues.
- Create a plan to more comprehensively pre-screen sites for presence of natural resources.

Adoption of all final detailed strategies and recommendations by consensus of the FPWG is expected to occur in late 2022.



Niagara Wine Trail Honored for 20th Anniversary

Margo Sue Bittner of the Winery at Marjim Manor (center) is pictured with Susan Swiatkowski, Executive Director of the Niagara Wine Trail and Niagara County Legislator David Godfrey after a county legislative meeting at which the trail was celebrated for 20 years in existence. Margo Sue made a presentation about the trail to the legislature which issued a proclamation recognizing this longevity achievement.

Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Launched

The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) has been formally launched by the U.S., along with Australia, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. The Administrations’ objectives for the new IPEF includes working with the other countries to expand trade, improve supply chains, promote sustainability, support agriculture, and remove non-tariff trade barriers. The IPEF is a trade approach that, by working with partners and allies, seeks to expand economic relationships in the region. The IPEF, as designed, does not include engaging in negotiations for new binding trade agreements. Improving market access by removing or lowering tariff barriers is not included. Any agreements from these discussions will be in the form of Executive Agreements and will not require congressional approval. The region-wide adoption of science-based food safety standards is a goal of the IPEF and will help expand trade opportunities for U.S. agricultural goods.

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Farms with low energy costs or that generate their own power will have an advantage in this area.

Blockchain

Blockchain, the distributed ledger technology behind Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, allows for encrypted transactions and record-keeping. While still in the early days, blockchain has mainly been used in virtual currencies, but it has uses in other types of industries, including farming. By optimizing inefficiencies, increasing food security, and shortening payment times, Blockchain can help detect the cause of tainted foodstuffs. The technology can lessen spoilage by decreasing supply chain blockages causing food waste. The openness of blockchain also combats food counterfeiting.

This can be used to prevent fraudulent marketing claims that food is organic or GMO-free. Using a distributed ledger, every transaction throughout the entire food chain can be examined and transmitted throughout the whole supply chain. Overall, leading to more straightforward pricing and helping growers take home a larger part of their own profits.

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Promotion & Education

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Meet the NYFB Promotion & Education Committee

During the next few months, you will get the chance to learn more about NYFB members who serve on the NYFB Promotion & Education (P&E) State Committee.

Nikole Watts serves as the District 4 representative. This district covers Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins counties. Nikole, a Chemung County Farm Bureau member resides in Elmira with her spouse, Jeremy Stermer and their one-year-old son, John Todd. She grew up on her family’s dairy farm which has diversified to include beef, pigs, corn, hay and a produce stand.

Nikole received a bachelor’s degree in business management from Cazenovia College. She serves as the Promotion & education Chair in Chemung County and has also served as the county Young Farmers & Ranchers Chair and on the county Membership committee. Nikole has also been involved in community serving as the Vice President of the Chemung County Youth Bureau and as a board advisor for the Friends of the Chemung River.

When asked “Why is Farm Bureau important to her”, Nikole responded, “This organization represents the amazing farmers throughout New York State. It gives the farmers a voice and fights on their behalf at the state and national level when policies are being created. With the ever-changing atmosphere of agriculture Farm Bureau is a place where the farmers are surrounded by their peers to share stories, the struggles and to have a support system to lean on. Farm Bureau is also a great way to educate our community members on the industry and to give farmers a chance to share their stories with neighbors, politicians and those who support agriculture.”

Courtney Roberts is the District 10



Above: Nikole Watts on the farm with her son, John Todd.
Below: Courtney Roberts with her daughter, Ellie Jo.




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Kohler, Dugan Speak to 4-H Group in Albany

Christina Kohler, NYFB YF&R Chair and Patti Dugan, NYFB Manager of Member Engagement spoke to 4-H members attending the 87th Annual 4-H Capital Days Program recently in Albany. 4-H Capital Days creates an awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, a better understanding of state government, and provides the 4-H members an opportunity to network with delegates from other counties. Christina and Patti spoke about the importance of Farm Bureau, career opportunities in NYFB and agriculture, and the benefits of being a student member. To provide the 4-H members a glimpse into the importance of lobbying on agricultural issues, they participated in an interactive session on how to present the issue of allowing whole milk in schools to their legislators during their visit.

P&E

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representative which covers Columbia, Dutchess Putnam Westchester, Orange, Rockland and Ulster counties. Courtney resides in Copake in Columbia County with her husband, Timothy and her infant daughter, Ellie Jo. She did not grow up on a farm but was actively involved in 4-H, FFA and the Holstein Association.

Courtney graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cornell University with a B.S. in Animal Science where she was very active in the Collegiate NYFB Chapter, Sigma Alpha, and the Dairy Science Club. She currently serves as the Columbia County P&E chair and is a county FB board member. Courtney owns Holstein cattle and works for a dairy processing company.

In regard to the importance of Promotion & Education, Courtney says, “There is no industry that promotion & education is more essential to than agriculture. Just as farmers strive to learn and grow, so do our consumers. At the end of the day, we all need to eat — and promoting both the voice of farmers, through Farm Bureau at local, state and National levels, as well as being a resource and sharing our stories to promote agriculture at large, is critical to the future of farming.”

NYFB is thankful to have dedicated volunteers like Nikole and Courtney serve on the State Promotion & Education Committee. If you would like more information on the Promotion & Education Program, please contact proed@nyfb.org, or Patti Dugan, Manager - Member Engagement at 1-800-342-4143.

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New York FFA Celebrates 97th Convention in Person

Derek Hill, State FFA Director

After hosting the New York FFA State Convention virtually for two years, more than 2,000 students, teachers, and guests gathered in person to celebrate and recognize members for all their accomplishments on May 12-14 in Syracuse.

New York FFA currently supports over 9,000 middle and high school students in programs of varying size from the heart of New York City to the shores of Lake Erie. Agricultural education programs across the state offer relevance of core academic concepts as they are applied to the food and fiber systems and prepare students for career success, in and out of agriculture. One of the hallmark events for NYS FFA each year is the annual New York State FFA Convention where students, teachers, and guests gather to celebrate their accomplishments from the year. The State Convention has been a culminating activity for many members over the years, allowing them to compete in career and leadership development events, network with agricultural colleges and industry reps, and be inspired by keynote speakers and the State Officers' retiring addresses.

This year we were excited to offer in-person opportunities for students, teachers, and supporters. People from all over New York State gathered for this annual event to hear inspiring speeches from peers and agricultural professionals, expand their knowledge during workshops and tours by exploring different fields of the agricultural industry, and networked with agricultural business professionals and colleges during the Career Engagement Expo.

The 21-22 NY FFA State President, Molly Adams stated, "We were all so excited to be in person for our convention this year. It truly is amazing to get to see so many members from across the state be so thrilled to come together to celebrate each other's accomplishments from the past year. We all learned a lot from this experience. We had some amazing speakers,

Congratulations to the following students who will serve on the 2022-23 New York FFA State Officer Team:

- **Myah LaFave:** President, Stockbridge Valley FFA Chapter
- **Hunter Smigel:** Vice President, Greenville FFA Chapter
- **Annette Prezzano:** Secretary, Pine Plains FFA Chapter
- **Elizabeth Schieferstine:** Treasurer, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill FFA Chapter
- **Cristian Gilces:** Reporter, John Bowne FFA Chapter
- **Morgan Craven:** Sentinel, Hamilton FFA Chapter

workshop presenters, tours and our members gave back to the community through our Day of Service projects."

In addition to participating in tours, workshops, service projects, and sessions, student delegates from across NY elected the next team of student leaders that will lead more than 9,000 students forward this coming year. As State FFA Officers, they will receive over 250 hours of training to help prepare them for their exciting year of service ahead of them. Time-management, public speaking, key message identification, character-driven decision-making and much more will be explored in depth throughout their training.

New York FFA is grateful for all of our supporters, students, and teachers who have helped make this year's State Convention a success and who have continued to display excellence and leadership skills they have developed throughout their time in FFA. The 2023 New York State FFA Convention will take place in Buffalo, New York May 18-20.

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career successful through agriculture education. For more information regarding FFA, please visit either www.nysffa.org or www.ffa.org.

High Fuel Prices Squeeze Farms and Ranches

AFBF

Rising fuel prices are putting growing pressure on farmers and ranchers as they grapple with increased costs of growing food and fiber. USDA estimates show that the cost of fuel, lube and electricity is expected to increase 34% in 2022 compared to 2021. American Farm Bureau Federation economists analyze the factors contributing to rising fuel prices in the latest Market Intel.

The war in Ukraine has reduced availability of global crude oil and U.S. domestic production is down while demand is increasing in the

United States and abroad. Diesel prices rose to \$5.718 per gallon in June, up \$2.432 per gallon, or 74%, compared to \$3.286 per gallon in June 2021. The current high price of diesel is more than two times the price paid before 2020.

Prices could potentially begin to decline, but the U.S. must increase domestic production and expand refining capacity. Farmers and ranchers will also be watching the weather as hurricane season ramps up. Severe weather could impact production if refineries or offshore sites are hit by storms.



Above: Erik Robinson, National Southern Region Vice President poses with New York FFA students during the New York State FFA Convention in Syracuse.



Below: NYSDAM Commissioner Richard A. Ball visits a booth with New York FFA Students and Robinson.



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USDOT Numbers Require Update Every Two Years

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Cracking the Code

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6	June
7	July
8	August
9	September
0	October

when it is 2, February is the update month; when it is 3, March is the update month, etc.
Example: USDOT Number 01245567, the update is required on even years (the second to last number is even) in July (the last number

is 7).
Following is a chart from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). It is important to note that updates due in October are delineated with a zero. There are no updates due in the remaining double-digit months of November (11) or December (12), and zero is not used to delineate the year (odd or even) that an update is due (the second to last number).

Why Do I Update My USDOT Number?

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How Do I Update My USDOT Number?

Information on updating your USDOT number may be found at:

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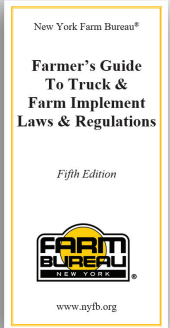
USDA Strengthens Partnerships with 1890s Universities

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USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and Dr. Paul Jones, Chair of 1890s Presidents Council—an organization comprised of presidents and chancellors of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs)—recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reaffirm and strengthen the ongoing relationship between the 1890s community and USDA through cooperation and partnership. The Secretary and Chairman Jones were joined by USDA Deputy Secretary Jewel Bro-naugh and Research, Education and

Economics Under Secretary Chavonda Jacobs-Young.
This MOU also establishes a new 1890 Task Force that will inject energy into USDA’s efforts to collaborate with 1890s institutions in the food, agriculture and forestry sectors. The MOU signing followed discussions between USDA leadership and the 1890s Presidents Council as part of continued engagement and discussions with higher education associations to enhance USDA partnerships and investments with Minority-Serving Institutions based on their identified needs.

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Commodity Report: Farm Beverages



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Dale and Lauren VanPamelen at their second brewery location in Yates County.

Father, Daughter Brewery Owners Open Second Location in the Finger Lakes

By Mark James
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Acclaimed Tin Barn Brewery opened its second location in Yates County on Memorial Day Weekend to a big fanfare. Owners Lauren and Dale VanPamelen purchased the former Starkey’s Lookout Winery earlier this year to expand their presence in the Finger Lakes Region. They are the third downstate brewery to open in the Finger Lakes behind New York City’s Other Half and Big aLiCe Brewing.

Lauren was previously an optician and Dale a businessman in downstate New York. Lauren described her first venture into craft beer, “One day I brought a home brew kit home, and Dale was making fun of me because you can’t make good beer in the kitchen, but I started with home brewing and the first home brew beer I made came out really well. Home brewing is really like a bug, because once you get into it and you start to learn the craft beer world, it’s the only thing you want to do.”

Dale started home brewing with Lauren, and they started traveling around to several breweries to check out their spaces and found that brewers are the friendliest people you will ever meet. They began discussions about the possibility of opening a brewery to showcase their talents for making beer. Lauren enrolled in the American Brewer’s Guild in Vermont to hone her skills and later volunteered at other breweries to learn everything she needed to know from the ground up.

NYC Business Roots

Dale purchased his first business fresh out of college. Dale said, “I just started out in Jamaica Queens with a donut/coffee shop right across from the Long Island Railroad station.”

Eventually, he started buying businesses, trading up including a couple of restaurants and finally a dog hotel with three locations in Manhattan. Dale commented, “The trip from Long Island to New York City got to be pretty hard. Some people came to me and asked me if I was selling. I sold the business and

that’s when Lauren came up with the idea, lets open a brewery. You see so many of these breweries and you just want to be a part of it. We found a building that was perfect for us. The facility we have in Chester, will easily brew enough beer for two locations.”

Lauren did extensive research on brewery buildings.

“I was reading an article on the top ten reasons why a metal building is the best for a brewery,” Lauren said.

During her daily hour and a half commute she would mull over different brewery names. Lauren continued, “I would come up with these brewery names and try to talk in my head as if I were a customer and how it sounded. After reading that article I should build a big tin barn, OK, Tin Barn Brewing. I liked how the name sounded.”

IPAs and Fruited Sours

Lauren brews primarily New England Style IPA’s. Lauren said, “I’m a very biased brewer in the fact that I brew what I like to drink. I love New England IPA’s and fruited sours. Fruited sours are where definitely I get to play a little more although I like playing with my hops and experimenting anything that’s new. You will see me release two to three new beers a week. It’s always rotating and always changing. I try to make better and better beer and I can play and try out new ingredients and new methods and new hops. There are all these new releases and the craft beer customer loves that too. They always want to try what’s freshest. We also have easy drinking beer. I just made my first lager after a year, just because during the summer you need something more crushable. During the winter, I will make a few more stouts.” Lauren also is beginning a barrel aged program and hopes to secure wine and bourbon barrels from the Finger Lakes Region.

She says her influences on brewing primarily came from Charlton, Mass.-based Tree House Brewing, one of the top craft brewers in the country. When she started drinking craft beer, she primarily drank

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- ▶ The equivalent of approximately 20,000 full-time jobs are created by the craft beer industry in NY.
- ▶ More than 1.2 Million barrels of craft beer are produced in NY each year.
- ▶ The annual economic impact of NY craft beer is \$3.4 Billion.
- ▶ The NYS Brewers Association was originally founded in 1830 as the New York and New Jersey Ale Brewers Association. There’s historical evidence to support the fact that the first craft brewery in the US was in 1612 and based in Manhattan.
New York State Brewers Association

HOP TO IT

The hop plant is a vital ingredient in every beer on the market, with U.S. hop yield increasing 130 pounds from 2020 to 2021. In fact, the 2021 value of U.S. hops production totaled \$662 million, up seven percent from the previous year.

Some recently funded projects include:

Cornell University is identifying the determinants leading to yeast contamination, among the leading causes of spoilage in the brewing industry. The project is working to reveal the genetic and environmental determinants for spoilage activity in brewing yeast strains and, with more information on genetic variations that control spoilage, develop better tools to predict spoilage potential.

Auburn University is developing tools to sustainably accelerate hop breeding programs. Scientists and breeders are working to increase production by creating new varieties of hops that can grow in Alabama’s climate and environment.

The University of Arkansas is working with local breweries to test a newly developed carbonator for function, economics, operations and effect on beverage flavor to ultimately produce safe and high-quality beverages for consumers.

Penn State University is working to produce a better tasting beer for consumers with celiac disease or other gluten intolerances. By using a modified, lower-temperature mashing procedure to retain enzyme activity, brewers can use malts from gluten-free grains to produce high-quality beers.

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Above: Lunkenheimer Craft Brewing Co. owners Kristen and Derric Slocum stand with their son, Le-land, at their brewery. Top Right: Kristen and Derric after winning the Governor’s Cup at the NYS Craft Brewery Competition. Bottom Right: Lunkenheimer Craft Brewing Co. is a small batch, hand-crafted brewing company located in the historic Erie Canal village of Weedsport, New York.



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Raising a Glass to NYS Craft Brew Winners

Weedsport Company Takes Top Prize at 2022 Competition

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Announced to a standing ovation, Derric and Kristen Slocum of Lunkenheimer Craft Brewing Co. in Weedsport, NY took the stage this past April to receive the Governor’s Excelsior Craft Beer Cup after their Woodruff Berliner Style Weisse Beer was named best beer in New York State.

The 2022 New York Craft Beer Competition held in Albany has grown to become the largest state-level competition in the U.S. Open to all 480+ craft breweries in the state, NYCBC received more than 1,200 entrees this year and were judged by industry professionals in 29.

“It’s exciting, we’re still trying to wrap our heads around it,” Derric said. “The governor’s cup is always a surprise and the fact that we won it was just a complete shock.”

The traditional German Weisse beer dates back into the fifteen hundreds and typically has around 3% alcohol with a slightly sour taste. The addition

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of a simple raspberry syrup gives this beer its distinctly unique flavor profile.

The state has seen an upsurge in new craft beverage establishments and for the first time in 50 years the number of NY breweries surpassed the number of NY wineries. A monumental 420 percent increase since 2012 according to the liquor authority.

Thanks to the relaxing of distribution and regulations for breweries, distilleries and cider makers, in New York State, beverage makers began direct-to-consumer sales of beer by the glass. With new laws expediting provisional operating licenses for the manufacture and sales of alcoholic beverages recently signed, New York’s easing of Prohibition-

era alcohol regulations continues.

Permits are now being processed and approved in around 30 days compared to legacy procedures that averaged nearly six months.

“New York’s craft beverage industry is not only a source of local pride, but also creates jobs and drives tourism in every corner of the state,” New York Governor Kathy Hochul said. “These fast-tracked permits will allow new businesses to hit the ground running by opening quickly and making immediate contributions to their local economies.”

Lunkenheimer Craft Brewing Co shared the Governor’s Cup with fellow Finger Lakes Region brewer Wood Kettle Brewing of Hilton, NY which Slocum says is, “Putting us on the map, as a destination. They know they can come here, and they can find good beer.”

With some of the country’s most beautiful scenery, an amazing farm-to-table food landscape and a multitude of distilleries, cideries, wineries, and breweries the craft beverage scene in the upstate region is abundant, diverse, and extraordinary.

TIN BARN

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drank stouts.

“I went to Tree House Brewing looking for one of their stouts, but they were sold out. They talked me into trying one of their IPA’s. They handed me a sample cup of Haze and I thought I was being polite trying this. I had tried many IPAs, but I just wasn’t into it yet. It literally changed

my world. I had never tasted anything like that. It was insane, the flavor you can make in some of these IPA’s. Tree House literally changed my life,” Lauren said.

Speaking about the Cornell Hop Breeding program that Farm Bureau secured funding for in the NYS Budget, Lauren said, “Cornell has a very impressive hop breeding program. I’m very excited to see what they come up with and what they’re able to grow or cultivate in that program. I am very excited to see what Cornell

comes up with.”

Dale came upon the Finger Lakes location when he was browsing, LoopNet, a commercial real estate app.

“We weren’t really looking for a second location. I happened upon this building. It is so stunningly beautiful, the property is so stunningly beautiful, and the view is so stunningly beautiful. I showed it to Lauren, and I said, here is our second location,” Dale said.

After viewing the property later

that year, they were sold on purchasing it.

The Orange County brewery has a fifteen-barrel system, which can brew enough beer for both locations. Lauren plans to increase production of her sour beers and age some of them in barrels, sourcing many of them in the Finger Lakes Region.

Dale concluded the interview by saying, “As a father, you try and help guide your children, but they end up doing what they want to do anyway. I think this girl has found her place.

New York Distiller Turns to Its Farm to Grow its Business

Black Button Creating New Gin Products with NY-Grown Ingredients

By Arien Rozelle
Special to Grassroots

This summer Black Button Distilling is celebrating ten years of crafting grain to glass craft spirits in Rochester, NY. As a New York State Farm Distillery, over 90% of Black Button Distilling’s ingredients are grown or produced in New York State. From the water they use, which comes from the Genesee Valley aquifer, to the grains from nutrient-rich soil at Edgewood Farms in Groveland, the bounty of this state is reflected in each of our spirits. Change just one variable and you change the end result.

Jason Barrett is the Founder/Master Distiller of Black Button Distilling, the first craft distillery in Rochester, NY since Prohibition, and a member of the Ontario County Farm Bureau Board.

In 2018 Barrett opened Black Button Farm and Forestry, a 19-acre farm located in Bristol, NY, to grow bespoke ingredients for our spirits and cocktails. The creation of Black Button Farm & Forestry was a monumental step forward.

Located in the heart of the Finger Lakes, Black Button Farm and Forestry set out to grow juniper for gin, white oak to make barrels for distilling, fresh herbs and spices, and organic honey for cocktails. All plants and trees were sourced locally either

from the state nursery in Saratoga or from our good friends Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care, a Rochester, NY-based business that has long supported New York State agriculture. To date, Black Button Distilling has harvested 11 oak trees, quarter-sawn them into staves and are air-drying them. Soon, they will be turned into barrels for their all-New York Bourbon. They have beehives for local honey and a long-term plan to put up a greenhouse growing a variety of botanicals.

The Many Variables of Making Gin

Working with natural products always adds a level of unpredictability. Will there be enough sunshine, too much, or too little water? Will some unknown pest ravage your crop? Nowhere is this more prevalent than in the flower petals needed for making gin.

In order to release it in time for the opening night of Rochester’s Lilac Festival, flowers must be force bloomed in a greenhouse a few weeks before they would naturally come to fruition. And each year the weather and other variables combine to make a unique flavor profile that we have to compensate for.

Following the success of Lilac Gin, an homage to Rochester, the distilling company has set out to create a series of craft gin blends made from



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locally grown ingredients. The most recent was a gin for a liquor store on Martha’s Vineyard that incorporated wild-grown beach plumbs into its flavor profile.

Barrett worked with the store to understand what cocktails the gin should work well with and then how to make it have the sense of place for their local environment.

The company’s next adventure is to develop a fresh-picked juniper gin, which can only happen if the juniper is grown near the gin source. You may be familiar with the concept of wet hop beer that some local breweries are now making. It’s where they pick the hops and brew with them the same day, resulting in

a fresh and herbaceous flavor that is not possible with freeze dried ingredients. We want to replicate that process, with juniper for our gin, which we believe will create a truly one of a kind flavor profile.

Two kinds of juniper can be used to make gin: *Juniperus communis* and *Juniperus virginiana* (also known as Eastern Red Cedar). Both grow well in our area but are not commercially harvested in North America due to the cost of labor. We’re attempting to modify a blueberry picker to make the process easier. If it works, you could basically comb the tree and

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Black Button Distilling has produced more than two million bottles of spirits.

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collect the berries instead of trying to pick them one at a time. Spirits making takes patience, years of training, hard work and a bit of luck.

Gypsy Moth Invasion

Unfortunately, the gypsy moth infestations of the last few years negatively impacted our farm. We were at the very epicenter of the outbreak. Where a normal year we would have 10,000 moths per acre, we estimate we were at over 6 million moths per acre. Juniper is deer resistant but if gypsy moths chew up everything else, the deer will eat them. Additionally, juniper can't be planted within 500 feet of apple trees or they will both perish as they are intolerant of each other.

Growing juniper and crafting a new method for cultivating - and a new agricultural tradition - will be passed down to the next generation. And that is the true definition of Black Button farm distilling.

This summer, Black Button Distill-



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Juniper berries are actually modified conifer cones.

ing is celebrating a decade of crafting grain-to-glass craft spirits. A New York State Farm Distillery, Black Button Distilling is the first distillery in New York to obtain the New York State Grown and Certified status for commitment to locally sourced ingredients and high standards of quality. It was named New York Distillery of the Year (2016 and 2021) at The New York International Spirits Competition.



SPECIAL

Talking New York Craft Spirits

Last month, Evan Dawson, host of the radio show Connection on WXXI (Rochester) sat down farmers and distillers to discuss their collaborative work, about how the pandemic has affected that work, and what's next for the local growing and distilling scenes. Guests included Jason Barrett, founder and master distiller at Black Button Distilling; Mark James, manager of county Farm Bureau relations and development at NYFB; Clayton Phelps, operations manager at Edgewood Farms LLC in Groveland, NY and Judd Hallett, co-owner and operator of Murmuration Malts Artisanal Malthouse.

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Saratoga County Dairy Makes Positive Impact on NYC Lawmaker

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It is important for New York Farm Bureau to continue to build bridges between our members’ farms and urban lawmakers.

Our public policy team assisted King Brothers Dairy in Saratoga County last month to host 85th District Assemblymember Kenny Burgos of the Bronx along with Assemblymember Carrie Woerner who calls the Kings constituents.

Jeff King and his wife led the lawmakers around the barns and the farm’s own processing plant that bottles milk and produces other dairy products sold on site at their store. The large selection of King Brothers ice cream hit the spot on this warm, spring day.

The group spoke about the many challenges facing farms today, including labor and regulatory issues, as well as their efforts that go into providing strong animal care and environmental stewardship.

Assemblymember Burgos said he wanted to visit the dairy farm because the state has a huge interest in farming and wants to make sure that our food system works for farmers, farmworkers, and all New Yorkers.

“I learned a lot today. One, it’s just beautiful scenery, just seeing the cows, seeing the farm itself, but I think it was really learning what it really takes just to produce milk,” said Burgos.

He said it was overwhelming to look at the amount of land, water, labor and science that is involved in producing food. In the end, he said it is important for the people who he represents in his district in New York City to have access to what is produced on New York farms.

“We have to learn that we really are in this together, that there is that connection, no matter how you want to see it. You need a farm like this to be sustainable and thrive if you want a city like ours to thrive and vice versa,” he said.

He appreciated meeting the Kings and seeing what is possible on New York family farms. For Jeff King, he says we can talk and explain things to lawmakers but when they get close and see it for themselves on a tour like this, it makes a huge difference.

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Jeff King
King Brothers Dairy

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Jeff King, right, gives a tour of his Saratoga County farm to Assemblymembers Carrie Woerner and Kenny Burgos. June Dairy Month is an opportunity for state dairy farmers to build bridges with New York State lawmakers.



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Assemblymembers Kenny Burgos and Carrie Woerner meet Holstein calves at their recent tour of Kings Dairy in Saratoga County.

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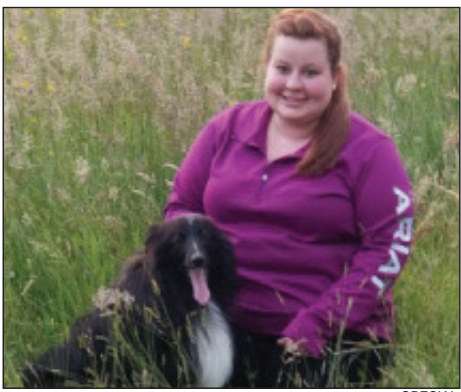
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Independent Contractors and Workers' Compensation Insurance Considerations

The topic of Workers' Compensation insurance and independent contractors is an ongoing issue. When it relates to Workers' Compensation insurance it can get even more complicated. Remember, just because you pay someone via a 1099, they are not necessarily an independent contractor. In fact, there are 12 criteria that must be met to be considered true independent contractors. Because of the concern that independent contractors might be considered employees by the Workers' Compensation Board and thus awarded Workers' Compensation benefits, insurance carriers are increasingly requiring proof of Workers' Compensation coverage from independent contractors paid by their policyholders. During the audit of your Workers' Compensation policy, if proof of coverage is not confirmed, the carrier will likely charge a premium for payments made to independent contractors. This can result in thousands of dollars of additional premium charges. Trucking is an area to watch especially this time of year when produce and livestock are being transported. Many large trucking companies hire independent drivers themselves so the driver who shows up to haul your product may not be the trucking company's 'employee.' If that is the case, you could be charged a premium for that driver even though you're paying the company and not the individual. The best way to avoid these increased premium charges is to require certificates of Workers' Compensation insurance from all independent contractors you deal with.

CCE welcomes Agricultural Coordinator Cassandra Skel

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Agricultural Program is excited to announce Cassandra Skel has joined the team in a newly developed position at CCE, Agricultural Coordinator. "Now more than ever we have noticed a need for support to local beginning farmers, established farms looking to diversify and grow, agriculture enthusiasts, and homesteaders" said Executive Director, Emily Reynolds. Cassandra will be coordinating the popular CCE L.E.A.F. (Learn. Empower. Achieve. Farm.) Program as well as Chautauqua Grown, (your source for all things local foods), and in assisting with other agricultural programming throughout the year. Skel says her experiences in Chautauqua County 4-H inspired her to attend The University of Findlay (Ohio) to study Animal Science. While at the University of Findlay she participated in the beef cattle show team and showed her first bovine at The North American International Livestock Expo. She also showed sheep at The Ohio State fair and several other large sheep shows with the sheep show team. In 2015, Cassandra Skel graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and as she describes it "a long list of fond memories and lessons to last a lifetime." After graduation she entered the work force starting out at Moore Research as a Research Assistant and later becoming a Research Coordinator. Since moving to North Clymer, NY she began working at Cummins



Cassandra Skel with her dog Finn.
Engine Plant in Lakewood. In this position, Cassandra will utilize her love of the agricultural industry, going to and being involved in farms, making connections, sharing connections, organizing events, teaching new skill sets, learning new skills, helping people, and so much more. Cassandra started with CCE Chautauqua in May and has been making new connections daily, she says she is "looking forward to where this position will lead me in time. It is incredibly rewarding to be able to work with Emily Reynolds and Lisa Kempisty, who have been mentors to me since my days in Chautauqua County 4-H." You can reach the CCE Agricultural Program by calling or emailing the office 716-664-9502, chautauquaag@cornell.edu. Cassandra Skel can be welcomed directly at Ext 202, or by email at cks83@cornell.edu.

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2023 Policy Development Discussion Forum

This forum explores several emerging issues relevant to agriculture in New York and the U.S. Please review these topics and bring this to your county Farm Bureau policy development meeting and County Annual Meeting this summer and fall as a jumping-off point for discussion in your county. These issues are only suggestions and unique ideas generated from your county should be an important part of your consideration. These questions are also available on www.nyfb.org.

STATE POLICY TOPICS

1.) Question: The Extended Producer Responsibility legislation and an enhanced Bottle Bill will be a major focus of the 2023 Legislative Session. Right now, New York Farm Bureau opposes both. If you had to pick one bill or the other, which one would you pick? Should NYFB continue to oppose both bills even though one may be approved in 2023?

Background: Legislation has been introduced that would create an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for the state. This would create an entirely new statewide recycling program and shift the recycling program responsibility from private recycling/waste management companies and municipalities to “producers”. Additionally, there has been legislation introduced to expand the already existing bottle bill, to include bottles containing liquor, ciders, juices, milk products as well as others. The new Bottle Bill legislation would also increase the refund value of beverages containers to ten cents.

NYFB CURRENT POLICY: “We recommend continued support and expansion of recycling programs, but we oppose the introduction of an Extended Producer Responsibility law without an open process for stakeholder review and comment, especially including material input from the agricultural sector and small businesses community.”

“We support the existing bottle deposit law for a refundable \$.05 deposit but not an expansion to include dairy products or farm beverage products.”

2.) Question: Who should be responsible for paying for Worker’s Compensation insurance for workers secured through a farm labor contractor? The labor contractor or the farm owner?

Background: Under current Worker’s Compensation law, if a farm labor contractor recruits or supplies farm workers for work on a farm, the farm workers are considered employees of the farm and must be provided Worker’s Compensation by the farm owner.

3.) Question: Should roads that are utilized by farm equipment and farm vehicles be required to have a certain width that accommodates these vehicles and equipment if reconstructed and if this is not possible, should the plan be required to provide an appropriate alternate route?

Background: As more municipalities implement transportation infrastructure revitalization projects, there have been multiple instances where road construction leads to roads being too narrow for farm

equipment to pass through. Also, these projects include construction of round-a-bouts which impede the transportation of some agricultural equipment and vehicles.

4.) Question: Should the state and/or local municipalities be permitted to give values-based procurement preference and priority to food products that meet certain standards regarding locally produced, labor, nutrition, animal welfare, racial equity, and environmental sustainability? If so, what should the specific criteria be for each standard?

Background: Legislation has been introduced that would allow local municipalities to use values-based procurement preference when purchasing food products. The product would have to meet at least the locally produced standard and one other standard related to environmental sustainability, racial equity, valued workforce, animal welfare, and nutrition if that bid is not more than 10 percent higher than the lowest responsible bidder. Current NYFB policy would oppose any preference for certain animal welfare and environmental sustainability standards and practices that are not currently required in state/federal law.

5.) Question: Should the state recognize USDA’s urban area maps for eligibility requirements for state urban agricultural programs?

Background: The USDA requires farms to be in specified urban areas in order to be eligible for targeted USDA urban agriculture programs. Currently, there isn’t a definition or location requirement for urban farms in state law.

6.) Question: Should the state budget include funding for promotion of local fairs? And should funding be administered by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets?

Background: In past years, the state budget has included specific funding for the promotion of New York maple products, wine, and apples. To date, there hasn’t been any funding for the promotion of local fairs.

7.) Is there a state law or regulation that you believe should be changed?

Background: Each year NYFB Public Policy Staff pose questions regarding specific issues that either have come up directly from an issue a NYFB member has had or an issue that we have been discussing with lawmakers or agency staff. Please take this opportunity to present issues that you may have had on your farm, or you know has been an issue in your county.

NATIONAL POLICY TOPICS

NYFB members are encouraged to review the federal policy book to determine if any existing federal policies need to be amended or added/deleted to be more reflective of changing agricultural issues. Think about federal issues that have impacted you the most over the past year from USDA programs, labor, commodity prices, crop insurance, specialty crop needs, agrochemical, organic standards, etc., are there policy changes needed to better address these issues. The federal policy book is available on-

line at: <https://www.nyfb.org/advocacy/legislative-affairs/priority-issues>.

1.) “Regenerative agriculture” is being used without a standard nationally recognized definition. Should there be a standardized definition for regenerative agriculture and how should it be defined?

Background: The public and private sectors currently use the term “regenerative agriculture” more and more frequently to describe agricultural production practices that are seen as beneficial to long-term holistic agricultural sustainability and has positive environmental/ climate impacts. These practices may include soil building practices, grazing, reduced synthetic inputs, but there is not set list of conservation practices.

The 1990 Farm Bill Codified the term “sustainability agriculture” and the National Organic Program defines organic agriculture, however, there has been no such definition of regenerative agriculture that would be national recognized and understood by both private organizations and public agencies.

2.) What policy updates and changes are needed for discussion for the 2023 Farm Bill?

- Are the dairy programs (DMC, Dairy-RP, LGM) meeting the needs of dairy farmers?
- Are the specialty crop programs meeting the needs of specialty crop producers?
- Are conservation programs (EQIP, CSP, CRP, RCCP) meeting the needs of farmers?
- Do crop insurance programs and PLC/ ARC programs provide the necessary protections for agricultural commodities?
- Do USDA programs meet the needs of beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged farmers?

Background: The 2018 Farm Bill, effective beginning with the 2019 crop year, expires in 2023. Consequently, debate on the next Farm Bill is under way in earnest this year. In order to make sure that the new farm bill reflects the needs of our New York farm businesses, our national policy needs to address and reflect our members concerns so our input on the development of a new farm bill will in fact be based on our New York Farm Bureau policy. Farm Bureau has developed a broad range of policies related to farm program legislation over the years. These policies deal with the overall goals of farm programs including risk management, conservation, and nutrition programs. However, it is important to update policies from time to time to be more reflective of the needs of farmers. Farm Bureau’s current Farm Bill policy can be found in the National Farm Policy section (pg. 74) and members are encouraged to examine these policies and make suggestion to the polices to be more reflective of the needed updates.

3.) Is there a federal regulation or law that is impacting your operation that you think should be changed?

Background: As with state issues, our staff develops questions from NYFB member interaction and issues surfaced by lawmakers, but we know there are other issues that are out there not addressed in our survey. Please take this opportunity to present any federal policies that you believe should be addressed in our policy.



AMANDA KRENNING-MUOIO/NYFB STAFF

Niagara County Farm President Jeanette Miller has operated the Eclectic Farmstead since 2014.

Niagara CFB President has Policy Development Success with Cannabis

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Niagara County Farm Bureau President, Jeanette Miller established the Eclectic Farmstead in 2014 and started raising chickens for meat. Soon after she became a member of New York Farm Bureau and learned about the grassroots process of how an idea becomes NYFB policy. Miller gradually added other agricultural commodities to her farm, including egg production, perennials, vegetables, apples, cherries, hemp and various livestock. Her first policy development experience was regarding agricultural district issues for small farms. After networking with other NYFB leaders and members, she successfully introduced an idea and saw it become NYFB policy.

As discussions started on the federal and state level on the growing of industrial hemp, Miller made sure that NYFB would have a voice in the implementation of a state hemp program. Even when some NYFB members questioned whether NYFB should get involved with this new industry, Miller was ready to answer questions with research and the facts. Miller explains that it wasn't always easy, but if a NYFB member has a policy idea, they need to be ready to debate the topic with relevant and factual information.

They also need to attend their county Farm Bureau meetings, regional meetings, and the state annual meeting to discuss policy ideas and network. Networking is an essential piece of the policy development process. Miller recommends meeting with county Farm Bureau leaders and NYFB public policy staff to craft a well-written policy that can be submitted through their county Farm Bureau or directly at NYFB State Annual Meeting.

"Write the policy, make it as succinct as possible, run it by staff, run it by your county Farm Bureau," said Miller.

As Miller continued to work on getting hemp-related policy approved so that NYFB could be involved in

Miller recommends meeting with county Farm Bureau leaders and NYFB public policy staff to craft a well-written policy that can be submitted through their county Farm Bureau or directly at NYFB State Annual Meeting.

the discussions around hemp related state legislation and regulation, the state was also considering legalizing adult-use cannabis. Miller was at the forefront of the cannabis discussion and as the adult-use cannabis program in New York came to fruition, she took steps to ensure that there was NYFB policy regarding the new law and regulations. She also submitted an internal policy to start a NYFB committee comprised of NYFB members involved in the hemp industry. Many of these committee members, including Miller, along with other hemp farmers have received licenses to grow adult-use cannabis. This opportunity is a direct result of the policy development process.

When the law was passed to legalize adult-use cannabis, there were questions on who would be permitted to grow cannabis. Miller wanted to make sure that hemp farmers were the first to have this opportunity. She submitted this idea as a resolution at NYFB State Annual Meeting where it was approved and became policy. In 2022, legislation was passed and signed into law that allowed hemp farmers to apply for adult-use cannabis cultivation licenses to jumpstart the market. These conditional licenses are temporary and regulation on regular adult-use cultivation licenses is expected later this year. The opportunity for hemp farmers to receive these conditional licenses and enter this new market is the result of successfully utilizing NYFB's policy development process.

"If you want to influence policy, you have to be involved and show up," said Miller.

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USDA Names Appointees to the New York Farm Service Agency State Committee

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced appointees who will serve on the New York FSA state committee. Each FSA state committee is comprised of three to five members including a designated chairperson. The individuals appointed to serve on this committee for New York are:

- **Norman Greig** (Committee Chair), Red Hook, Dutchess County. Greig operates Greig Farm - a third-generation farm in the Hudson Valley on over 300 acres. The farm specializes in pick your own fruits and vegetables with over 100,000 visitors annually. He has over 15 years of prior service on the NY State Committee and returns now as the State Committee.
- **Larry Eckhardt**, Stephentown, Rensselaer County. Eckhardt and his family operate Kinderhook Creek Farm, a diversified fresh market vegetable, field crop and livestock operation covering 1250 acres. Eckhardt served four years on the previous State Committee.
- **Jill Gould**, Pavilion, Wyoming County. Gould and her husband are working on the family organic dairy farm, Har-Go Farms. In addition, Gould started Butter Meat Co., purchasing and processing dairy animals as an alternative and sustainable source of beef.
- **Julian Mangano**, Castorland, Lewis County. Mangano began farming six years ago, establishing Della Terra Farm, a small organic farm focused on sustainability and resiliency in our food system. The farm produces vegetables and cut flowers.
- **Michael McMahon**, Homer, Cortland County. McMahon operates EZ Ares Farm LLC, a sixth-generation farm with 900 head of dairy cattle, operating 2700 acres of land. The farm has received wide recognition and won numerous awards for animal welfare and environmental stewardship.

Members of the FSA state committee are appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and are responsible for the oversight of farm programs and county committee operations, resolving program delivery appeals from the agriculture community, maintaining cooperative relations with industry stakeholders, keeping producers informed about FSA programs and operating in a manner consistent with USDA equal opportunity and civil rights policies.

NYS Lifts Ban on Poultry Shows, Exhibitions, Auctions, Sales, Meets, and Swaps

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball has announced the end of the bans on live poultry shows, exhibitions, auctions, sales, meets, and swaps in New York State. The Department had previously issued the bans on March 25 and April 14 as highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) spread across the United States, including detections in New York State. The decision to lift the bans comes as cases decrease

nationwide, including in New York State, which has not had a detection of HPAI in nearly two months. Additionally, as the state enters the agricultural fair season, phylogenetic studies have shown that the majority of flocks affected in the current outbreak were infected by introductions from wild birds, rather than by farm-to-farm transmission, lending additional confidence to the decision to allow co-mingling of poultry again.

To date, eight flocks in New York have tested positive for HPAI, with the last detection in a Fulton County flock on April 6. The Department continues to work closely with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on a joint incident response and is also collaborating with partners at the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Conservation. Additionally, Department officials are conducting extensive outreach to poultry and egg farms across the state to ensure best practices are being

implemented. Commercial and hobby poultry farmers should continue practicing good biosecurity measures to help prevent the spread of the disease. The Department encourages all poultry producers, from small backyard to large commercial operations, to review their biosecurity plans and take precautions to protect their birds. Report sick or dying poultry to the Department at 518-457-3502 or dai@agriculture.ny.gov.

House Appropriations Releases FY23 Agriculture Spending Bill

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture has released its Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The bill includes \$27.2 billion in discretionary funding, which is an increase of \$2.1 billion or 8% above the FY22 enacted level. The following is a summary of the bill: The bill provides more than \$4.2 billion for rural development programs, including \$560 million for the expansion of broadband service. This includes \$450 million for the ReConnect program which is in addition to the \$2 billion investment in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The bill includes \$1.8 billion for Food for Peace grants and \$265 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program. The bill includes \$1.16 billion, \$52 million above the FY22 enacted level, for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The bill provides nearly \$3.6 billion for agriculture research programs, including the Agricultural Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, including the highest ever level for USDA's flagship competitive research program, the Agriculture Food and Research Initiative. The bill provides \$244 million, \$16 million above the FY22 enacted level and \$10 million above the request, to facilitate the movement of agriculture products and open market opportunities, which includes \$22.8 million for the National to protect the integrity of the USDA Organic label and \$30.2 million for the oversight and enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

President Signs Ocean Shipping Reform Act

After the House and Senate passed S. 3580, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, the bill was signed by President Biden on June 15. The bill had bipartisan support and was supported by numerous agricultural organizations including New York Farm Bureau. The bill aims to address ongoing congestion and related logistical obstacles threatening U.S. farmers' ability to meet 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 suggesting agriculture has lost out on more than \$25 billion in agricultural exports over the past six months due to ocean shipping constraints.

The Ocean Shipping Reform Act will 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.

U.S. Continues Dairy Action with Canada

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has requested further consultations with Canada over their dairy import program changes, saying that they do not follow the decision in the case won by the U.S. Canada submitted proposed changes to their dairy import program to comply with the current dispute panel ruling. USTR has rejected these proposals for not following the decision, against Canada, that the implementation of their TRQ program did not allow the increased access for U.S. dairy products that was included in the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Canada has moved to finalize their program changes and the U.S. has reacted by requesting consultations, the beginning of a second dispute process. USTR has chosen to ask for new consultations to resolve concerns rather than imposing retaliation. The request from USTR, under USMCA dispute settlement procedures, challenges Canada's dairy tariff-rate quota (TRQ) allocation measures for denying access to eligible applicants. The request also charges that Canada's failure to fully allocate its annual dairy TRQ undermines the market access that it agreed to provide in the USMCA.

In December 2021, a USMCA dispute settlement panel decided in favor of the U.S. in the case against Canada over dairy imports. The panel ruled that Canada violated the terms of the USMCA by improperly restricting access to its market for U.S. dairy products by the administration of its dairy tariff-rate quota commitments. USTR brought the case claiming that their implementation of the dairy TRQ's unfairly protects Canadian firms and limits the ability of U.S. products to enter Canadian markets. The TRQ's are intended to allow for increased access for U.S. dairy products. If consultations do not resolve the dispute, a new case may be initiated.

Farm Bureau supports using the enforcement measures in USMCA to reach the negotiated access to Canadian markets for U.S. dairy products.

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The Fruit Issue





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NY’s Legislative Districts ... Finally Final

After many months of deliberation and court challenges, New York’s legislative districts have been finalized. The saga all started after the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission, the state’s first bipartisan commission, failed to reach a consensus in early 2022 on how the new district lines should be drawn in the state. This then prompted the Democratic-controlled state legislature to draw their own maps and pass legislation enacting them. However, the Congressional and State Senate maps were challenged in court by Republicans as gerrymandering and favoring Democrats. The case reached the highest court in the State, the Court of Appeals, which ruled that the new district lines for the Congressional and State Senate maps were biased. This put the case back with Steuben County Supreme Court Judge Patrick McAllister, who made the original ruling on the state legislature maps.

In May 2022, Judge McAllister appointed a special master, Jonathan Cervas, a Carnegie Mellon University Fellow, to redraw the maps, which became the final Congressional and State Senate maps that will be used for the 2022 primary and general elections. Because the maps were final-

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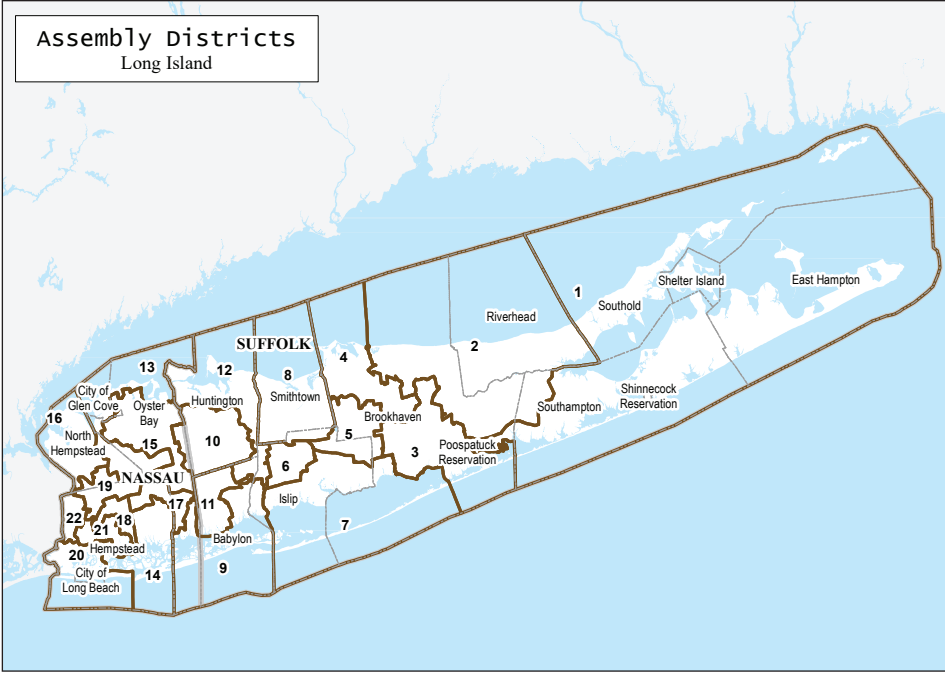
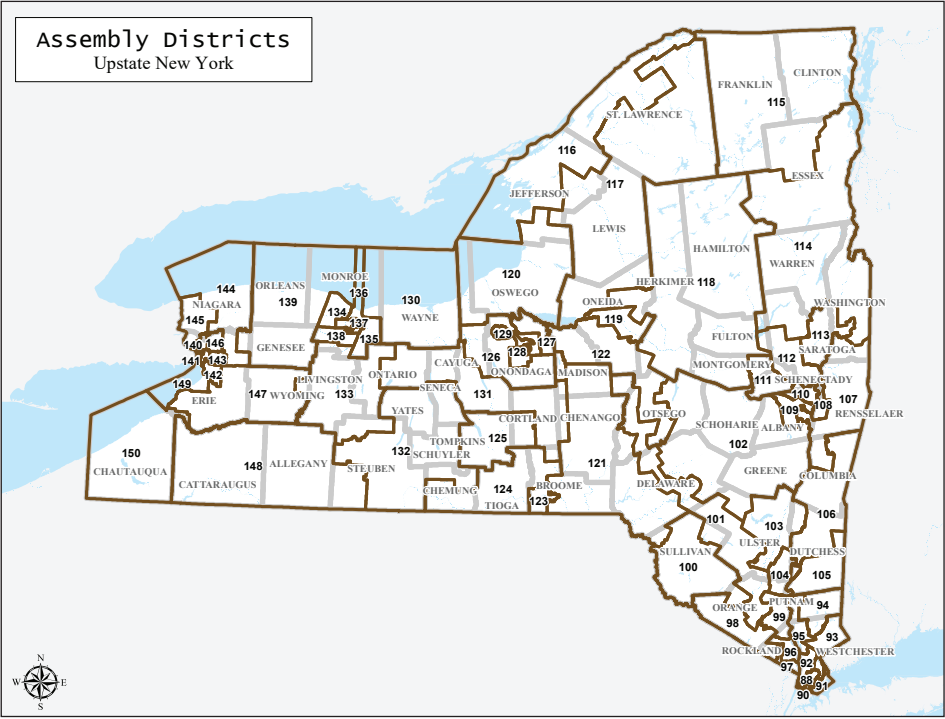
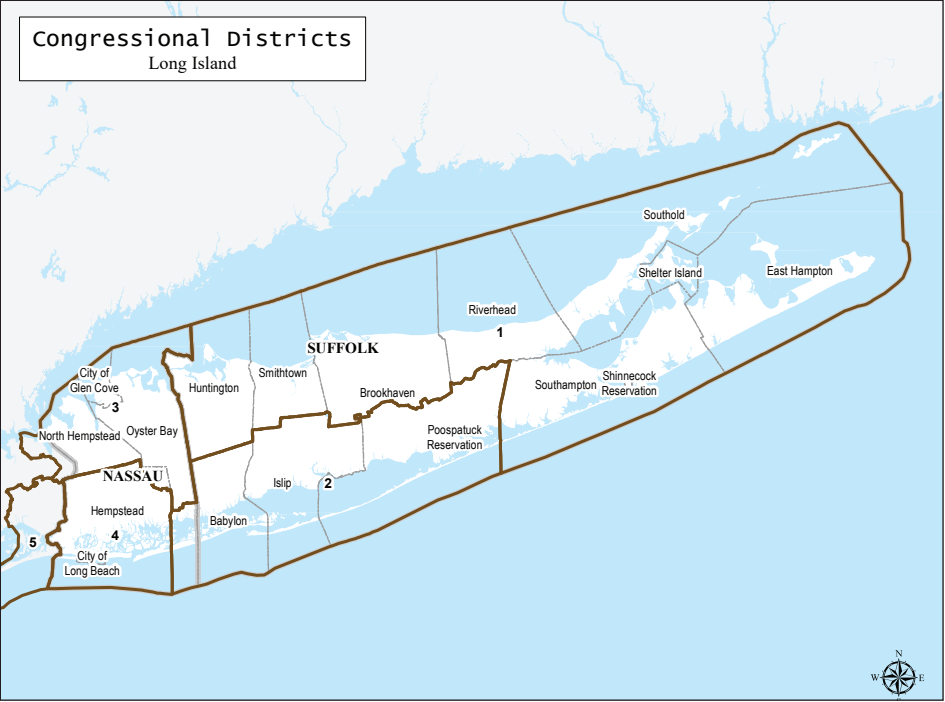
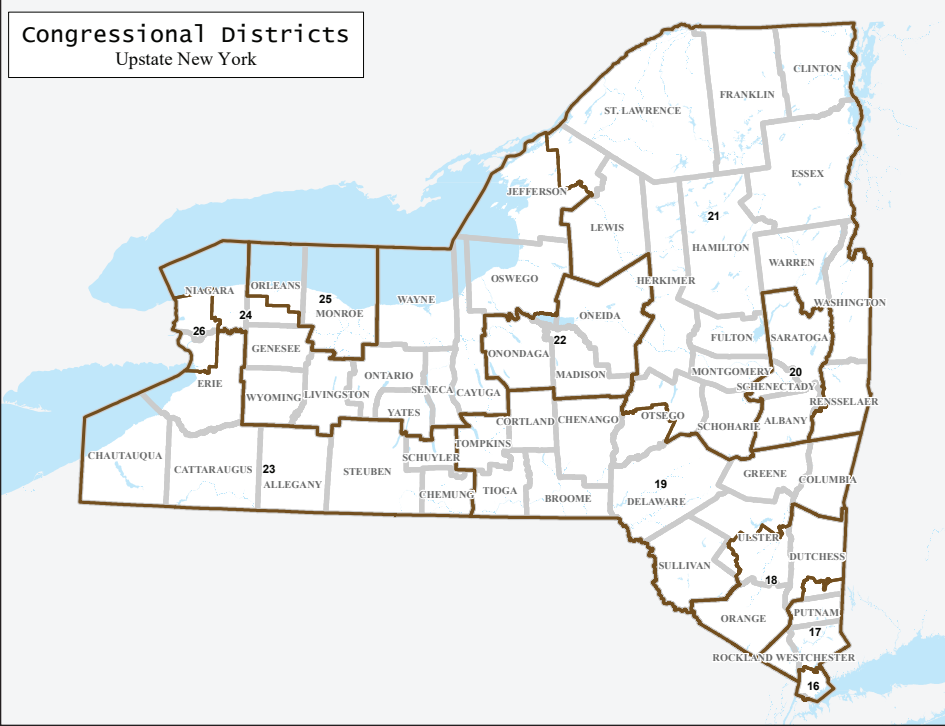
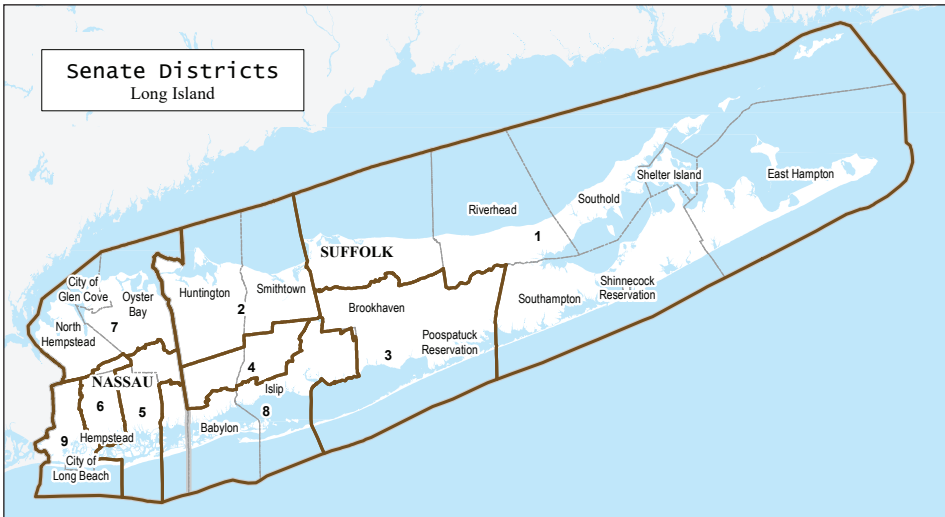
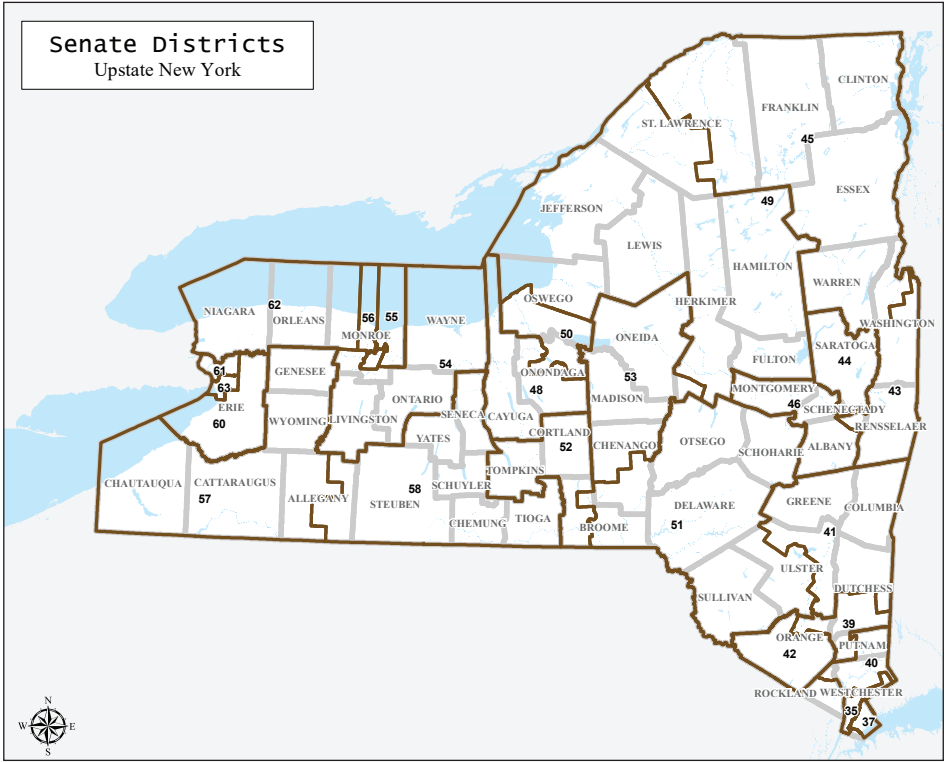
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ized so late, the primary date for these seats was moved from June 28 to Aug. 23. The primary date of June 28 did not change for the state Assembly races, statewide and local elections. There was also a challenge to the state Assembly maps, but a ruling was made too close to the June 28 primary, and those Assembly maps will stand for the 2022 elections.

Special Master Cervas aimed to evenly draw the district lines that were fairly competitive between Democrats and Republicans as well as limit the number of counties split between districts. Based on the new maps, New York’s now 26 congressional districts will have 15 districts that lean Democrat, 3 leaning Republican, and 8 falling into the competitive range. Each

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Below and right are the final district maps for the New York Congressional, New York State Senate, and Assembly seats. These maps are available electronically to help individuals identify which district they may be in.





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Syracuse Students Study Grain Bin Design

Greg Coon, Vice President of the Madison County Farm Bureau met with students from Syracuse University to discuss grain bin safety. The students, Mathieu Barthelmy and Siara Greco are part of a team of university students competing in the Invent@SU Design Prototype Pitch competition. The students will be designing of a product that could be used to prevent grain bin entrapments.

DISTRICTS

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district will have around 776,000 constituents.

With the release of the new district maps, there has been a lot of reshuffling of candidates in districts as some existing elected officials are running in new districts or are competing against fellow elected officials. On a particular note, with now Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado no longer running in the NY-19 congressional seat, it opens the district to a very competitive race between Democrats and Republicans. In addition, Congressman Jacobs has announced that he is not running for re-election so that will open another seat in Western New York, in addition to the seat left vacant by former Congressman Reed

in the Southern Tier. In addition, the seat held by Congressman Katko, who is not running for re-election, has been restructured and now includes just Onondaga, Madison, and Oneida counties. Current NY District 22, represented by Claudia Tenney, has been eliminated, and she has indicated she will run in another district. Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney has decided to run in the new NY-17 district which leaves an opening in the new 18th Congressional District, which will be a competitive seat. There has also been some shifting of the Long Island Congressional Districts, and NY-1 will be an open competitive seat as Congressman Zeldin is running for governor. In the October 2022 edition of *Grassroots*, NYFB will feature an agricultural candidate questionnaire for the open Congressional seats and an overview of the candidates running in those seats.



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