

Montgomery County Farm Bureau News Fall 2022



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New York Farm Bureau is excited to announce its new podcast, "News Bytes," a weekly podcast that will include the latest news and information regarding NYFB and agriculture.

Latest edition of New York Farm Bureau News Bytes Podcast is available now. NYFB takes you to the State Fair and talks to Eileen Jensen, Executive Director of the New York Animal Agriculture Coalition, about the conversations happening with fairgoers inside the Dairy Cow Birthing Center.

We also welcome any topic ideas or feedback. Please email us at communications@nyfb.org.

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County Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022
Iroquois Lanes Restaurant
192 Erie Blvd. • Canajoharie

Guest Speaker

Commissioner Richard Ball
NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets

Gathering at 6:30 p.m.

Cash Bar Available.

Dinner/Meeting at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person, payable at the door.

If 2023 dues are already paid or paid at the door, you will receive one free meal.

Make your voice heard! This is the opportunity to help shape our policy book, to help remove burdensome regulations/laws, or to change existing laws/regulations that will help make your farm more profitable, efficient, and sustainable. **EVERY SINGLE FARM BUREAU POLICY WAS ORIGINALLY PASSED AT THE COUNTY LEVEL FIRST.** Some topics to be discussed include lifetime membership updates, broadband access, utility line heights regulations, and maintenance of road widths for agricultural vehicles. Your ideas are welcome to be brought up from the floor during the meeting.

RSVP before October 12 to Mike Settle at:
518-744-5124 or msettle@gmail.com

2023 Proposed Policies

Policies up for discussion and voted on:

Reaffirm

We support requiring utilities to maintain minimum heights of 20 feet for power and 18 feet for other lines over farmers' fields upon request of the landowner or upon request of the farmer who is leasing the land.

Internal

We support the discussion by the state membership committee to review and update the NYFB Lifetime Membership status and requirements.

State

1. 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?

2. We support the continued expansion of high-speed, broadband access to all areas of the county.

Any proposed resolutions from the floor will be accepted.

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Top 5 Reasons Why New York Farm Bureau Needs You

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| 1. Burdensome legislation and regulations threaten the profitability of New York farms | compete with farms in neighboring states and other counties. |
| 2. Mandated increased farm wages will reduce your profits | 4. Recent New York State climate change initiatives punish farmers rather than partnering with them. |
| 3. Rules and red tape hamper your ability to | 5. Over regulation inhibits your farm profitability and rural economies. |