Jefferson County Farm Bureau

September 2022



All are cordially invited to attend the

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u>

Wednesday, October 12

Adams Country Club 10700 US-11 & Adams, NY Cocktails starting at 6:30 p.m.

DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.

ONE FREE DINNER

WITH A PAID 2023 FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP*

or \$30 per person

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 28 TO: eny@nyfb.org or call 518-431-5650

*As in the past, 2023 Farm Bureau dues that are paid by the night of Oct. 12 will automatically enter you into a drawing to reimburse you for your Farm Bureau dues. 2023 Membership payments will be accepted at the door.

2022 JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU PROPOSED POLICY RESOLUTIONS

STATE

- 1. We recommend that all taxable beverage containers, except wine, but including glass, plastic, metal, and beverage water bottles, should be included in the existing bottle deposit law for a refundable \$.05 \$.10 deposit, with a the increased \$.05 portion of the unclaimed bottle deposits being devoted to agricultural environmental projects and farm educational outreach within the Environmental Protection Fund. (current policy amended, pg. 116, # 7, in the section on Recycling)
- 2. We support a prohibition on the use of any state government incentives for solar development on prime soils and soils of statewide significance. This includes direct and indirect government subsidies, tax credits and property tax breaks. Agricultural lands should receive the same or higher protections that wetlands receive for solar installations (current policy proposal amendment, Pg. 69, # 42, in the Renewable Energy Section).
- 3. We recommend prime soil mitigation fee when prime soils are present when siting an alternative energy production facility.
 - a. It is recommended that the mitigation fee be assessed on a sliding scale relative to the percentage of the project situated on prime soils. Projects situated on less than 5% of the total project being on prime soils should have a mitigation factor of 1.25 for every acre of prime soil, 5-25% factor of 1.5, 26- 50% should have a factor of 2, 51-75% factor of 2.75, over 75% should be 3.5.
 - b. The mitigation should occur within five miles of the proposed project.
 - c. The mitigation should be performed on soils in classes 2 and 3.
 - d. The mitigation should consist of practices that promote soil health, reduce soil erosion, improve water filtration capacity farmland preservation, purchase of development rights and conservation easements. Examples of this include tiling to prevent ponding, prescription cover-cropping to promote soil structure, and structures such as diversion ditches and gully plugs to reduce erosion.
 - e. All mitigation projects should run concurrent with the alternative energy project and be extended with an extension of alternative energy contract.
 - f. Perpetuation of mitigation for the entirety of the alternative energy contract should be ensured within the decommissioning bond.
 - g. All costs of mitigation should be the responsibility of the project originator and not subsidized by funds intended for agricultural operators (current policy proposal amendment, Pg. 69, # 43, in the Renewable Energy Section).
- 4. We oppose the use of government subsidies to drive the direct competition of commercial solar companies for farmland by lease/ rental. (current policy proposal amendment, Pg. 70, #44, in the Renewable Energy Section).
- 5. Have a general discussion about the possible removal of the NYFB Beliefs Section in the Policy Book (Pages i & ii)



PROPOSED JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU BY-LAW CHANGES

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. <u>Number and Authority</u>. The business and property of this corporation shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President and nine (9) seven (7) elected Directors. The term of office of elected Directors shall be two years, with one half to be elected each year. No Director may be elected more than three consecutive terms. In addition, the immediate Past President and, if there is a county Promotion and Education Committee and/or a county Young Farmer Committee, the chairperson of each shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors with full voting powers.

ANNUAL FALL OUTREACH DINNER NNY CHAPTER FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN FARMERS, INT. Friday, September 30, 2022 South Jefferson Historical Society Sixtown Meeting House, Church Street & Adams, NY

6:30 p.m. refreshments served by Jefferson County Dairy Ambassador Team

7:00 p.m. Old Fashioned, Family Style Homemade Turkey Dinner

Keynote Speakers

Andy and Joan Mower

Andy and his wife Joan are owners and operators of Performance Premixes in Holland Patent, NY. Both are active in their local church and support FCFI.

TO OUR MEMBERS

One of the most valuable benefits of your Farm Bureau membership is the ability to develop and shape policy for the organization. This if your opportunity, as a member, to provide a voice for your sector of agriculture and impact legislation related to our agriculture industry. Earlier this year a committee of Farm Bureau members was tasked with reviewing the current NYFB policy book, they were asked to review the book to consolidate policies, remove policies no longer thought to be needed and to recommend those changes to the delegates at this years State Annual Meeting. The first portion of their work can be reviewed on the Jefferson County Farm Bureau web page at <u>https://www.nyfb.org/about/</u>

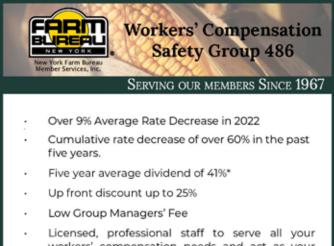
<u>county-farm-bureau/jefferson-county</u>. Please review this document and

this document and if you would like to question any of their work, you will have that opportunity at the County Annual Meeting on October 12th.



Farmers and non-farmers are invited to attend for an evening of food, fun, friends, faith and fellowship. \$15/person_reservations requested by Tuesda

\$15/person, reservations requested by Tuesday, September 27. Please RSVP to David Porter at 315-778-5247.



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