

# Jefferson County Farm Bureau

September 2022



To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture

All are cordially invited to attend the

## **JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Wednesday, October 12**

held at

**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 \$1.10 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)

### LAND AS YOUR LEGACY®



#### Farm Transition Workshop

As an owner of a family farm or ranch, many of your assets are tangible items. Land, livestock and equipment may be difficult to divide evenly among your children or desired parties. And when the time comes for retirement, selling your assets to help pay taxes and living expenses can be equally challenging.

Presented by: Henry Mondschein,  
Connect Financial Group LLC

\$15 per person - 1 Free meal with a paid 2023 membership

To Register: [eny@nyfb.org](mailto:eny@nyfb.org) or 518-431-5650

*This event is underwritten by the Kevin M. Daniels Agency, a Nationwide Insurance provider, New York Farm Bureau and Lewis County Farm Bureau.*

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Lewis, Jefferson  
& St. Lawrence  
County Farm Bureau  
members

OCTOBER 27TH  
AT 7:00pm

Carlowden Golf Club  
4105 Carlowden Rd  
Carthage, NY

6:30pm  
Lewis County Farm  
Bureau Annual  
Business meeting



## PROPOSED JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU BY-LAW CHANGES

### ARTICLE III

#### Board of Directors

Section 1. Number and Authority. 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 Premises in Holland Patent, NY. Both are active in their local church and support FCFL.


Farmers and non-farmers are invited to attend for an evening of food, fun, friends, faith and fellowship.

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

### 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 is 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 year's State Annual Meeting. The first portion of their work can be reviewed on the Jefferson County Farm Bureau web page at <https://www.nyfb.org/about/county-farm-bureau/jefferson-county>. Please review 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.




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Jefferson County Farm Bureau meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cazenovia Equipment, in Watertown.