

Madison County Farm Bureau

Winter 2023



To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture

President's Message

Madison County Farm Bureau members,

The new year always brings me a renewed sense of optimism as I look forward to all the possibilities. This couldn't be more true as we've had some positive news of late that we can all celebrate.

Governor Hochul vetoed the C-Streams bill, stating in her veto message the bill would have "serious regulatory impacts" and greatly increase the costs to the state and local communities.

NYFB President, David Fisher and NYFB Public Policy Director, Jeff Williams were both named to the newly Reconvened NYS Agricultural Working Group. The goal of which is to cut red tape, reduce regulatory burdens, and foster growth in agriculture within the state.

The American Farm Bureau Federation entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with John Deere recognizing a farmers right to repair their own equipment is also welcome news and it's a step in the right direction.

The due diligence and hard work of our Farm Bureau members have made these things happen. Thank You! I will continue to work hard on behalf of the Madison County Farm Bureau members because I believe strongly in the work that Farm Bureau and every member does every day.

-Greg Coon, President
Madison County Farm Bureau



NYFB LOBBY DAY & TASTE NY RECEPTION

New York Farm Bureau's Lobby Day and Taste NY Reception are scheduled for February 27-28, 2023 in Albany. This is a great opportunity for any Madison County Farm Bureau member to show elected officials from across the state the diversity and importance of Madison County agriculture.

The Taste NY Reception (February 27) will showcase products from around New York State and Madison County will have a booth for displaying our great Madison County agricultural product!

Lobby Day (February 28) will be an opportunity for members to meet with and give a rural production perspective to elected legislators. Madison County Farm Bureau will also meet with urban "Adopted Legislators." For some, it may be the first contact with an agricultural producer.

Anyone interested in participating in Lobby Day or donating a product for the Taste of NY Reception should contact John Wagner at 315-761-9770 or email jwagner@nyfb.org.



The New York Farm Bureau County Support Office proudly serving Madison County Farm Bureau has moved. There are currently TWO locations to serve you!

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Madison County Farm Bureau Hosts Legislative Tour



Photo Above: L-R Asher Burkhardt-Spiegel, Madison County Farm Bureau member and owner of Common Thread CSA in Hamilton, NY discusses his farm operation with Assemblyman John Salka, Assemblyman Brian Miller and Assemblyman Joe Angelino as part of a series of farm tours the legislators took in early December to learn more about Madison County agriculture.



Photo Upper Right: Bret Bossard partner in Barbland Dairy discussing the farms operation with, from left, : David Poletto, staff for Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblyman Brian Miller; Teo Ballvé (Colgate University Professor); Susan Jaquish, staff for Assemblyman Brian Miller and Darrell Griff, Madison County Farm Bureau Vice-President.



Photo Right: David Poletto, staff member for Assemblyman Brian Miller with two students from the Hamilton Central School Agricultural Program. The students are walking David through the design and creation of the flower arrangement that will be the December item to be distributed as part of the floral arrangement of the month program that is being operated by the students in the Horticultural class.

Madison County Farm Bureau Recognized at State Annual Meeting

Madison County Farm Bureau received four County Awards of Excellence awards from New York Farm Bureau as part of its end of the year recognition program. Awards were presented during the organization's 66th State Annual Meeting held December 7 in Buffalo, NY.

The County Excellence Awards are presented to county Farm Bureaus that have exhibited excellence in a variety of categories relating to effectiveness in agriculture promotion and outreach, leadership and county Farm Bureau management, legislative advocacy, and membership.

"Madison County Farm Bureau's awards recognize the positive work we do on behalf of our members. We are addressing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for our members and the greater agricultural community," said Greg Coon, County Farm Bureau President.

Photo: Jo Stephenson addresses the delegate body at New York Farm Bureau's State Annual Meeting held December 7 in Buffalo.



MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

CAZ SPORTS BOWL
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- \$75 per Team
- Teams of up to 5
(Men, Women, or Mixed)
- No Tap (9=X and X=X)
- Handicap 80% of 200
- Bowlers Without Average
Men—160 Women—130
- 2 Sessions (11 AM & 2 PM)
- \$1 Optional 300 Jackpot
- Raffles!



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**PICK A THEME AND
DRESS YOUR TEAM!**

MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

List of Participants

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**Mail Completed Registration
Form and Fee (\$75 per team) to:**

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Cazenovia, NY 13035

**Make checks payable to:
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For more information contact Jo at
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Proceeds raised will go towards FFA and 4-H youth programming.
Concessions will be available for purchase at Caz Sports Bowl.



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Madison County Farm Bureau meets on the second
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