

Madison County Proposed Policy Resolutions

State Policies

- 1. We support agricultural assessment on all acreage used by any farm operation exceeding \$10,000 ~~\$50,000~~ in sales. (Current policy #19 on page 2 in section on Agricultural Assessments, new language in bold and underlined)
- 2. We support extending the 10-year Real Property Tax Exemption (RP-483) for newly constructed or reconstructed agricultural structures.
- 3. We support prohibiting the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UVA’S) for the hunting of wildlife, but support an exemption for their use in filling DEC nuisance permits.
- 4. We support a free recovery program for farm tractor and truck tires as there is current not a recycling program available. (Re-affirm current policy #8 on page 99 in the section on Recycling)
- 5. We support ensuring that farm brewery licensees comply with the provisions to use New York State – grown products, as noted in the existing statute and further support the development of an on-line annual compliance/audit report for the licensees to complete that ensures that the provisions of the statute are being met. (Current policy #15 on page 39 in the section on Brewery and Distillery Issues, new language in bold and underlined)
- 6. We support allowing producers of alcoholic beverages to file their annual New York State tax returns electronically similar to all other businesses in the state.
- 7. We support allowing koji-based distilled spirits being defined under the NYS Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and being allowed to be eligible for sale at retail for consumption at locations that are currently licensed to sell wine.
- 8. We do not support a re-establishment of the New York State Barn Restoration and Preservation grants program.
- 9. We support establishment of line item funding in the NYS Budget for the New York State Agricultural Mediation Program.
- 10. We support giving the NYS Canal Corporation more leeway in removing debris that is obstructing their structures.
- 11. We support the definition of shelter as adequate protection from the elements and weather conditions suitable for the age, species, and physical condition of the animal so as to maintain the animal in a state of good health, as determined by the state veterinarian. Shelter for livestock includes structures or natural features such as trees or topography and does not necessarily require a barn or other structure to be in place.

National Policies

- 1. We support maintaining Federal funding in the Farm Bill for the Agricultural Mediation Program.
- 2. We oppose requiring all aspects of the CNMP (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan) being completed to receive EQUIP funding, only those practices that are part of the EQUIP funding should have to be completed.

Save the Date

Madison County Farm Bureau is taking over the tasting room at Owera Vineyards for a night of fun, food, wine, beer, spirits and live entertainment– all to benefit a worthy cause, the Food Bank of Central New York.



MCFB and Owera Winery were proud present a check to the Food Bank of Central New York with a check for \$2,400 from this wonderful event last year.

If you are **interested in volunteering**, please contact Johanna Bossard at jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org or 315-440-1044. Looking for bartenders, wait staff and food runners willing to make a two hour commitment.

We hope you can join us!



New York State Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon visits with MCFB member Jeff Kubecka at his farm in Kirkville. Commissioner Reardon had a chance to learn more about some of the labor issues and challenges facing New York’s vegetable and produce farms.



MCFB members supporting Assemblyman Bill Magee, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, at his annual Lobster Bake in Cazenovia.

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Madison County Farm Bureau meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County Farm & Home Center, 100 Eaton Street, Morrisville, NY at 7:30 p.m.

Madison County Farm Bureau



EVERY FARMER

September 2017

You are cordially invited to attend an evening celebration of Madison County agriculture

Madison County Farm Bureau's

Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 11

at

Hampton Inn • 25 Lakers Lane, Cazenovia

7:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:30 p.m. Dinner

*Cost is \$25 per person**

**1 FREE dinner with a paid 2018 membership. Payment will be accepted at the door.*

Please join us for a night of good food, good company, quality discussion and decision making. We will be electing members to the Madison County Board of Directors and voting on policy resolutions that will be sent on for consideration at New York Farm Bureau's State Annual Meeting in December.

Your RSVP is requested by Wednesday, Oct. 4. Please email eny@nyfb.org or call 1-866-995-7300. Refer to the Madison County Annual Meeting when making your reservation.

We hope to see you there!