

Onondaga County Farm Bureau Achievements and Activities in 2017

- ✓ Instrumental in lobbying and supporting the recently enacted inherent risk legislation
- ✓ Successfully lobbied for Malt Barley insurance coverage in Onondaga County for 2018
- ✓ Multiple members attended lobby days in Albany and Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Title sponsor of ON Farm Fest
- ✓ Sponsor of Spectrum News monthly highlight of local farms
- ✓ Sponsored 7 FFA students and leaders to attend lobby days in Albany
- ✓ Sponsored FFA jackets for two students
- ✓ Held Spring and Fall Farm to Kids Club for 2nd to 4th graders at Mott Road School
- ✓ Raised over \$1,000 for the CNY Food Bank at our winery takeover night
- ✓ Combined with Cortland and Madison Counties to sponsor farm tours for our state young farmers

These are a few of the many things our volunteers do *with your membership dollars* to serve and strengthen agriculture in Onondaga County! Continue your support of every New York farmer and renew your membership today. Call 1-800-342-4143 or visit NYFB.org.

Onondaga County Farm Bureau would like to challenge our members to sign up at least one new member— a friend, neighbor, colleague or a supporter of agriculture. Together, we can increase our influence and have a larger impact in preserving and protecting our industry for future generations to come.

As an added incentive and a *thank you* for your time and dedication to our Farm Bureau family, if you sign up five new members you will receive a NYFB Carhartt jacket.

Join our Membership Challenge to Sign up One New Member

We are leaders in our local communities.

We are grassroots advocates.

We provide public service and outreach.

We promote agricultural literacy.

We work hard every day to make your job easier and protect our industry for future generations to come.

Farmers put food on everyone’s table.



For more information on membership recruitment, contact Scott Potter at 607-842-6259.

Welcome New Board Members



Nate and Cristy Williams of Dutch Hill Maple

Cristy was elected to a two-year board seat at our annual meeting and Nate is our new Young Farmer & Rancher Chair. They are second generation maple farmers from Tully, NY. They currently have 5,000 taps and a new state of the art evaporation and reverse osmosis system. Nate and Cristy hosted our Young Farmer & Rancher group for a tour in 2017 and they look forward to expanding our Young Farmer & Rancher organization with the help of their committee.

If you have ideas for activities or would like to get more involved with our Young Farmers, call Nate at 315-657-8116.

In Other Board News...

Board member Christina Hudson is running for another term on the NYFB Young Farmer & Rancher Committee, and county Farm Bureau President Dan Palladino will serve on the NYFB Membership Committee.

Good luck to our former Young Farmer & Rancher Chair Marcus Richards, a state finalist in the NYFB Young Farmer & Rancher Excellence Award Competition. Competitors are judged on their farm operation and growth, financial progress of their operation, and their Farm Bureau and community leadership. The winner will be announced at NYFB’s State Annual Meeting in December.

**Strike Up Some Fun
OCFB Young Farmers & Ranchers
Bowling Night
Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.
AMF Strike N Spare Lanes
1777 Brewerton Rd., Syracuse
RSVP to Cristy at 315-481-6802**

Open to all farmers 35 and under. All bowling costs and food and drinks will be covered by Farm Bureau. Come out and meet other young farmers from across Onondaga County and enjoy a great night on us! Not a member yet? No worries, come anyway and get to know what we’re about.



Our Farm to Kids Club at Mott Road (F-M) Elementary School participated in Chicken Chat with OCFB’s Promotion and Education Committee Chair Christina Hudson. Students in grades 2-4 learned more about poultry and New York State agriculture through hands-on activities.

The first year of the Farm to Kids Club was a success thanks to our dedicated volunteers, parents and children. We look forward to 2018!

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President’s Report



What a year for us! For many years, your Farm Bureau leadership has lobbied tirelessly for Inherent Risk Reform, and it was finally passed by both legislative bodies and signed by our Governor this month! This will provide liability

protection and expected lower insurance rates for those in the agritourism and equestrian industries and those of us who have the public come to our farms for any occasion. Special thanks to Ed and Paulie Drexler, Kim Allan, Kathy Porter and many others who lobbied and e-lobbied tirelessly for this.

Please support our volunteers’ hard work by **renewing your membership today**. We are happy to give our time to fight for the issues that matter to you, but to do this effectively we need your membership support.

We have a lot in front of us still: helping fix immigration to benefit our dairy farms, pushing for New York farms special needs in the new Farm Bill, supporting new specialty crops, craft beverage industry, and expanding school local food programs. We also want to continue to grow our support of FFA, Food Bank of CNY, young farmers, and agriculture education in the classroom.

We can’t do all of this without your help. Renew today and find one new member who values all we are doing even if they aren’t in agriculture. Help us help you.

Thank you for all your support in allowing us to build a strong “grassroots” organization!

Dan Palladino



Onondaga County Farm Bureau had a great time at this year’s Apple Festival in Lafayette. Above are two of our best workers selling delicious Onondaga County milk.

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Serving the Agricultural Community for 50 Years.

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COVERAGE FOR 20 DIFFERENT AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATIONS	25% AVERAGE DIVIDEND**

** Represents an average dividend over the last 5 years. Dividend levels are not guaranteed.

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Onondaga County Farm Bureau meets on the third
Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the
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