

Cayuga County Farm Bureau was proud to welcome New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher to its annual meeting in October at the Springside Inn in Auburn. Fisher addressed attendees during an evening filled with thoughtful discussion, grassroots advocacy and a celebration of Cayuga County agriculture.



*CCFB's Jim Young addresses delegates from 52 county Farm Bureaus in Albany.*

*NYFB President David Fisher speaks at the 2017 CCFB Annual Meeting.*



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## Agricultural Agency Awareness Day Open House

**10 a.m.— 2 p.m.**

**Natural Resource Center**

**7413 County House Road, Auburn**

**Stop by anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

Representatives from the following agencies will be available to provide information on their programs and services and answer questions:

- **Agricultural Engineering Services (AES)**
- **Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)**
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE)**
- **Farm Service Agency (FSA)**
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
- **New York Farm Bureau (NYFB)**
- **Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**

**Refreshments will be provided!**

*For more details call Cayuga County Farm Service Agency at 315-253-8471 ext.2. Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Krista Tyrell at 315-253-8471 ext. 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.*

**BEFORE WE EAT**  
from farm to table

Pat Brisson  
Illustrated by Mary Azarian

In celebration of agriculture, we are once again taking an active role in **Ag Literacy Week**. It is such a rewarding program to be involved in and hope you will join us this year. During the

week of **March 19-23**, we are looking for volunteers to read *Before We Eat: From Farm to Table*, by Pat Brisson, to elementary school children. The book displays the vast opportunities and diversity that New York agriculture encompasses. Students will be taken on a journey from farm to table to understand the different aspects of agriculture and the many possible careers involved. There are also fun, hands-on related activities to keep them learning and engaged. If you are interested in participating, please contact CCE Cayuga County at 315-255-1183.

- Double the minimum wage tax credit for farmers starting in 2018.
- Oppose unworkable farm labor mandates and make much needed updates and reforms to NYS labor laws and regulations.
- Increase school meal reimbursements to incentivize the purchase of fresh and minimally processed local food.
- Support the removal of an acreage requirement for farms in the agricultural assessment program as long as they meet income eligibility requirements.

Visit [NYFB.org](http://NYFB.org) to learn how you can add your voice.

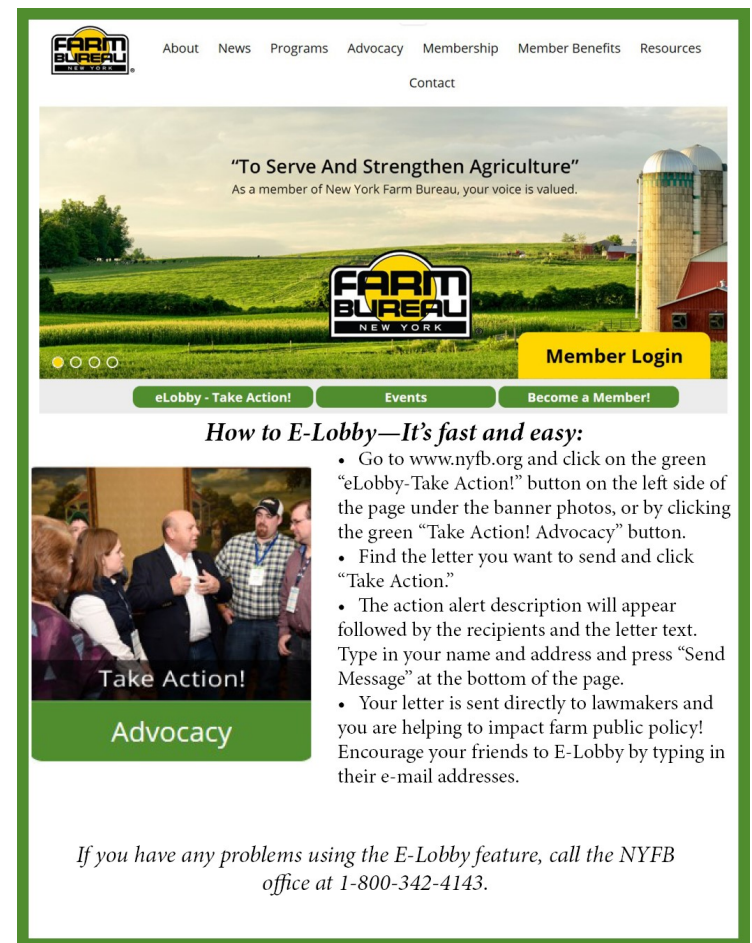
**NYFB Scores Two Key Victories for Farm Families** *(To find out more, visit [NYFB.org](http://NYFB.org))*

✓ **Inherent Risk Reform**— The new law (Chapter 338 of 2017) will amend the general obligations law to clarify responsibilities for both farm operators and visitors alike. Agricultural tourism and outdoor recreation activities that include horseback riding, u-pick Christmas trees and fruit orchards, along with tours of wineries and maple operations, all now have a new line of defense against frivolous lawsuits.

✓ **Lawsuit Dismissed**— Judge Richard McNally has granted NYFB's request to dismiss the New York Civil Liberties Union's baseless lawsuit that sought to create collective bargaining rights for farmworkers. NYFB argued in State Supreme Court in Albany last July that our system of government requires that the legislature change state law, not the courts.

## Pesticide Training Series Offered for NYS DEC Test

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County (CCE Cayuga County) is offering a Pesticide Certification Training Series for those wishing to prepare for the Pesticide CORE and Category exams as required by the New York State DEC to obtain a restricted use pesticide license. The two session training has been scheduled for **Tues., Feb. 20 and Tues., Feb. 27** from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Each session will be held at the CCE Cayuga County Education Center, 248 Grant Avenue in Auburn. Cost to attend both classes will be \$25 with an additional cost for training manuals. Training manuals are a critical portion of the two-session training and each student should have their own copy at each of the classes, as well as the test. To **register** for the training series contact Peggy Lillie (psb4@cornell.edu) at 315-255-1183 ext. 238. For **questions** to determine proper study materials, contact Keith Severson (kvs5@cornell.edu) at 315-255-1183 ext. 225.



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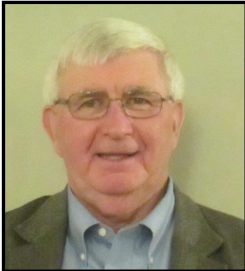
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Farm Bureau News

# Cayuga County Farm Bureau News

February 2018



### President's Report



Cayuga County farmers have a wealth of programming available over the next few months that will help educate, inspire and keep agriculture moving in the right direction. Your continued support of our great organization has brought about positive change over the last year and we look to build on that momentum in 2018. Every farmer *needs* Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau *needs* every farmer.

Ray Lockwood

*There are a limited number of special discounts available to cover \$100 in costs. Contact Skip Jensen at [sjensen@nyfb.org](mailto:sjensen@nyfb.org) for more.*

### LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



New York Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers

### YOUNG FARMERS - AGRICULTURE'S LINK TO THE FUTURE

MARCH 16-17, 2018  
HOLIDAY INN, AUBURN



#### SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Keynote Speaker - Matt Lohr, Lifting the Limits, The Strongest Link
- Know Your Beef Beyond the Label
- YF&R Competitive Events 101
- How an Idea gets from the Kitchen Table to the Delegate floor

#### Registration Costs

NYFB Members: Young Farmer  
Package = \$125

#### Hotel Costs:

\$100.57 per room [includes taxes]  
Call Holiday Inn, 315-255-4531 for  
your hotel reservation

REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
MARCH 7, 2018

To Register:  
800-342-4143 • NYFB.org

### Upcoming Events to Note

**Agricultural Agency Awareness Day Open House**  
Feb. 15 from 10 a.m.— 2 p.m.  
Natural Resource Center  
7413 County House Road • Auburn  
*See inside for details*

**NYFB Mid-Winter Regional Meeting**  
Feb. 20 from 11 a.m.— 2 p.m.  
NYFB Central NY Office  
7413 County House Road • Auburn  
Come hear important updates from NYFB's management team including 2018 priority issues, NYS budget update, membership, NYFB SG 486 Workers' Compensation Program and more.  
To register, visit [NYFB.org](http://NYFB.org) or call 315-252-1367.

**New York Farm Show**  
Feb. 22-24 from 8:30 a.m.— 4 p.m.  
NYS Fairgrounds  
\$5 at the door, under 18 free  
*Free tickets* are available by sending a request along with a self-addressed stamped envelope by Feb. 15 to  
NY Farm Show • PO Box 3470 • Syracuse, NY 13220  
[nyfarmshow.org](http://nyfarmshow.org)

**NYFB Taste of NY Reception and Lobby Day**  
March 5-6 • Albany  
Farmers will visit the Capitol to meet with legislators to advocate for 2018 public policy priorities.  
[NYFB.org](http://NYFB.org)

**Young Farmers Leadership Conference**  
March 16-17 • Holiday Inn, Auburn  
Keynote Speaker: Matt Lohr  
All young farmers are invited to attend.  
1-800-342-4143 or [NYFB.org](http://NYFB.org)



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*The board usually meets every second Wednesday  
of the month at the CNYFB Regional Office  
located at 7413 County House Road in Auburn.*