



DELAWARE COUNTY  
FARM BUREAU  
2017 RESOLUTIONS

Local (Reaffirm)

We support moving assessor and code enforcement officers to county level to remove bureaucracy and provide better service and more uniform answers.

Local (New)

While we strongly believe in landowner rights, we believe the loss of agricultural lands, which is permanent, should be considered when using public funds for purposes of land development. We would recommend a development purchase penalty to be distributed to the tax payers at a rate of at least three times the sale value of that real property. This penalty will compensate for the change in land use classification and the loss of highly desirable agricultural lands. It should also be mandated that an agricultural impact study shall be performed by a third party entity.

We oppose the building of a new Delaware County Highway Municipal building.

We support returning the County Fiscal Affairs Department back to the County Treasurer's Office.

We support Delaware County's efforts to deal

with opioid crisis.

We support the Watershed Agricultural Council.  
State (Reaffirm)

We recommend that the word milk should not be allowed to be used in the labeling of soy milk, rice milk, almond milk or any other milk labeled product that does not originate from a lactating animal.

We support increasing the penalties for releasing exotic animals into the wild.

State (Strike)

We recommend that livestock be allowed to be transported in the back of open trucks as long as the animal is properly tethered or contained.

We support full protection of private property rights concerning the detection and eradication of harmful invasive species and noxious weeds.

State (New)

We recommend that if a load of milk is rejected a written proof of rejection including why needs to be submitted to the producer. In addition, if a rejection occurs because of antibiotics proof of testing that shows what antibiotic were present needs to be included.

We support requiring ALL small scale milk producer/processors test for antibiotic residue not just grade A farms.

We support mandating all federal and state milk inspectors be identified with picture id and leave notice of being on the farm.

We support mandating that insurance companies cover tick borne illnesses and treatments.

We demand massive funding to develop an accurate Lyme test and a Lyme disease vaccine for humans.

We encourage and support funding for agriculture and food fellows programs for universities.

We support and recommend staffing of a statewide row crop production specialist at Cornell University with extension responsibilities in corn, soybean, and small grains production.

We support and recommend staffing of a statewide weed and herbicide management specialist at Cornell University with extension responsibilities for vegetable and row crop commodities.

We support the revoking of time of day restriction from nuisance permit.

We support when a dairy or livestock farm with fewer than 75 mature animals is applying for a non-point source grant for barnyard improvement, the requirement of a covered barnyard is waived.

National (New)

We support funding of the National ROPS (Rollover Protection Structures) Rebate program on an annual basis.

We support the process of rewriting of the Waters of the United States rules to be more transparent.

We support whole milk replace skim milk in schools.

We support more accurate Dairy Margin Program that takes into account region cost differences.

***Want to pick apples, walk through a corn maze or ride horses at a nearby farm?***

**E-Lobby the Governor to sign a bill today to establish the inherent risk of equine and agritourism activities on farms. Farms that invite the public onto their land are currently not well protected under the law. They don't want blanket immunity, but If they do everything right, and someone doesn't follow the rules and gets hurt, the farm can be sued. It can cost farmers tens of thousands of dollars just to defend themselves. This prevents many farms from opening their doors.**

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Farm Bureau News

Fall 2017



**Delaware County  
Farm Bureau  
Annual Business  
Meeting Notice**

Wednesday, October 11

*Finance Report  
Resolutions  
Elections*

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.  
Call to Order 7:05 p.m.  
Supper 7:15 p.m.  
Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Free supper provided: Lasagna  
and Baked Ziti with Salad,  
Rolls, Farmer's Wife Pies and  
Beverage

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