

Schenectady County Farm Bureau News September 2017



To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture

Schenectady County Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Turf Tavern, 40 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia

Gathering at 6:30 p.m., Dinner and Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

\$25 per person. Please RSVP to Eastern Regional Office at:
1-866-995-7300 /eny@nyfb.org

There will be bucket raffles for a variety of locally produced items. Please bring your own items to add to the raffle. The proceeds will go to support the counties agricultural promotion and education outreach efforts.

2018 Proposed Resolutions

Below is a list of some of the resolutions that will be discussed at the annual meeting. Resolutions will also be accepted from the floor the night of the meeting. If you have a proposed resolution that you would like to present from the floor at the County Annual Meeting, please have it written beforehand. This will ensure the meeting will run more smoothly.

1. We support offering a reduced excise tax rate for farm distilleries.
2. Koji based spirits should be defined under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and eligible for sale at retail for consumption at locations licensed to sell wine.
3. Farm brewery licensees should be required to report ingredient usage amounts yearly to New York State.
4. We support alcoholic beverage producers being able to electronically file their tax returns.
5. We support the definition of animal shelter be "Shelter means 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."
6. We support restarting the New York State Barn Restoration and Preservation Program.

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