

Cayuga County Farm Bureau is Pleased to Welcome  
New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher to Annual Meeting



David Fisher was elected president of New York Farm Bureau at the 2016 State Annual Meeting. He has served on the New York Farm Bureau Board of Directors for the past five years and previously was president of St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau. Fisher and his family operate Mapleview Dairy in Madrid, N.Y., where they have farmed for four generations. He returned to the farm after graduating from Cornell University in 1984 with a degree in Animal Science. Off the farm, Fisher is a Madrid Town Councilman where he serves as deputy supervisor. He is also on the Ag and Farmland Protection Board and a former member of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board for St. Lawrence County. In addition, Fisher serves on the Cornell University College of Ag & Life Sciences Advisory Committee and represents New York Farm Bureau on the LEAD-NY Board of Directors. He is a Class 6 alumnus of the LEAD-NY program.

Proposed Policy Resolutions

*for discussion at Cayuga County Farm Bureau’s Annual Meeting*

One of the most valuable benefits of your Farm Bureau membership is the ability to help develop and shape policy for the organization. New York Farm Bureau’s policy is truly developed at the grassroots level. Your county annual meeting is the place for you to influence the direction for 2018. Here you will find some of the issues up for discussion, but we strongly encourage you to bring your ideas and concerns to the meeting.

State Issues

- Should farm operations of less than seven acres used in agricultural production be able to generate less than the current \$50,000 in annual gross sales income be eligible for agricultural assessment?
- Should the Real Property Tax (RP-483) exemption for agricultural buildings be extended?
- Should New York prohibit the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for hunting wildlife?
- Should there be a tax credit or other incentive for carbon farming?
- Should providing shelter be included and defined in the animal cruelty statute?
- Should alcoholic beverage producers be able to electronically file their tax returns?
- Should New York Farm Bureau support state-level funding to the New York State Agricultural Mediation Program?
- Should the New York State Barn Restoration and Preservation Program be restarted?
- We recommend that New York State establish a producer’s security fund for malt barley growers.
- We recommend that New York State establish a producer’s security fund for egg producers in New York State.

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WE WANT YOU  
Opening: Cayuga County Farm Bureau  
Board of Directors

Looking for individuals willing to volunteer time to keep Cayuga County agriculture on the right path by serving on our county Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Add your voice and expertise on issues affecting agriculture, member programming and educating the public and our elected officials. This is a great opportunity to make a positive impact for our farmers. If you are interested in learning more, please call 315-252-1367. Vacancies will be filled at our County Annual Meeting in October.

Cayuga County Farm Bureau  
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The board usually meets every second  
Wednesday of the month at the  
CNYFB Regional Office  
7413 County House Road in Auburn

2018 New York Farm Bureau Agricultural  
Youth Scholarship

Open to any 2018 Cayuga County graduating high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field. Those with a student Farm Bureau membership or whose family is a Farm Bureau member are encouraged to apply. District winners will receive \$100 plus a gift and will go on to compete for state-wide scholarships offered in \$1,500, \$1,200 and \$1,000 denominations.

Applications and information are available at NYFB.org or by calling 1-800-342-4143. Completed applications must be submitted by Nov. 16, 2017.



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New Member Benefit!

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NYFB members can now receive special access to the John Deere’s GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards program, providing members with a free two-year Platinum 2 membership.

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### Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available

Cayuga County Farm Bureau is dedicated to strengthening the lives of our county's farmers, increasing public awareness of the agricultural community and helping mentor our future leaders. We are seeking individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring our County Annual Meeting— an evening celebration of agriculture with special guest NYFB President David Fisher. We believe this is a creative way to highlight your business while helping us defray the cost of this event so we may continue to focus on our mission. Our **Gold Sponsors** (\$250 and up) will receive their name/logo listed in the program and two tickets to our annual meeting dinner; **Silver Sponsors** (\$100-\$249) receive name/logo listed in the program and one ticket for dinner; and **Bronze Sponsors** (up to \$99) will have their name/logo listed in the program.

To become a sponsor, please make checks payable to Cayuga County Farm Bureau and send them to:

7413 County House Road  
Auburn, NY 13021

If you have questions, please call 315-252-1367.

Last year, sponsorship from our annual meeting helped send over 200 children on fun, educational agricultural field trips. Many of these kids experienced life on the farm for the first time. We receive such positive feedback from teachers and students that tell us without this support they would be unable to provide these opportunities. These are more than just field trips, they instill a life-long interest in agriculture and greater understanding of the importance of our local farms.

# Cayuga County Farm Bureau News

September 2017



You are cordially invited to attend an evening celebration of agriculture

*Official Notice for Cayuga County Farm Bureau's*

*Annual Meeting*

*Wednesday, October 11*

*at the*

*Springside Inn*

*6141 W. Lake Road, Auburn*

*6:30 p.m. Cocktails*

*7:00 p.m. Dinner*

*Cost is \$20 per person*

*Special Guest*

*New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher*

*Please join us at the Springside Inn for Cayuga County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. A delicious meal will be served along with quality discussion, decision making and fun for all! We will be electing members of the Cayuga County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and also voting on important policy resolutions that will be sent on for consideration at New York Farm Bureau's Annual in December. Your RSVP is requested by Oct. 4 to 315-252-1367 or jrossi@nyfb.org.*

*We hope to see you there!*