

Herkimer County Farm Bureau News



Fall 2017

Herkimer County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Friday, October 20

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

Francesca's Banquet Hall, 144 E Main St, Ilion, NY

\$20 per person – one free meal if your 2018 membership renewal is done or paid at the time of the dinner.

Cash bar will be available. Door prizes will be given away. If you or your business have items you would like to donate, please contact Mimi Wheeler at (315) 866-3209

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Resolutions to be discussed and voted upon:

- 1 – We are opposed to the closure or the reduction in service hours to the Herkimer County FSA office.
- 2 – We support the extension of the Real Property Tax (RP-483) exemption for agricultural buildings.
- 3 – We support the prohibition of the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for hunting wildlife.
- 4 – We oppose giving tax credits to insurance companies for investing in rural business growth funds.
- 5 – We support alcoholic beverage producers be allowed to file their tax return electronically.
- 6 – We support annual New York ingredient reporting requirements for farm brewery licensees.
- 7 – We support individuals be granted additional Career and Technical Education (CTE) certification in any of the agricultural specialties if they have a certification in just one of the CTE Agricultural titles and pass the Agricultural Content Specialty Test.
- 8 – We support the Farm Bureau create a national policy supporting the Agricultural Mediation Program.
- 9 – We support the increased communication of the New York Farm Bureau with Congressional Representatives to push for a 2018 Farm Bill that will be more supportive of NYS agriculture and create a safety net for dairy farmers that actually works.



159 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205

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.

Visit www.nyfb.org to E-Lobby Governor Cuomo to sign bill A. 559 today

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