

Fulton County Farm Bureau News

June 2024



HAPPY JUNE DAIRY MONTH!



President's Message:

As I sit here writing this president's message, I am looking out my window excited to see the blue skies and sun. I'm hoping this summer will be a good crop year! In case you don't know who I am, my name is Tamara Healy, your Fulton County Farm Bureau president. I was born and raised in Johnstown where I grew up on my parents' (Hugh & Roberta Healy) dairy farm. After teaching instrumental and general music for 30+ in the Johnstown school district, I retired in June 2023 and am now ready to make the farm my full-time job. My husband and I have draft horses that we use on the farm and in our carriage business.

I have been involved with the Fulton County Farm Bureau for quite some time. Honestly, I can't remember how long I have served on the board of directors. I am honored to be the president of our county farm bureau. If you have any questions or concerns at anytime, please feel to contact me at 518-762-6749 (landline) or email: classiccarriageservice.com

Here are some of the 2024 upcoming events:

Tues. June 11: Ag Night at the Amsterdam Mohawks baseball game. Fulton County FB is teaming up with Montgomery County FB again to sponsor this night. Family passes for 2 adults and up to 4 children have been included in this newsletter. FCFB member Clarissa Putman will be singing the National Anthem. There are (2) general, single admission passes for all home games available if anyone is interested. Please contact Clarissa at 518-844-1164 for those passes. If any farmer/producer would like to set up a booth at the game, contact Terri Phillips at 518-376-1301.

Sun. Sept. 8: 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament and Picnic at Sammonsville Fire Department, State Highway 67 West of Johnstown. Meet at 12:30 pm. Eat at 1:00 pm. Bring a covered dish. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

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Batter Up!
"Salute to
Farming
Night at the
Ball Park"

Tues. June 11



For the last 5 years, the Fulton County Farm Bureau has partnered with the Montgomery County Farm Bureau along with dairy promotion to host a "Salute to Farming Night at the Ballpark". This event has always been held with the Amsterdam Mohawks at Shuttleworth Park.

During the evening, there will be plenty of activities for the kids and the whole family to keep everyone entertained. As part of our sponsorship of this event, once again we have **FREE** tickets to give out, which are enclosed in this envelope. Have a fun time at the game.



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Cornhole tournament after we eat. I anticipate there will be some stiff competition again for the tournament.

Thurs. Oct. 17: FCFB Annual Meeting at Fox Run Golf Course, Johnstown. Cocktails 6:00 pm., Dinner at 7:00 pm with the business meeting to follow. More details will be announced later.

Tues. Dec. 3-Thurs. Dec. 5: New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting at the Turning Stone Resort Casino, Verona, NY. "Farming Forward: Leadership. Innovation. Diversification".

I'm hoping you can make some of our events. I'm looking forward to seeing you!!!

Tamera Healy, President

Young Farmers & Ranchers

New York Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers are agricultural producers and enthusiasts 18-35 years old.

The New York Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF& R) Program has identified two basic needs of young farmers: Leadership and Social. There are three groups of young farmers that participate in programs & activities: Young Farmers – Single/non-parents, Young Farmers with Families and our Young Farmers youth programs (FFA/4-H/Collegiate Students). The NYFB YF&R Program works with these identified young farmer needs and target groups to develop future programs and activities.

SUNY Fulton Montgomery Community College to Host Introduction to Brewing Class

Enrollment is open now.
Class starts June 10.





This class is part of the pre-apprenticeship program and will be free for any students who sign up.


The class is meant to allow students to see if they would like to further study Beer Brewing at other SUNY Schools.


Matt Sherman, Owner and Brewer of Stump City Brewing, a NYS Farm Brewery, will be teaching this class.


This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a career change in the field of Beer Brewing and Fermentation. This class will offer hands-on opportunities, and 4 weeks of in-class learning with guest speakers, and then the class will be at Stump City Brewing for 4 more weeks where they will learn how to brew in real-time. For more information or to sign up please reach out to fmpartner@fmcc.edu.



June is National
DAIRY MONTH

 ABOUT **300 VARIETIES** OF CHEESE ARE SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES.  All dairy cows are female.

DESPITE RISING FUEL AND FEED COSTS, MILK CONTINUES TO BE A GREAT VALUE AT ABOUT **25 CENTS PER 8-OUNCE GLASS.** 

90,000 Approximate number of dairy cows in Virginia.  IN 2015, A DAIRY COW IN GEORGIA COST ABOUT \$1,993.

 **DAIRY COWS DRINK MORE THAN 50 GALLONS OF WATER A DAY.**

 On average, cows produce **7 TO 9 GALLONS** of milk a day, or around 128 glasses.  8 grams of protein can be found in one serving of milk.

Source: The Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Inc

The only thing that is consistent is change

It is said that “Only dirty babies like change and they even cry about it”. While that may be true, change is inevitable and necessary from time to time. Our lives are always filled with change. Some we welcome and some we do not. Today, I would like to talk about changes within your County Farm Bureau. Some of our members believe that some of our policies are out of date and need to be changed. Some believe that our leadership needs to be changed. One thing to remind yourselves is that at one point in time each of our existing policies never existed. At one point in time, each of the leaders that hold office had never even considered a holding a leadership position. A point of change needed to happen to make each of the previous examples a reality.

That is what I am asking of each of you today. Be the change you desire to see. If you want to see the policies of your county Farm Bureau and the New York Farm Bureau change, step up and propose a new piece of legislation or by-law change. Step up and explain your stance and advocate for what you want. Sell it to your local county farm bureau and then take it on the road to your neighboring county farm bureaus as well.

Sure, it requires a bit of work but nothing in life that is worthwhile comes free.

If you want to see a change in leadership at the county or state level step up and offer your own time and resources. Almost all county boards are seeking individuals that are willing share of themselves, their ideas, and their time. I guarantee that if you have five minutes, five hours, five months or five years to offer there is a position for you to best utilize your available efforts.

If you have any further questions or need and advice on how to move your idea or yourself forward, do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am here to serve you, our Farm Bureau members.

In closing, just remember “A ship is safe in the harbor but that is not where it is meant to be”.

Sincerely,

Todd Heyn

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Direct-to-Consumer Shipping Bill

Tell the Legislator to Support Direct to Consumer Shipping

This was voted on in the Codes Committee today and is now headed to the Ways and Means Committee. Our Elobby letter is up and now has Assemblymember Weinstein (Assembly Ways and Means Chair) added as a target for our messages. We encourage you all to use our elobby-Take Action! button found on NYFB home web page to send a letter to your representatives along with Assemblymember Weinstein. We are in the final two weeks of scheduled session, and we are making good progress on this bill.

Fulton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to send our deepest sympathies to the family of Stanley Korona of Perth. Stanley died of injuries sustained in a car accident on April 2, 2024. He had been a long time member of FC Farm Bureau, and served on the board many years, including as president. Stanley was 89 years old and was looking forward to his 90th birthday on April 24. He loved to play the slot machines and was really looking forward to attending the 2024 NYS Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona! He certainly will be missed by many.



*With Deepest
Sympathy*

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Pictured at this year's Taste of NY is Fulton Co. Farm Bureau Board Member and owner of Stump City Brewery, Matt Sherman.

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