

Wyoming County Farm Bureau

April 2025



Presidents Message

Greetings, my name is Lynnell Schreiber, and I am honored to be the new Wyoming County Farm Bureau President. I have deep roots in the agriculture community, dating back generations, to a family dairy in Middleport, NY. I have worked alongside my husband on his family dairy, Schreiberdale Holstein, LLC, in Perry, NY. I watched as my now college-aged children participated in both 4H and FFA, learning and growing through their journey as well. My current farm role is more of naughty escaped animal chaser and filling in when needed.

I have served on the Wyoming County board for six years, this last year in the Vice President role. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, reading, and working with my daughter's small herd of show beef cattle.

I am excited to work with our board of directors, our county board of supervisors, neighbors, and fellow farmers to strengthen and protect Wyoming county's agricultural roots. Identifying ways that Farm Bureau can serve our diverse community is one goal of our board during this upcoming year. I find myself incredibly fortunate to be able to work with such a dynamic board of directors. These individuals who volunteer their time and energy to guide Wyoming County Farm Bureau, are an amazing group of leaders.

On behalf of our entire board, we ask that you not only renew your membership, but also actively involve yourselves in our county and state goals; we actively seek to engage the legislative body of both New York State as well that in Washington, D.C. to protect and encourage growth of our industry.

Lynnell Schreiber

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NYFB TASTE OF NY RECEPTION

New York Farm Bureau hosted its popular Taste of NY Reception at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center the evening of March 3. The event showcases the diversity of New York State agriculture and brought almost 500 people, including about 100 legislators attended the event.

Wyoming County was well represented with local FFA students passing out raclette cheese from East Hill Creamery and New York Chips potato chips from Marquart Farms. Thank you all for your generosity and time. We couldn't have done it without you!

Photo: Serving up East Hill Creamery's raclette cheese and Marquart Farms New York Chips potato chips are Pioneer High School FFA students (l-r) Adam Romance, Leah Jorgenson, Skyler Wende and Alaina Bliss.



2025 NEW YORK FARM BUREAU LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Below are the New York Farm Bureau 2025 Legislative Priorities. These priorities are a culmination of the grassroots efforts which began last fall at county annual meetings and culminated at the State Convention held in December. These priorities reflect the collective interest of our members and rural communities and will determine the focus of our advocacy discussion and action for the year ahead.

- Support critical funding for agricultural animal health (such as the Avian Disease Program), promotion, research and environmental programs in the final FY 25/26 state budget.
- Support a significant funding investment in the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Science to forward its mission of collegiate agricultural education, research, and extension. This includes necessary funding to replace teaching resources, capital investment across the college, Cornell University Research Center, the Agricultural Experiment Station and other research facilities across the state.
- Increase funding for the NYS Homes and Community Renewal's Farmworker Housing Program revolving loan fund and increase the per-project cap from \$200,000 to \$400,000.
- Allow construction costs for farmworker housing to be included in the ongoing refundable investment tax credit for agriculture and provide reimbursement for all incurred expenses in a timelier manner.
- Increase and extend the farm workforce retention credit.
- Expand the state's 10-year real property tax exemption for farm buildings to include farm buildings used for the processing or marketing of agricultural products.
- Support funding for the NY Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health to do research and promote education on temperature-related working conditions before any legislation (such as the Temperature Extreme Mitigation Program Act) is passed.
- Allow farm breweries, cideries and distilleries to sell products at roadside farm markets, like farm wineries.
- Support legislation that would define agribusiness in New York State law.
- Support renewable energy policies that incorporate common-sense time frames for adoption based upon grid capacity and the practical realities of electrification of New York State.
- Support legislation that would develop a Low Carbon Fuel Standard.
- Support addressing transportation issues to facilitate the shipment of food products and farm equipment in New York State, including addressing issues related to workforce development.
- Establish a New York State Equine Advisory Board to promote the horse industry in New York State.
- Support DEC's regulatory authority over pesticide registration in accordance with sound science and oppose legislation that prohibits the use of agricultural chemical protectants.
- Oppose Extended Producer Responsibility legislation that does not require consumer responsibility for packaging they receive and that unduly burdens New York's food and farm beverage manufacturing businesses.

NEW YORK FARM BUREAU LOBBY DAY

New York Farm Bureau Lobby Day took place Tuesday, March 4. It's a day when Farm Bureau members from across the state come to Albany and meet with elected representatives. Members come to advocate on behalf of policies which are decided and voted on at New York Farm Bureau's State Annual Meeting in December.

Photo: Farm Bureau members, along with FFA students, stopped in to visit with Assemblymember David DiPietro to discuss agricultural issues.





WYOMING COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Wyoming County Farm Bureau will award one \$1,500 scholarship to a high school senior or college student for the current school year. Scholarships may be applied to tuition, housing, books and other educational expenses.

- Application must be typed.
- All application materials must be received by Don Gasiewicz by **May 6, 2025**.

Mailing address:

Wyoming County CCE
Attn. Don Gasiewicz
36 Center St. Ste. B
Warsaw, NY 14569.

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Title – Farm Bureau Scholarship

To be eligible, applicant MUST:

- Reside in Wyoming County, New York and have a parent and/or guardian that is a NY Farm Bureau member,
- Be a high school senior enrolled in an approved/ accredited college or university; OR
- Be a full-time student attending an approved/ accredited college, university or vocational/ technical program; OR
- Be under 21 years of age and attending or planning to attend a CDL course in 2025
- Be pursuing an agricultural or agribusiness degree or career.

Rules:

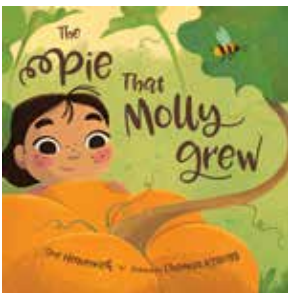
- Winner must be enrolled in an approved/ accredited college, university, technical/ vocational program, or a CDL drivers class and be a full-time student each semester, unless an exception is requested in writing and approved.

An on-line version of the Wyoming County Farm Bureau Scholarship application can be obtained by going to: NYFB.org/about/county-farm-bureau/wyoming-county. The application is toward the bottom of the page.

The Wyoming County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Wyoming County Farm Bureau and any content may be used in press releases.

Winner must mail/email a copy of their academic transcript to Wyoming County Farm Bureau after completion of the Fall 2025 semester. Wyoming County Farm Bureau will review the transcript to verify winner has completed the semester in good academic standing (GPA 2.0 or higher), at which point the scholarship will be paid out to the winner.

BRINGING “THE PIE THAT MOLLY GREW” TO CLASSROOMS



Once again, Agriculture Literacy Week will bring the celebration of agriculture into classrooms across New York State. This year, Agriculture Literacy Week is set for March 17-21 and aims to help children in kindergarten through third

grade understand where their food comes from. This is achieved by introducing them to a carefully selected agriculture-themed book, which is read in classrooms statewide.

In Wyoming County, local schoolchildren are participating in the celebration with the help of volunteers who are reading this year’s featured book, *The Pie That Molly Grew*. Written by Sue Heavenrich, a New York author from Tioga County, and illustrated by Chamisa Kellogg, the book follows the journey of Molly as she grows a

pumpkin from a single seed. With Molly’s tender care and attention, the story highlights each stage of the pumpkin’s growth—from seed to sprout, leaves, and finally the fruit on the vine. In the end, Molly turns her beautiful pumpkin into a delicious pie, offering young readers a captivating glimpse into the farm-to-table process.

The Wyoming County Farm Bureau is proud to help sponsor the purchase of these books, ensuring that they are distributed to classrooms and school libraries throughout the county. This allows children to continue exploring and enjoying Molly’s pumpkin-growing adventure long after the reading sessions.

Last year, Agriculture Literacy Week saw 3,100 books donated to schools and libraries across New York State, reaching over 103,000 children and giving them the opportunity to learn about agriculture’s role in everyday life.

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