

Wyoming County Farm Bureau
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Wyoming County
Farm Bureau News

Scholarship Winner will be
Announced at the County Annual
Meeting in October

Thanks to all who applied for the
scholarship award.

Wyoming County Farm Bureau and Lamb and
Webster will be presenting the \$1,500 scholarship
award at the County Annual Meeting in October.
Meeting details will be sent in the near future.



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President’s Message:

Rocks! I've got rocks for sale if anyone is interested. All shapes and sizes! Folks, these are top quality, Western New York, hand-picked rocks. We have 100% all natural shale, granite, sandstone and quartz. We have round rocks, flat rocks, jagged and smooth.



As the landscape quickly changes across Wyoming County, I'm sure my cache of amazing rocks is not the only one growing this spring. It’s funny how no matter what kind of season it's turning out to be, those rocks just keep popping up! There's something else that continues to pop up over and over without fail... poor legislation! Thanks to your team of people in Albany and Washington, D.C., our voices and our opinions can be heard at every level of government. If you haven't made use of Farm Bureau's E-lobby tool, you should check it out. It’s just one way you can send your thoughts straight to the legislators. If they don't know what we are thinking and what ideas we may have, how can we expect them to properly represent our interests? Speak up!

As we push through the planting season and watch those beautiful green fields getting closer to first cutting, I want all the members in Wyoming County to ask themselves something, "Where did all the Farm Bureau members go?" As you till the landscape of Wyoming County and drop row after row of seed across thousands of acres, consider for a moment why are the membership numbers slipping in this county that’s full of agriculture. Our herds of cattle are growing. Our yields of crop continue to climb higher and higher. At Farm Bureau our county membership needs to grow as well. All those who have made a life in and around our agricultural industry should be signing on in support of the organization that represents farming!

With that little food for thought, I hope everyone has a productive spring. Recently, as I drove down the road around the end of Silver Lake, I noticed the first little green corn seedlings popping up. As they drink in the spring rain and soak up the warm sun, we leave their future in the hands of Mother Nature; let’s hope she's feeling kind this year!

Russell K. Klein

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Calendar of Events

June 10: Agri-Palooza, Pankow Farms, Castile

July 25: Summer Picnic, Silver Lake Brewing Project

Aug 7-9: Empire Farm Days

Aug 11 - 18: Wyoming County Fair

Sept 11: Wyoming County Farm Bureau meets with County Board of Supervisors

FREE FAMILY FUN FOR ALL

JUNE 10

12PM-4PM

Wyoming County AGRI-PALOOZA

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Pankow Farm | 5808 Glen Iris Rd, Castile

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Wyoming County Agri-Palooza

Wyoming County Chamber and Tourism and event partner Wyoming County Farm Bureau are pleased to announce the 2018 Agri-Palooza will be held at Pankow Farm, 5808 Glen Iris Road, Castile, NY. This is the eighth year of the award winning daylong event, which highlights agriculture in Wyoming County and welcomes the public to spend the day on a working farm. The free event takes place on Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Located at 5808 Glen Iris Road in Castile, Pankow Farm is owned by David and Valerie Pankow. This first generation farm family located to their current location in 1988 with just 45 cows. Fast forward to 2018, they now have a herd of 640 cows and 1,350 acres, owned and rented, that they farm. Along with David and Valerie, their sons Jonathan, Patrick and Nick work on the farm. Their daughter, Jamie, is often using various locations as backdrops in her photography business. The Pankow family is excited to welcome the public onto the grounds to explore and learn more about the industry.

In addition to educational displays, farm tours and children's games and activities, visitors will have an endless variety of Wyoming County products for both display and purchase. Come and explore all that Wyoming County agriculture has to offer. For more information and updates follow Agri-Palooza on Facebook at [facebook.com/agripalooza](https://www.facebook.com/agripalooza)

Volunteers are always needed. You can sign up for a 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. shift or a 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. shift on line at:
<https://www.wycochamber.org/links-and-resources/wyoming-county-agripalooza>
 Or call the Chamber at 585-786-0307

Wyoming County Farm Bureau Summer Picnic Event

July 25, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Silver Lake Brewing Project
 14 Borden Ave, Perry, NY 14530

Food will be provided
 Beverages are the responsibility of each attendee

RSVP is necessary to attend

Call the Regional Office at 585-343-3489 by July 19



E-Lobby on the New York Farm Bureau Website

Help renew the 10-year real property tax exemption for new farm construction

The farm economy is currently struggling. Prices remain low across the board from dairy and grapes to beef and grains. It can be challenging in a time like this for farmers to afford to reinvest into their family businesses. One of the only things that can help make that possible is the real property tax exemption for new farm construction. However, the exemption is set to expire at the end of this year and must be renewed by the state legislature.

It is important for farmers to have the ability to build a new barn, milking parlor or stable, or whatever fits their needs to modernize their facilities. By doing so, they can improve efficiencies, diversify their farms, better take care of livestock or expand for the next generation of farmers. In addition, this money recirculates in our rural communities for the goods and services that the construction requires.

To encourage your state legislators to vote to renew the tax exemption, please e-lobby on the NYFB website. *(See e-lobby directions to the right.)*

New York Farm Bureau continues to work with DEC on new regulations for waste tires used on bunk silos

On March 1, 2018, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued an enforcement discretion letter regarding the enforcement of Part 360 as it relates to waste tires used on bunk silos. The letter provides for an additional year, **until May 3, 2019**, for DEC to provide enforcement discretion for farmers who are in compliance with either Part 360.12 (c)(2)(iv) or BUD 1137-o-00.

New York Farm Bureau, along with other agricultural organizations, hosted a farm tour for DEC officials to look at the usage of tires on bunk silos and how new regulations by DEC would negatively impact farmers across the state. DEC was able to visit three different farms of varying size and bunk style to see the importance of tires on farms. NYFB continues to work with DEC to address the regulation that would require tires to be cut in half or have holes drilled in them.

For questions regarding the enforcement discretion, please contact the NYFB office at 800-342-4143.



How to E-Lobby—It's fast and easy:

- Go to www.nyfb.org and click on the green "eLobby-Take Action!" button on the left side of the page under the banner photos, or by clicking the green "Take Action! Advocacy" button.
- Find the letter you want to send and click "Take Action."
- The action alert description will appear followed by the recipients and the letter text. Type in your name and address and press "Send Message" at the bottom of the page.
- Your letter is sent directly to lawmakers and you are helping to impact farm public policy! Encourage your friends to E-Lobby by typing in their e-mail addresses.



If you have any problems using the E-Lobby feature, call the NYFB office at 1-800-342-4143.



NYFB at one of the farms they toured with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation officials to help them better understand how tires are used on bunk silos and how potential new regulations could affect farmers and their cows.