

New York Farm Bureau
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To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture

September 2018

Greene County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2018

at

Pegasus Restaurant
Rt 9W, Coxsackie

Hors d'oeuvres/Cash Bar

at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

New Member Incentive

Greene County Farm Bureau is providing an incentive for new members. The normal membership rate is \$75.00. As an incentive, the new member rate will be reduced to \$40.00. This membership rate will be available through Nov. 30, 2018 and is for new members. In addition, current Greene County Farm Bureau members who recruit a new Farm Bureau member from Greene County will receive a \$25.00 gift card from Tractor Supply for each new member recruited. This membership gift card incentive is also available through Nov. 30, 2018.

All new memberships must be submitted to Donna Van Orden to receive the membership incentive.

Greene County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

President, James VanOrden	943-2894
Vice President, Jim Taylor.....	945-2745
Mike Allan	239-6721
Carl Kohrs	239-4824
James Story	678-9359
Rebecca Johnk, Secretary.....	573-1977
Donna Van Orden, Treasurer	943-2894
YF&R, Alex Johnk.....	712-249-6391
Virgilia Tegiacchi.....	929-9718
Pro-Ed, Patricia Ross	634-7064
State Director, Darin Hickling	607-267-0703
Field Advisor, Renee Ciardi.....	461-8659

Greene County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Guest Speaker - Eric Ooms

Eric Ooms and his family own A. Ooms & Sons, a 450 cow dairy and cash crop farm in Kinderhook, Columbia County. He is the vice president of New York Farm Bureau and the former president of Columbia County Farm Bureau. Eric and his wife, Catherine Joy, are actively involved in Loudonville Community Church with their children: Arend, Grace, Noah and Micah.



Farm Bureau Members are Cordially Invited to:

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\$25 per person or \$20 per person with paid
2018 membership. (Bring your dues statement for
proof of payment)

RSVP by Sept. 25, 2018
to Donna Van Orden at 518-943-2894

MENU

ENTREE:

Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Applesauce,
Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls and Butter, Roasted Red
Potatoes, Squash, Stuffing and Gravy

DESSERT:

Served with Coffee, Milk and Tea

AGENDA:

7:00 p.m. Dinner Invocation

Call to Order/Pledge

Introduction of Guests

Guest Speaker: Eric Ooms, Vice President, New York Farm Bureau

Minutes/Financial Statement

Reports

Elections

Resolutions

Door Prizes

Adjournment

Members, please feel free to donate a door prize for the meeting!

Greene County Farm Bureau Proposed Resolutions for Consideration

1. State - Reaffirm – Preamble of the Eminent Domain Section
Eminent domain represents the ultimate infringement upon private property rights. As such, the use of eminent domain must be limited and occur only in a way in which maximum deference is accorded to the owner or property. We continue to believe that property rights are among the human rights essential to the preservation of individual freedom.
2. State – We support funding development of an educational program for invasive species identification and eradication.
3. State – Internal – We are opposed to raising dues levels above \$85 in the current agricultural downturn.
4. State – Internal – We encourage the state board of directors to start an open and transparent discussion about where NYFB is heading with regards to membership and what the focus should be moving forward.
5. State – We support the streamlining and increased ease of use of electronic benefit cards at farmers' markets and farm stands for both farmers and consumers to encourage consumption of healthy local foods. We further support enhancement of electronic benefits specifically for farm market and farm stand purchases.
6. State – Internal – We encourage the state board of directors to develop new methods to promote our Safety Group 486 to outside farms to grow our membership and revenue while also educating our current members.
7. State – Reaffirm – Quality Programs
We support mandating all federal and state milk inspectors be identified with a picture identification and leave notice of being on the farm.
8. We believe that if New York State legalizes recreational marijuana, the regulatory process should allow for the production of recreational marijuana by all farmers, large and small.
9. We demand that New York State fund and work with the Department of Agriculture and Markets to enable the building of slaughterhouses for the growth of livestock agriculture in New York State.
10. We support allowing eWIC cards to be allowed for use at farmers' markets in New York State.
11. Should the quarterly employer payroll threshold for unemployment insurance for agricultural labor be increased from \$20,000? If so, what should it be increased to?
12. We support a two year moratorium on requiring CAFOs to install manure lagoons because of the difficulty in finding financing for construction to gain compliance.
13. We support increasing the state's cost sharing program for CAFO manure lagoons from \$385,000 to \$750,000.

Resolutions are always accepted from the floor

Please bring them in writing.

Door prizes are always welcome.