

# Clinton County Farm Bureau News

September 2023



## County Annual Meeting

Thurs. Oct. 12

Starting at 6:30 p.m.

Livingoods Restaurant and Brewery  
697 Bear Swamp Road, Peru

Speaker: NYFB Vice President Eric Ooms

Cost: \$25. per person, payable at the door.

RSVP to the County Support Office at:  
518-431-5650 or [eny@nyfb.org](mailto:eny@nyfb.org)

## 2024 Proposed Resolutions

*Clinton County Farm Bureau recommends these policy proposals for 2024. Any additional policy can be brought to the county annual meeting.*

### State Reaffirms

#### *Agricultural Issues/ Agricultural assessments*

We recommend that the 50-acre per parcel limit for owned woodland be removed and the assessment be based on the total number of woodland acres.

- a. We support increasing the amount of gross agricultural sales from wood products from \$2,000 to \$10,000.
- b. We support treating rented land the same as owned land for woodlots with regards to an agricultural assessment.

### New State

1. We support increasing the numbers in allowed categories for legal immigration.
2. We support legislation that would prohibit any foreign government from purchasing agricultural land in New York State.

## President's Message

Hello Clinton County Farm Bureau members, It's again that important time of the year when your input can shape the future of agriculture in our county, state, and country. I know it's a busy harvest season, with winter around the corner, and Mother Nature – as always – challenging all of us. But when isn't she?



If you, your neighbor, or a farmer you know have issues with something related to agriculture, what can you do about it? Member engagement is key to what we do here at Farm Bureau. Our voices are stronger together, and that's what this organization does. With that in mind, I cordially invite you to our Annual Meeting. You can bring your ideas, participate or simply watch how we hold our discussion to develop our policies for 2024. I hope to see you there.

*Todd Giroux*

### 3. Labor related questions:

- a. We support invalidating any union card or vote which takes place on foreign soil as the regulatory agencies do not have jurisdiction in these locations.
- b. We support decertifying unions through the same procedures allowed to certify unions.

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NYFB State Annual Convention in Tarrytown  
<https://stacon.nyfb.org/>

c. We support including unions in the same regulations and standards employers must follow with regards to bullying, lying and coercion in their unionization efforts.

d. We support establishing a moratorium on new union petitions until PERB has bilingual resources in place to facilitate union decertification.

e. We support allowing employees to file coercion and bullying complaints against unions.

f. We support requiring unions to reimburse employers for all legal fees incurred when their union petition is proven to be out of order.

g. We support exempting H2A employees from unions as they are under a contract negotiated by the state and federal Departments of Labor.

4. We support a limit on how many times farm commercial vehicles have to stop at a DOT inspection checkpoint in a certain time period, especially if that vehicle is carrying livestock, fish or bees.

5. We support New York State establishing a Brand Owners License under the alcoholic beverage control law.



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**Country Dreams Farm**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
September 30<sup>th</sup> 10-5pm  
October 1<sup>st</sup> 11-4pm  
260 Pellerin Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

*We are here because of you!!*

Come enjoy all our fall activities as well as meet various local vendors and local farm supporters!

Wagon Rides	Sunflower Field
Bounce House	Pumpkin Patch
Corn Maze	Petting Zoo
Play area	Concessions
Pumpkin Painting	Gift shop

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