

Oneida County Farm Bureau

January 2024



To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture

President's Message



Dear Farm Bureau members,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a nice holiday season. Togetherness is so much a part of the joy we share. It is also the foundation of Farm Bureau.

Our county Farm Bureau participated in last month's New York Farm Bureau State Convention. There was great fellowship and education. Most importantly, delegates from across the state came together to vote on public policy positions for this year.

This laid the groundwork for the planned advocacy on our priority issues. This includes supporting full funding for critical agricultural programs in the state budget along with Nourish NY and the Healthy Schools Meals for All programs that also benefit our family farms. Other priorities include supporting common sense energy policy that won't put New York's farms and rural areas at a disadvantage, allowing for the direct shipment of products by all our craft beverage makers, and a state procurement process that is open and fair to all farms. At the federal level we will continue to engage on a strong Farm Bill that will improve the milk pricing system and expand coverage for our specialty crop producers.

Farm Bureau is also looking to promote and defend agriculture in whatever comes our way this year. One example is the advocacy efforts late in 2023 that averted a ban on important treated seeds and some pesticides critical to many of our farms. We strongly believe in supporting science as part of the regulatory process.

We will need your help to do this. Please take part in the e-lobby efforts and monthly calls to action during this legislative session. Also, join us for the Taste of NY Reception and Lobby

Day on March 4 and 5 in Albany. Lawmakers from across the state must hear from us if we are to be successful.

I wish you all the best in the year ahead. Our county Farm Bureau is here to support our members and help with any local issues. Please reach out to me or the board members if you need anything.

Best,

John Collins, President

Oneida County Farm Bureau



LEAP

INTO THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

Make the **LEAP** with New York Young Farmers and Ranchers :

- Leadership
- Engage
- Advocate
- Policy

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
FEB. 2-3**

CORNELL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

COST: \$49.95 PLUS HOTEL
\$69.99 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Invest in yourself and gain inspiration as you expand your network, knowledge, and advocate with other young farmers and professionals passionate about agriculture.

FOR FULL SCHEDULE AND TO REGISTER, GO TO:
<http://tinyurl.com/YFR-Conf2024>
You must log in as a NYFB member.

OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



WORKSHOPS & EVENTS INCLUDE:

- ✧ Engaging with Urban Legislators
- ✧ Building your Farm Bureau Resume with American Farm Bureau
- ✧ Reception with YF&R attendees, NYFB members and Cornell Alumni followed by a hockey game between Cornell and St. Lawrence.
- ✧ Panel Discussion -- A Leadership guide to a Successful Career in the Agriculture Community
- ✧ Farm Succession Planning
- ✧ Land Access for Beginning Farmers



For more information, please contact **Renee Ciardi**, NYFB YF&R State Coordinator at rciardi@nyfb.org or 518-461-8659.

SUCCESSFUL AG-TRIVIA AND RAFFLE EVENT

The 7th Annual Ag-Trivia and Raffle Event was held Friday, Dec. 1 at Harts Hill in Whitesboro, NY. There were over 165 in attendance with 130 raffle baskets available, and of course - Trivia! With the generous donations of our sponsors and the support of our volunteers, we were able to raise almost \$4,500 to help benefit youth programming and scholarships in Oneida County! Thank you one and all!

Gold Sponsors

- Bravo's Machine Shop
- Evan's Equipment
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- Finndale Farms
- Gold Star Feed & Grain
- Riverside Green house
- Whites Farm Supply
- James Collins Farm
- Keith Munz
- Holland Patent Agway
- Vallonia Farm
- Simons Family Farm
- Wilde Wind Farm
- Brabant Farm
- Quaker View Beef Farm
- John & Theresa Wagner
- Candella's
- Vernon Downs



Photo Top: Donations from sponsors for raffles.

Photo Right: New York Farm Bureau County Manager for Oneida County and Emcee for the evening, John Wagner.

Photo Bottom: Winning Team Finndale Farms.

Photo Bottom Right: A little Christmas Spirit with Oneida County Farm Bureau member Steve Adams and family!

Silver Sponsors

- Gentle Hands Dog Grooming
- Singer Castle on Dark Island
- Ye Olde Pizza Pub
- Growmark
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- IBA – Hale Dairy Supply
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- Warner Sales & Service
- Black Stallion Restaurant
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- Collins Farm Creamery
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- Farm Credit East
- Hearth Financial Partners
- Eastern Crown
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- Sara Meays
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- Farming with Duffy
- North Utica TSC
- Horn Family Farm
- Kraft
- Chobani
- Adirondack FFA
- Nothin' Fancy Café
- Kevin & Melanie Angell
- Schuster Christmas Tree Farm
- Vernon's Apple Betty
- Joe's Jerky
- MaryJo Jennings
- Collins Maple
- Cazenovia Equipment
- Kowalski Flower & Gift
- Bladen Lohr
- Oneida County 4H Teen Council
- Fair View Farms Honey
- Thousand Island Bridge Authority



2024 NYFB AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE NOW!

Application link:

https://my.reviewr.com/s2/site/2024_New_York_Farm_Bureau_Agricultural_Youth_Scholarship

Eligibility requirements:

- 2024 graduating high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career connected to the agricultural industry. This includes advancing their education through college or pursuing advanced training in the skilled trades.
- Must live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue.
- Family Farm Bureau membership or Student

Farm Bureau membership is required. Students can join for free as student members by using this link: www.nyfb.org/membership. Student membership is complimentary.

- Applicants under the age of 18 must also include the signature of a parent or legal guardian.
- Applications must be completed and submitted by **11:59 pm on March 11, 2024.**

For more information, email proed@nyfb.org or call 1-800-342-4143

ONEIDA COUNTY FARM BUREAU ATTENDS STATE ANNUAL MEETING

Oneida County Farm Bureau helped chart the course for agriculture's future at the New York Farm Bureau 2023 State Convention Dec. 4-6 in Tarrytown, NY. County Farm Bureau delegates voted on public policy positions that the state organization will advocate for in 2024 in Albany and Washington, D.C.

Photo: Oneida County Farm Bureau Delegates John Collins (l) and Neil Collins (r) participating in the resolutions meeting at the New York Farm Bureau 2023 State Convention held Dec. 4-6 in Tarrytown, NY.



NYFB LOBBY DAY AND TASTE OF NY RECEPTION

New York Farm Bureau's Lobby Day and Taste of NY Reception are scheduled for March 4 & 5 in Albany. This is a great opportunity for any Oneida County Farm Bureau member to show elected officials from across the state the diversity and importance of Oneida County agriculture.

The Taste NY Reception (March 4) will showcase products from around New York State, and Oneida County will have a booth for displaying our great Oneida County agricultural products!

Lobby Day (March 5) will be an opportunity for members to meet with and give a rural production perspective to elected legislators. Oneida County Farm Bureau will also meet with urban "Adopted Legislators." For some, it may be the first contact with an agricultural producer.

Anyone interested in participating in Lobby Day or donating a product for the Taste of NY Reception should contact Karen K. Howard at 315-266-7935 or email cydney83@gmail.com.

Photo Right: Oneida County Farm Bureau members engage with attendees at the 2023 Taste of NY Reception.





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*Must be a New York Farm Bureau member for 30 consecutive days prior to purchase. Proof of membership is required. Members must present Bonus Cash Certificate to dealer at the time of purchase. Limit one bonus cash offer per vehicle. This offer may not be used in conjunction with most other Ford Motor Company private incentives or AXZD-Plans. Some customer eligibility restrictions apply. This incentive is not available on F-150 Raptor, F-600, F-650 and F-750 Super Duty.

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The board usually meets on the third Monday of the month at the CCE of Oneida in Oriskany.