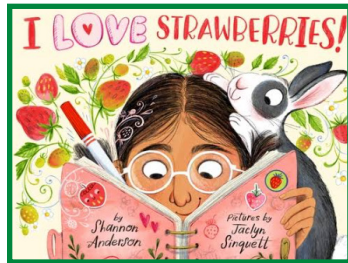


Ag Literacy Week March 17-23

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Thanks to the generous support of Clinton County Farm Bureau, Volunteer readers were able to connect with almost eight hundred students with the vibrant world of Agriculture in one week. Cornell Cooperative Extension Resource Educator and Clinton County Ag-Literacy Coordinator, Chelsea Baxter, along with Kari Lamkins, 4-H Youth and Family Educator, organized this annual county wide event. This year's topic was strawberries.

The book title selected to represent agriculture was I LOVE Strawberries written by Shannon Anderson and



illustrated by Jaclyn Sinquett. Ag-Literacy Week saw eight Clinton County Schools and forty-four classrooms participate during the week of March 17-23, 2024. Agriculture Supporter and Assemblyman Billy Jones read I LOVE Strawberries to classrooms at Rouse Point Elementary as our VIP Volunteer Reader of New York Ag in the Classroom Ag Literacy Week. Students enjoyed reading the book along with a strawberry activity as well as a strawberry themed snack at every reading. Ag Literacy had over 30 Volunteer readers including Beekmantown FFA teen leadership led by their teacher, Nellie Whelan.



Taste of NY

The Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau and Clinton County Farm Bureau teamed up for an unforgettable presence at Farm Bureau's Taste of NY Event in Albany. Our table, adorned with mouthwatering samples from Rulfs Orchard, Northern Orchard, Agri-Mark, and Bechard's Sugarhouse became an instant sensation becoming a lively hub of excitement.

Photo: Melissa Monty-Provost (Country Dreams Farm), Garry Douglas (President/CEO, North Country Chamber of Commerce), and Sue Hagar (Hagar Hill Farm)



New York Farm Bureau Statement on 2024-25 Budget

The following may be attributed to NYFB President David Fisher:

“The final New York State Budget reflects many of New York Farm Bureau’s legislative priorities, including sustained funding for important agricultural programs. They include marketing, research, and conservation programs that provide essential support to the state's family farms.

New York Farm Bureau is especially appreciative of the new funding to expand milk storage capacity and improve sustainability efforts on farms. However, we are disappointed that farmworker housing is not included in the refundable Investment Tax Credit.

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Environmental Day



For over 35 years, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Clinton County welcomes all 6th graders from across the county to the Fairgrounds on May 21 & May 22 to learn about Natural Resources, Soil and Water Conservation, and Agriculture and how it connects and impacts our lives, says Chelsea Denny, Resource Educator.

The Volunteer presenters are experts in their fields who share their knowledge and career paths to our next generation. Clinton County Farm Bureau members support Environmental Field Days with members participating and sharing expertise to students with a live animal display to capture students attention to how dairy, crops, poultry, orchards as well a variety of other farming ventures are an economic driver in Clinton County. All schools are extended a warm invitation to participate!

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Spread the Word ~ Share the Road

Clinton County Farm Bureau has a word of warning: safety is no accident. We are encouraging drivers to watch for slow moving farm vehicles during planting and harvest seasons, take extra caution when passing large farm equipment, and be patient. An extra minute of your time could protect you and the other driver. #ShareTheRoad #SafetyFirst



- An accident involving farm equipment can change lives forever. Please watch for orange triangles indicating slow moving equipment. Be careful when passing. Farmers driving large equipment may not always see your car in a blind spot, or they may need to turn into a field that is not at an intersection. And be patient. An extra minute of your time could save lives and prevent serious injuries.

- Spring planting is here. That means large farm equipment may be on the road. Please use caution. When a tractor swings wide, some assume they are pulling over or turning in that direction, when actually they are preparing to make a wide turn in the opposite direction to line up with a field access point. Be patient and share the road. Safety is no accident.

- Large tractors and farm equipment are on the roads for spring planting. Do you know how to play it safe? Slow down when you see an orange triangle which means slow moving vehicle going under 25 mph. Maintain a distance of 50 feet. When passing, a brief honk will let the tractor driver know you are there. And be patient and watch for tractors looking to turn in a farm field, away from an intersection.

- This orange sign is an important warning to motorists to slow down. It means the vehicle ahead is moving slowly and you could come upon it quickly. Also, did you know that it is illegal to place these signs on driveways or stationary objects like mailboxes? We encourage farmers to have these signs on all farm equipment that will be on the road.



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Clinton County Farm Bureau News

May 2024



President's Message

Dear fellow farmers of Clinton County,



As winter comes to a close and the earth awakens with the promise of a new season, I am reminded of the resilience and dedication that define our farming community.

I am pleased to share with you that the recently released NYS Final Budget reflects many of the legislative priorities that are crucial to supporting our

agricultural sector. Among them are sustained funding for vital programs in marketing, research, and conservation. We are also grateful for the new funding to expand milk storage capacity and improve sustainability efforts on farms. Sadly, not all our requests were granted but our NYFB members should keep strong advocating for the needs not yet attended.

As members of the NYFB, we stand united in our mission to ensure the prosperity of ag across our state. Your engagement and involvement at the county level are fundamental to this endeavor.

As we move into in spring season, let us seize the opportunities that lie ahead with optimism and determination. Please, reach out to any of us at the Board of Directors if anything comes up, or with your ideas, projects, and for any information you need that we could help with. Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work.

Here's to a fruitful and prosperous season ahead.

Todd Giroux

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NYFB members will continue to advocate for the needs of their essential employees.

Our farms provide nourishment for every New York community, large and small, and serve as a leading driver of the state's economy. New York Farm Bureau thanks Gov. Hochul, the Agriculture Committee Chairs, Sen. Michelle Hinchey and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, and all of the lawmakers who advocated for New York's hardworking farm families in this budget. Investing in agriculture benefits all of New York State."



At this year's lobby days with Assemblyman Dan Stec with Clinton County along with St. Lawrence & Washington County Farm Bureau board members.

Save the Dates

Summer Picnic: We would like to invite all Farm Bureau members to enjoy the traditional




Summer Social, this year on July 11, 2024 from 6-9 pm at the Clinton County Fair at the 4-H building. What better place to see farmers and their families than at the Clinton County Agricultural Fair!

Fair Dates are July 9 - 13 this year and yes, it's earlier than in recent years just in case you plan on attending fair on several occasions. The 4-H building is conveniently located by the Gazebo where there is plenty of seating while enjoying music. The 4-H building is also where the 4-H



Dairy bar is located. 4-H members sell a variety of ice cream to help fund over 220 Clinton County youth who are enrolled in this traditional positive youth development program. So save room for desert and help support 4-H youth! And then take a stroll around the fairgrounds to digest all the good food!



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