

# Saratoga County Farm Bureau News

May 2024



## President's Message

Hello everyone. I hope that everybody had safe harvest and a good winter. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the warmer weather of spring and summer. I bet we are all looking forward to having some sunshine too as it has been rather rainy and dreary the last couple of weeks.



I wanted to inform you that Saratoga County Farm Bureau has been busy over the last few months. In December, we attended the state annual meeting. January brought us right into planning for the new year. In February, we held our Dot Tuck Clinic at the Galway Fire Department, and planned for Lobby Days. In March, we attended the Legislative Reception and were represented by our Dairy Ambassadors and Schuylerville FFA. The next day we attended Lobby Days and were well represented. We also had a couple members go down to Albany for Senator Tedisco's public hearing for Ag worker Housing. In April, we had our regular meeting and discussed upcoming events for the summer. As you can see, we have been busy.

Now that I've given you an update on what's been happening, I'd like you to reach out to anyone you know and ask them if they'd like to become a member. The strength of Farm Bureau relies on its membership to get things done in Albany and Washington D.C.

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## Article VII Final Budget FY 24-25

### Public Protection and General Government

#### Part I Temporary Wholesale Permit

Any person may apply to SLA for a temporary permit to operate any alcoholic beverage wholesale facility. SLA may issue the temporary permit when the applicant has a wholesale license application at the same premises pending. The permit will be effective for 6 months or until the wholesale license being applied for is approved or may be extended in 3 month increments. Ther permit will be \$125.

#### Part K Temporary Permit Extendeder

Extends existing law that allows SLA to issue temporary permits to certain retail applicants while they wait for full review of their license.

#### Part M Paid Prenatal Leave

Beginning January 2025, every employer will be required to provide twenty hours of paid prenatal personal leave during any fifty-two-week calendar period.

#### Revenue Part L Repeal and Replace Cannabis Potency Tax

Replaces potency tax with a 9% of the amount charged for the sale of adult-use cannabis products. Microbusinesses and registered organizations shall be liable for the tax at retail sale which will be 75% of the amount charged for the sale or transfer of products to a retail customer. If books and records are not provided or are determined to be insufficient, the amount of tax due shall be determined by the commissioner. In the absence of evidence of the wholesale price, the tax may be determined based on the retail price of adult-use cannabis products.

#### Education Labor & Family Assistance Part M Sunset Covid Sick Leave Law

This will sunset the State's COVID-19 Sick Leave Law as of July 31, 2025. The 2020 COVID-19 Sick Leave law required

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## Lobby Days & Taste of NY Reception



## Attending DOT Course



Saratoga CFB and CCE offered a DOT refresher course at the Galway Volunteer Fire Department on February 29. The attendees got updated on new and changed regulations for the Department of Transportation, and had all their questions answered. Staying informed on all the DOT regulations helps keep our trucks, livestock and roads safe.

To check out updates go to Saratoga County Farm Bureau Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/SaratogaNYFarmBureau>



**Shout out to:**  
Smith's Orchard - apple pies  
Stewart's shop - ice cream  
for Taste of NY



## Spread the Word ~ Share the Road

Saratoga 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 planning 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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employers to provide sick leave benefits, paid family leave, and benefits due to disability for employees subject to mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.

### Transportation, Economic Dev. & Environmental Conservation Part M Clean Energy Resources Development & Incentives Program

Extends build ready program to 2030 and to locate and assess sites within the state that appear suitable for development of build ready sites, priority given to dormant electric generating sites and previously developed

sites. Land used in agricultural production, land in agricultural district or land that contains mineral soil groups 1-4, shall be deemed not suitable for the development of build ready sites except when necessary for generator lead lines and other equipment needed for interconnection projects to the electric system. Public authority may establish a renewable energy generation project for the furtherance of an agrivoltaics project.



**SARATOGA COUNTY**  
**Horsemen's Social** 2024

**TICKETS:** \$55/person until May 31<sup>st</sup> | \$60 June 1-13

**DATE:**  
June 13, 2024

**TIME:**  
6:30-9:30PM

**LOCATION:**  
Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga  
683 RT-29  
Saratoga Springs  
New York 12866

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**Horsemen's Social**  
is moving to Greener Pastures  
**in 2024!**

Join us for a great night of networking  
with fellow equestrians, farriers,  
veterinarians, and  
barn owners.



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**Pres: Message:**

That’s why I’m calling on everyone to go out and sign up 1 new member. I would like everyone to have a safe spring and wish everyone good luck.

Stay Strong and Farm On!

*Jamie Pettis, President*

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