

# Essex County Farm Bureau News

## May 2024



*Join us at the  
Spring Picnic  
All are welcome!*



**Tues. June 4  
5-8 PM**

Echo Farm and Farmstead Catering at 327 Walker Road, Essex, NY 12936 will provide everything you need. Essex County Farm Bureau will sponsor the food and your first drink

If you have any fun cool outdoor games like cornhole, horseshoes, etc. please bring them.



### President's Message

Dear Fellow Farmers & Members of the Essex County Farm Bureau,

As we step into the warmth of May, we're reminded of the vibrancy and energy that infuses our county's agricultural landscape. Spring has unfurled its green tapestry across our fields, and with it comes a renewed sense of purpose and possibility for all of us engaged in farming.



In recent months, our community has faced its share of challenges, from unpredictable weather patterns to fluctuating market demands. Yet, through it all, the resilience and determination of our farming community have shone brightly. We've adapted, we've innovated, and we've come together to support one another in times of need.

Looking ahead, we have much to anticipate and prepare for. As planting season reaches its peak,

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## ADK Food Justice Summit & Adirondack Day at the Capitol

**Adirondack Day in the Capitol** We had another successful year bringing a sample of the Adirondacks down to Albany Capitol. It was an amazing event highlighting all local activities, organizations, and the power of their local production. It was a great time to talk to legislators and the sponsors of the event, as well as show them how grateful the ADK area is for their support. Besides the beautiful display setup, they could also enjoy a reception presented with local beverages and an amazing table filled with delicacies prepared by Farmstead Catering, featuring products from local producers and farms.



**Adirondack Food Justice** this groundbreaking event brought together leaders from across the food system to discuss pressing topics on the subject with more than 140 attendees. Its purpose is to empower people to advocate for food justice and to create positive changes in their communities. This year's agenda revolved around collaboration, and it was a success.



**New York Farm Bureau's Lobby Day** and Taste of NY Reception was held on March 4 & 5 in Albany. The Taste of NY Reception showcased products from around New York State. Lobby Day is the opportunity where we can acquaint ourselves with the Legislators and vice versa.

It also gives us a chance for each of us to share the issues we are working on.



**It's here, it's really here!**  
**The Farm Bureau Store is officially open!**



Here is the link: <https://nyfb.org/store>  
You can go online and shop. It would make a great gift for anyone.

The above link will take you to the storefront landing page on our website. From there, click where it says "click here" to start shopping. You will be able to order all items with your specific County Farm Bureau logo. You can finally own an official Essex County Farm Bureau Hat! In the promotional items category, counties will be able to order items in bulk with their county logo on them as well.

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let us approach our work with diligence and care, mindful of the vital role we play in feeding our neighbors and sustaining our local economy. Let us also remember the importance of stewardship, ensuring that our land and resources are preserved for future generations to come.

In the spirit of collaboration, I encourage each of you to actively participate in the various programs and initiatives offered by the Essex County Farm Bureau. Whether it's attending educational workshops, advocating for agricultural policies, or simply connecting with fellow farmers, your involvement strengthens our collective voice and enhances our community's resilience.

As we embark on this new season, let us do so with optimism and unity, knowing that together, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve great things for Essex County agriculture.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to our shared cause.

Warm regards,

*Lorne Segerstrom*  
President

**New York Farm Bureau lobbying efforts are ongoing and we'd like you to join us! Participating is easy when you go to our website at NYFB.org and click on the e-Lobby-Take Action! icon.**

**Choose your passion and show elected officials you support New York Agriculture!**

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