



THE BUREAU BUZZ

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Come One, Come All To Summer Annual Picnic!

Sunday, July 21st

Doors open at 12:00pm

Eat at 1:00pm

Gibbs wintering Facility

9192 Broadway Rd

Gowanda

**Please bring a dish to pass.
Chicken BBQ, drinks, and table service
will be provided**

**All are
Welcome!
Bring the
whole
family!**

**Legislative
Updates**

**Bring canned
goods to
donate to the
food pantry**

Kids Games

Door Prizes

Ag Trivia Night- The Kids Win Again!

Thank you to everyone who supported and/or came out for 6th Annual Ag trivia night held on April 13th. A good time was had by all and, of course, our scholarship fund swelled! There was pizza and a variety of other foods to enjoy, along with a Chinese auction, and the trivia contest. This year's trivia contest winners were Ted Wolf, Becky Silvanic, Nathan Blesy and Barb Blesy, but the real winners, as always, were the kids that will benefit from everyone's generosity. Help us spread the word- If you know of a 4-Her or FFA student that could use one of our scholarships, tell them about this opportunity. We award scholarships of up to \$200 per student per year to any 4-Her that is starting a new project and needs help with the start-up costs or an FFA student that needs extra funds for things like attending an FFA contest, convention, or camp. In addition to these scholarships, we also award an annual scholarship to a graduating senior that is planning to continue their education in a field somehow related to agriculture. Applications can be found on the NYFB webpage under "Cattaraugus County" or requested by emailing n.blesy@gmail.com



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A Fireside Chat with the County President

Dear Fellow Farm Bureau Members:

A couple weeks ago we had Congressman Langworthy come to Telaak Farms for a visit. We had the opportunity to show the Congressman around our facilities and explain how we operate our business here in Mansfield. Overall, it was a good visit. The one thing I found difficult was answering the question of “how can I help?” or “what can I do for you?” The problem realistically being, political representatives all have their own area of influence or laws, rules, and regulations that fall under their control. Congressman Langworthy represents the 23rd congressional district in the House of Representatives in Washington D.C. He has power in representing our area on the federal level, thus only has influence over federal issues. For example, he is a member of the House Agricultural Committee and worked on the new Farm Bill, so we were able to talk about that. But issues like minimum wage is a state issue and he would have no influence or say on those controversies.

To truly best answer the question “how can I help” or questions like it, we all need to think about the different levels of government, from our local township and village governments, to the federal government level. Being ready and/or having the right frame of mind for the level of governmental representation you are talking to/with is ultimately key for communicating how representatives can actually help and allow for better overall communication about the problems that we face as farmers. Being educated about the things we would like to see changed and ideas for how to change them is a powerful thing.

Sincerely,

Michael Telaak

Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau President

NYFB Scholarship Winners



Farm Bureau has announced the 2024 Scholarship winners. Students entering their first year of college to study a field related to agriculture in some way compete through an application process to win cash prizes. This year Kelly Niefergold won 1st place for Cattaraugus County as well as 1st place in the District contest. Derek Opferbeck won second place for Cattaraugus County and will also receive a prize. Congratulations!

Your Farm Bureau

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www.NYFB.org



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2024 Legislative Wins

Here is a short list of a few of the NYS legislative wins so far in 2024:

- Direct to Consumer Shipping of spirits and cider
- An OT tax credit fix for farms that organize themselves using management companies
- Cannabis recognized as an agricultural product
- Blocked Extended Producer Responsibility Bill
- Blocked TEMP Bill that would require certain temperatures/ conditions for outdoor working conditions.

Calendar of Events

Your Opportunities to Get Involved!



FARM BUREAU BOARD MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 8TH; 7:30PM
PLACE: ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN CENTER
28 PARKSIDE DR
ELLCOTTVILLE, NY

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month (except May & August). All members are welcome. We would love to hear your input!



SUMMER ANNUAL PICNIC

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 21ST
PLACE: GIBB'S WINTERING FACILITY
9192 BROADWAY RD
GOWANDA
TIME: DOORS OPEN @ 12:00
EAT @ 1:00

Pack up the family and come join us for a summer tradition! Catch up with friends you haven't seen in a while. Enjoy a terrific lunch. Get a legislative update. Win a door prize! Just bring a dish to pass!

AG DISCOVERY TENT

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 27TH-SATURDAY, AUG 3RD
PLACE: CATTARAUGUS COUNTY FAIR
LITTLE VALLEY
TIME: 11- 6 DAILY

It's time for the county fair and time for us to share our love of agriculture with all the fairgoers. If you'd like to help with the tent please contact Katie Hill at 716-801-0796

www.nyfb.org

Quickly tell your legislators your opinion!

Tell the Governor to sign the Direct-to-Consumer Shipping Bill

This bill has passed both legislative houses and now awaits the Governor's signature. This bill would allow distilleries and cideries to direct ship to customers rather than requiring customers to come to them. This is already true for wineries.

Tell the Governor to veto the Procurement Bill

This bill has passed both houses and awaits the Governor's signature. This bill would allow municipalities to give procurement preference to products that meet certain standards. Its intention is to increase the use of NYS grown food, but the language, as it is, will give preference to neighboring states, due to the higher cost to do business in NY.

Tell the Governor to sign the Code Council Bill

This bill has passed both houses and awaits the governor's signature. This Bill will add an additional member to the State Fire Prevention and Building Council with an agricultural background.

Tell the Governor to sign the Cannabis Bill

This bill has passed both houses and awaits the Governor's signature. This bill defines cannabis as an agricultural crop.

E-Lobby Today!

Go to NYFB.org to E-Lobby on these hot issues (and others) you feel strongly about! Lobby with the click of a button!

YFR Achievement Award Applications Now Available

Award applications are now available on NYFB.org. Young Farmers and Ranchers can compete in the Discussion Meet, the Achievement Award or the Excellence Award. The deadlines for applications are September 15th, so get started now! Cattaraugus county has had 2 winners in the past 15 years or so- maybe you could be next!

Need Some Swag?

If you're in need of some Farm Bureau logo merchandise NYFB can fix you up! NY Farm Bureau recently opened an online store where you can buy Farm Bureau merchandise- even with your county's name on it- whenever you want. Available items include shirts hats, koozies, stress toys, etc. Visit NYFB.org and click on the "store" tab in the top right corner.

Want to contact your legislators directly?

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Cattco.org/government/legislators

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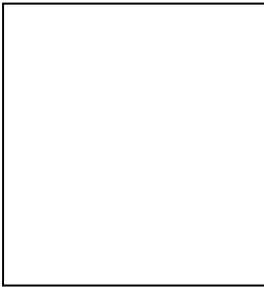
Catt Co. Farm Bureau 2024 Blue Jacket Awards

CCFB once again gave FFA jackets to a few deserving students this year. Breanna Morris and Trinity Smith modeled their new jackets while receiving certificates at the Pioneer FFA Banquet.



Congressman Langworthy Tours Teelak Farms

Congressman Nick Langworthy stopped for a tour at Telaak Farms in Mansfield, where he discussed the importance of the Farm Bill.



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