



Cortland County Farm Bureau 2024 Annual Policy Development Survey

Your opinion is important to help Cortland County Farm Bureau propose resolutions to the state.

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 28th

The question format is different than in past years based on the structure used by the state to frame our issues. Please call or email Jeff if there are questions regarding the topic.

COUNTY AND STATE ISSUES

RETURN TO: Jeff Perry
5531 Rte. 41
Homer, NY 13077

OR EMAIL TO: jap255@cornell.edu

Fill out our survey online:

Use the QR code to access our online survey!



1. Cortland County Farm Bureau (CCFB) **supports** the requirements to delineate any non-disclosure agreement (NDA) stipulated in solar leases clearly to the clients prior to gaining signatures.
 strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree
2. CCFB **supports** the County Agricultural Fairs and their ability to transport wild animals for fairs and educational exhibitions. Legislation prohibiting that is not desired.
 strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree
3. CCFB **supports** having a farm exemption applied to the Federal guide regarding unsafe/uncovered loads.
 strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree
4. CCFB **supports** funding for the Venison Donation Coalition program for processing and distribution costs of getting venison to food banks and pantries.
 strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree
5. CCFB **supports** the reaffirmation of the Venison Donation Coalition program.
 strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree
6. CCFB **supports** the development of a stronger reuse/recycling policy for wine and spirit glass bottles.
 strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree
7. CCFB **supports** continued funding for Soil & Water Conservation District and Cooperative Extension of Cortland County.
 strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree

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8. Cortland County Farm Bureau **supports** the implementation of a consistent DOT permit application process throughout NYS for work within the state right-of-way.

strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree

9. CCFB **supports** the local enforcement of federal motor law regarding tarping of loads including section 393.1 providing **exemptions** from tarping for vehicles not considered commercial, which includes farm vehicles that transport material from field to farm.

strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree

10. CCFB **supports** allowing international drivers licenses (in English) as valid documents for farm workers transporting crops from field to farm as long as they provide licensing for the size of truck they are operating.

strongly disagree disagree no opinion agree strongly agree

11. In regards to agritourism, are there any changes in laws that would support growth of on farm programming?

12. Other issues? Are there other agricultural issues facing producers and providers in the agriculture industry that Farm Bureau should be working on? Please give us a description.

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September 2024



To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Cortland County Farm Bureau members,

As we come off the heels of National Farm Safety and Health Week, I hope this letter finds you, your family and your farm safe and well.

With summer winding down, it’s that time of year to participate in the public policy development process. Each farmer can truly help shape the future of agriculture in our county, state and country — but only if your voice is heard. Go to county meetings. Talk to your neighbors and encourage them to join their county Farm Bureau.

As a member, this is your opportunity to take part in the legislative process. Please be sure to fill out our Policy Development Survey included in this newsletter where you can also add any concerns or issues that you have. We will take it up this fall at our County Annual Meeting scheduled for October 16 at McGraw Box Brewing. There members will vote on policy resolutions that can have a real impact. Remember, advocacy gets results.

Our members are our lifeblood here at Farm Bureau,

so I’d like to take the time to thank county board members for working with me. When you care about local agriculture, it shows. We can always use helpful hands or new ideas, however, so please let me know if you want to get involved or if you have an idea for programming or advocacy.

Finally, be sure to save the date for the State Annual Convention, which will be held Dec. 3-5 at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY. This year’s StaCon promises to be a worthwhile event, with nine insightful workshops (including those led by Eric Snodgrass of Nutrien Ag Solutions and Kathleen Chiavetta of Chiavetta Catering and Chicken BBQ) and comedian Larry Weaver as keynote speaker — plus a Family Feud-style game, cornhole and more.

In the meantime, I hope to see you at our County Annual Meeting, and I wish you a fruitful, safe harvest season.

Sincerely,

Emily Olsenwik

Cortland County Farm Bureau President

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The Cortland County Farm Bureau meetings are usually held the third Thursday of each month at New Hope View Farms in Homer.

Save The Date!



Ag Trivia Contest

Saturday, November 9, 2024

at Cortland Country Music Park

6pm Social, 7pm Dinner

Watch for Registration Flyer for more details!

Hosted in Cooperation by:

Cortland County Farm Bureau

The County of Cortland Agricultural Corporation

New York Farm Bureau
159 Wolf Road, Suite 300
Albany, NY 12205



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All are cordially invited to attend the
**CORTLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU
2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

6:30 PM SOCIAL TIME ~ 7 PM DINNER

Policy Development Business meeting to follow
at the

McGraw Box Brewing Co.

1 Spring Street, McGraw, NY

**ONE FREE DINNER WITH PAID MEMBERSHIP
EACH ADDITIONAL MEAL \$25**

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 9 TO:

NYFB Regional Office: jwilliamson@nyfb.org or 518-431-5670

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!