

Oneida County Farm Bureau

Fall 2024



To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture

All are cordially invited to attend the

ONEIDA COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

held at

HART'S HILL INN
135 Clinton Street, Whitesboro, NY

Social Time 6:30 PM

Followed by Dinner

COST

\$20 per person for members*
or \$30 for non members

*One FREE dinner for any Oneida County Farm Bureau member who has PAID their dues for the upcoming membership year or who pays their membership dues at the door. Please bring a separate check for membership dues.



SPECIAL GUEST
DEANNA FOX
NYFB CEO

PLEASE RSVP BY OCT. 16 TO LORY AT
315-363-9138 or lorypat@hotmail.com

NEW YORK FARM BUREAU POLICY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION FORUM 2025

Each year NYFB Public Policy Staff pose questions regarding specific issues that either have come up directly from an issue a NYFB member has had or an issue that we have been discussing with lawmakers or agency staff. Below are the NYFB Public Policy questions. This is seen as a starting point for our grassroots Policy Development Process. If you have policy idea, plan on attending the Oneida County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting where ideas will be presented, discussed and voted on to move forward in the process. These questions are also available, with background description on www.nyfb.org and in the July/August issue of Grassroots.

STATE TOPICS

- Should solar companies be permitted to have non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in solar leases with farmers?
- Should New York state prohibit certain wild animals from being transported to fairs for educational exhibition?
- What issues have you had with getting an F or G endorsement to drive a CDL vehicle within 150 miles of your farm?
- How many miles do you travel from your farm with a CDL vehicle with an F or G endorsement?
- What do you use your F or G endorsement to transport? (e.g., products, farm equipment, animals, etc.)?
- Where do you transport products, farm equipment, animals, etc. when using your F or G endorsement? (e.g., farmers markets, fields, fairs, repair shops, etc.)
- Would a CDL exemption for farm plated vehicles (25 miles from farm) be helpful in transporting products and machinery from farm to field?
- Have you tried to enroll yourself or an employee in a CDL training program? If yes, how long is the wait until you could start the training? (e.g., 2 weeks, 2 months, etc.)
- What changes in law would help you grow or develop agritourism on your farm?
- Should Agriculture and Market's law be amended to allow on-farm meat processors to process meat from other farms as well?
- If the answer to the above question is yes, what percentage of on-farm processed meat must be required when accepting meat for processing from other farms?
- Given the increasing prevalence of deer on farmland causing extensive crop damage, what management tools should landowners be provided to better control deer populations?
- Do you utilize the Venison Donation Coalition program to process harvested deer for donation to food banks and pantries? What changes can be made to improve the program and funding?
- Would making the ST-125 Farmer's and Commercial Horse Boarding Operator's Exemption Certificate valid for a set number of years be helpful? Do the businesses you shop from make you submit the form annually?
- Should the state establish and fund a state SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) minimum benefit program?
- Should New York State prohibit the use of certain food additives and food color additives in products such as brominated vegetable oil (BVO), potassium bromate, propylparabens, red dye azodicarbonamide, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), and titanium dioxide.
- Should wine bottles be required to be refillable?
- Should the redemption value on bottles be increased to \$.10?

Is there a state or national law or regulation that you believe should be changed? Bring your *Policy Development ideas* to the

Oneida County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

being held on

Monday, October 21, 2024

at the

Hart's Hill Inn

135 Clinton S., Whitesboro, NY

Hope to see you there!



Save The Date!

ONEIDA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

8th Annual

AG-TRIVIA & RAFFLE EVENT

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

HARTS HILL INN

135 Clinton Street, Whitesboro, NY

To Register a Team or Sponsor contact

Lory van Lieshout at 315-363-9138 Or Karen K. Howard at 315-266-7935

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

COULDN'T BE PROUDER!

Congratulations and thank you to all volunteers who participated in making our float and display booth at the Boonville Oneida County Fair extra special. Both the float, which took second place, and the booth looked awesome and we wouldn't change a thing!

Special thanks also to the businesses and people that donated items:

- Jake's Cheese in Deansboro
- Collins Farm & Creamery
- Chobani
- Clinton Tractor
- Humphrey's Farm
- Madison County Farm Bureau
- Evans Equipment
- Kraft
- Candella's Farm & Greenhouses
- Olney's



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**ONEIDA COUNTY FARM BUREAU TOURS
 CLINTON CIDER MILL**



We had a great September board meeting as we visited with the Fehlner family and toured Clinton Cider Mill. Ben Fehlner gave a great tour and overview of the facility prior to our board meeting and we want to thank the Fehlner's for hosting us!! If you've never been there stop in sometime. The Cider and food are great!!



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- The board usually meets on the third Monday of the month at the CCE of Oneida in Oriskany.