

# Wyoming County Farm Bureau

Fall 2024



To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture

*You're invited to join us for Resolutions Debate,  
Annual Elections, Dinner and Door Prizes*

**WYOMING COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
&  
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
OF WYOMING COUNTY  
Joint Annual Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**BROOKSHOLM WEDDING BARN & EVENT CENTER**  
565 Pavillion Warsaw Rd., Wyoming

**Cost is \$40 per person**

Doors open at 5:30 PM

CCE Business Session at 6 PM

Dinner at 6:45 PM

Farm Bureau Business Session at 7:30 PM

**RSVP BY OCTOBER 9**

Email [ENY@nyfb.org](mailto:ENY@nyfb.org) or call 518-431-5650\*

*\* Be sure to reference the  
Wyoming County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting  
when making your reservation.*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Wyoming 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, so if you have a concern that can be addressed by public policy, let me or the county Farm Bureau know about it. We will discuss it at our County Annual Meeting, where 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 on Wednesday, October 16, and I wish you a fruitful, safe harvest season.

Sincerely,

*Brian Parker*

Wyoming County Farm Bureau President



**Farming Forward**  
Leadership. Innovation. Diversification.

## STA-CON 24: NYFB STATE ANNUAL CONVENTION

**FARMING FORWARD:**

**LEADERSHIP. INNOVATION. DIVERSIFICATION**

New York Farm Bureau is once again hosting a Future of Agriculture in New York State forum at our state convention. This event called "Farming Forward: Leadership. Innovation. Diversification" will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at Turning Stone Casino and will provide an engaging program and numerous workshops to help NYFB members, farmers and agricultural professionals better plan for the future. Early bird registration is due September 30. You can find more information under the Events tab on the state website [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org). Please encourage businesses you work with to consider sponsorship opportunities.

## LAST-MINUTE BILLS OFFER UP BIG WINS FOR NEW YORK FARMERS

New York Farm Bureau is happy to share that when the New York legislative session came to a close this past June, we were successful in pushing for fair representation of New York agriculture in a flurry of bills that passed or failed.

### Our legislative wins for this session include:

- The **PASSAGE** of direct-to-consumer shipping legislation that provides parity to our craft spirits and cider makers in New York.
- The **PASSAGE** of farmworker overtime tax credit, ensuring all farms have access to this important state investment.
- The **STOPPAGE** of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act, which prevents burdensome, expensive measures on our

agricultural producers and makes food more expensive for New York families.

- The **STOPPAGE** of the TEMP Act, which would impose superfluous health and safety measures on our farms.
- The **PASSAGE** of commodity crop status for cannabis in New York, opening new economic pathways for agriculture.

These victories are a direct result of NYFB's tireless lobbying efforts on behalf of our members. We understand the challenges faced by New York's farms and producers, and we are committed to advocating for policies that promote economic growth and opportunity.



Follow us on our Facebook page to keep in the loop with all events.

[Facebook.com/WyomingCountyFarmBureau](https://www.facebook.com/WyomingCountyFarmBureau)

### YOUR NEW YORK FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Farm Bureau is making a transition from calendar year memberships over to anniversary date memberships. That means that if you join in September your dues will be due by the end of September next year. When you receive your bill, please don't wait to renew. Consider encouraging family members, neighbors, friends and business associates to be Farm Bureau members. Simply send them to [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org) to have them sign up or have them call 800-342-4143 to join using their credit card. You can strengthen the future of agriculture in Wyoming County with just the simple act of encouraging another to join.

We now have an Enterprise Membership which gives farm owners the option of providing employees memberships and adding that to one bill that the farm then pays for. If you gross more than \$250,000 you should have this membership anyway. Why not get your employees engaged in the organization and give them an opportunity to have a voice!



### [NYFB.ORG/STORE](http://NYFB.ORG/STORE)

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 Wyoming County Farm Bureau hat!





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**Wyoming County Farm Bureau**



New York Farm Bureau members get deep discounts on critical equipment and supplies AND enjoy free standard ground shipping\* when ordering items online, over the phone or at your local Grainger branch. If you have questions or need the members-only discount code, please call 1-800-342-4143.  
 \*FREE standard shipping\* on all orders shipped ground transportation. Other freight charges will be incurred for services such as expedited delivery, special handling by the carrier, sourcing orders and shipments outside the continental United States.

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The Wyoming County Board of Directors usually meet on the third Tuesday of every month (except May, June & July) at the Wyoming County Ag Center, Warsaw, NY.