



*Pres. Message cont'd:*

We're also proud to promote NYFB's YF&R Competitive Events, where outstanding members can gain recognition, develop leadership skills, and compete for significant awards — including cash prizes, trips, and even equipment incentives courtesy of our partners. The deadline to apply is November 1. I encourage young members to reach out to Renee Ciardi at [Rciardi@nyfb.org](mailto:Rciardi@nyfb.org) to apply. Whether you're interested in the Achievement Award, the Excellence in Agriculture Award, or the Discussion Meet, these events are a great way to elevate your voice and represent New York agriculture on a national stage.

Lastly, we are now accepting nominations for the James Quinn Award, recognizing a member who has gone above and beyond in supporting Farm Bureau and agriculture throughout 2024. If you know someone whose leadership or community efforts deserve recognition, please submit a nomination. And as always, I invite each of you to attend our County Annual Meeting. It's a great chance to connect, celebrate our work, and prepare for the future together. Your voice matters, and together, we continue to be the voice of agriculture.

Sincerely,  
*Todd Giroux*



*Clinton CFB members, farmers, and their families gathered at Rusty Creek Farm on July 18 for their annual summer BBQ, enjoying a day of food and community together.*



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## Clinton County Legislative Tour

The tour took place on September 9, organized by CCE, S&W, and CCFB. Legislators and their representatives toured Duprey Feed and Supply, Latremore's Pine Ridge Farm, Hidden Acres Farm, and Rovers Farm.



## 2026 New Proposed Resolutions

*Below are some of the resolutions that will be discussed and voted on.*

### Reaffirms

#### State:

H-2A/Immigration/Farm Labor Contractors  
We support: increased cooperation and streamlining between the state and federal agencies.

That the New York State Department of Labor be required to follow the Federal H-2A regulations without interpretation and act only as the administrators of the program.

### National

#### Agricultural Visa Programs

We support a visa program that:  
Streamlines the H-2A and H-2B process, to prioritize making a national immigration policy that is farmer friendly providing a legal agricultural workforce that would benefit producers, farm workers and the American consumer.

### New State:

We support local authority having primary say over the Agricultural Districts Program, but in cases of disputes or issues between counties and farmers, the Department of Agriculture and Markets should act as the designated mediator.

We support a five-year moratorium on the use of biosolids on farmland until further study and research can be conducted.





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# Clinton County Farm Bureau News

## September 2025



### President's Message

Dear fellow farmers of Clinton County,

As we head into the final stretch of the harvest season, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of the positive developments happening in agriculture — both nationally and right here in our communities.



Despite the challenges that come with each growing season, there's much to celebrate about the vital role farmers play in building a healthier, more resilient America.

Farmers are also at the forefront of making food more accessible and affordable. Thanks to modern farming practices rooted in science, we're growing more with less—reducing inputs, protecting natural resources, and even lowering carbon emissions in the process. This efficiency not only benefits the environment, but it also puts more affordable food on tables. Importantly, our farmers take their responsibilities seriously, including how they apply pesticides. With over 99% of USDA-tested products showing residue levels well below EPA safety standards, we must continue to educate the public on the care and science behind pesticide use.

On that note, StaCon this year will be offering pesticide training courses, and I encourage everyone to consider attending this amazing statewide conference. By attending this training, you will earn two Core credits. Sign up today at [eventleaf.com/e/StaCon25](http://eventleaf.com/e/StaCon25). And while you're planning ahead, don't miss the opportunity to take part in the NYFB Mini-Grant Challenge — your chance to win \$2,500 or \$5,000 to support projects that improve profitability, conservation, or labor on your farm. Applications are due by November 15, and finalists will pitch their ideas live at the State Annual Convention on December 3.

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*Cordinally invited to:*  
**County Annual Meeting**

**Thurs. Oct. 9**

**Beekmantown Town Hall  
571 Spellman Rd, West Chazy**

**6:30 p.m.**

**\$15 per person, payable at the door.**

**Speaker**

**Thomas Denman**

*NYFB Associate Director of  
Membership Development*

**Please RSVP**

**[eny@nyfb.org](mailto:eny@nyfb.org) / 518-431-5650\***

***\*Be sure to reference the Clinton County  
Farm Bureau annual meeting when  
making your reservation.***



Photo: Last year's annual meeting.