

Oneida County Farm Bureau Proposed Policy Resolutions

State Policies

1. We support agricultural assessment on all acreage used by any farm operation exceeding ~~\$10,000~~ **\$50,000** in sales. (Current policy #19 on page 2 in section on Agricultural Assessments, new language in bold and underlined)
2. We support extending the 10-year Real Property Tax Exemption (RP-483) for newly constructed or reconstructed agricultural structures.
3. We support prohibiting the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UVA'S) for the hunting of wildlife
4. We oppose the creation of a tax credit program for insurance companies to invest in rural business growth funds as it has proven unsuccessful in other states.
5. We support ensuring that farm brewery licensees comply with the provisions to use New York State – grown products, as noted in the existing statute **and further support the development of an on-line annual compliance/audit report for the licensees to complete that ensures that the provisions of the statute are being met.** (Current policy #15 on page 39 in the section on Brewery and Distillery Issues, new language in bold and underlined)
6. We support allowing producers of alcoholic beverages to file their annual New York State tax returns electronically similar to all other businesses in the state.
7. We support allowing koji-based distilled spirits being defined under the NYS Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and being allowed to be eligible for sale at retail for consumption at locations that are currently licensed to sell wine.
8. We support the definition of shelter as adequate protection from the elements and weather conditions suitable for the age, species, and physical condition of the animal so as to maintain the animal in a state of good health, as determined by the state veterinarian. Shelter for livestock includes structures or natural features such as trees or topography and does not necessarily require a barn or other structure to be in place.
9. We support the inclusion of crossbows as legal implements for all hunting seasons. (Re-affirmation of current policy #11 on pg. 107 in the section on Hunting Issues)
10. We support the establishment of agriculture education teacher certification programs at Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and SUNY schools. (Re-affirmation of current policy #11 on pg. 120 in the section on Post-Secondary Agricultural Education)
11. We support increasing state school lunch reimbursement for purchase of locally produced fruits and vegetables. (Re-affirmation of current policy #9 on pg. 122 in the section on School Meals Program)
12. We support creating a dedicated New York State fund to assist schools in purchasing New York grown products such as fruits, vegetables, milk and other dairy products along with other New York grown foods for use in the school lunch system.
13. We continue to support increased funding in the state budget for the Agricultural Education Outreach Program housed at Cornell University, which coordinates Pre-K through grade 12 agricultural education through Ag in the Classroom, FFA, and professional support to the New York Association of Agricultural Educators (NYAAE). (Re-affirmation of current policy #1 on pg. 118 in the section on High School Agricultural Education)

National Policies

1. We oppose requiring all aspects of the CNMP (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan) being completed to receive EQUIP funding, only those practices that are part of the EQUIP funding should have to be completed.



2nd Annual Ag Trivia Challenge Night

Hosted by

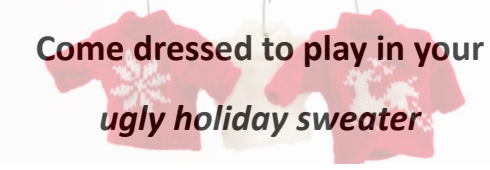
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*Proceeds raised will benefit
Oneida County Agricultural Youth
Programming and Scholarships*

Last year money raised helped fund a \$1,000 donation to Oneida County FARMFEST, Ag Literacy Week books, FFA students trip Albany and scholarship for 4-H students to travel to Texas for an agricultural trip.

Show us your holiday spirit.

Come dressed to play in your
ugly holiday sweater



Friday, December 1, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Daniele's Banquet Specialists

8360 Seneca Turnpike, New Hartford

Social Hour, Silent Auction,

Ugly Sweater Contest & Dinner

Team Trivia Event to Follow

\$25 per Person for Dinner &

Team Registration

Teams of up to 6 people

*Please Return Completed Registration Form by **November 24, 2017** to Karen K. Lohr*

Team Name: _____

List of Participants:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Team Contact email:

Mail **Completed Registration Form** and **Registration Fee (\$25 per team member)** to:

Karen K. Lohr

5685 Cooper St

Vernon, NY 13476

Please make checks payable to

Oneida County Farm Bureau

For more information contact Karen at 315-266-7935 or kkl@tds.net.

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Albany, NY 12205



Oneida County Hi-Lite

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September 2017



All are cordially invited to attend an evening celebration of agriculture

Oneida County Farm Bureau

Annual Meeting

Monday, October 16

at the

Delta Lake Inn

8254 Fish Hatchery Road, Rome

7:00 p.m. Social Time

7:30 p.m. Dinner

*Cost is \$20 per person**

**1 FREE Dinner with a paid 2018 membership*

Membership payment will be accepted at the door, please have a separate check

Please join us at the Delta Lake Inn for the Oneida County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. A delicious meal will be served along with quality discussion, decision making and fun for all! We will be electing members to the Oneida County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and also voting on policy resolutions that will be sent on for consideration at New York Farm Bureau's State Annual Meeting in December.

As in the past, any Oneida County Farm Bureau member with a paid 2018 membership will receive a FREE dinner. Payment for dinner and dues will be accepted at the door. Cost for non-Farm Bureau members is \$25. Your RSVP is requested by Monday, Oct. 9 to Lory van Lieshout at 315-363-9138 or lorypat@hotmail.com.

We hope to see you there!



Oneida County Farm Bureau is looking for **talented students between the ages of 16 and 21** to be considered for the **7th Annual Student of the Year Award**.

Candidates must be a student member or the child of a Farm Bureau member in Oneida County. Eligible students should be active in youth groups (such as 4-H, FFA, Dairy Princess Program, etc.) have demonstrated leadership skills and an understanding of the importance of agriculture in their community. The winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 16. First place will receive \$300, second place \$200 and third place \$100. **To request an application, email jrossi@nyfb.org or call 315-252-1367. Completed applications must be submitted by Oct. 12.**

2018 New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship

Open to any 2018 Oneida County graduating high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field with a student Farm Bureau membership or whose family is a Farm Bureau member are encouraged to apply. District winners will receive \$100 plus a gift and will go on to compete for state-wide scholarships offered in \$1,500, \$1,200 and \$1,000 denominations.

Applications and information are available at NYFB.org or by calling 1-800-342-4143. Completed applications must be submitted by Nov. 16, 2017.

