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# NEWSLETTER

## SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NOTICE

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In November Rhode Island Farm Bureau will be electing a new president.. This exciting opportunity provides any interested farmer the chance to participate in ensuring that agriculture will continue to thrive in our state. It will call for a person capable of performing the duties of this office while maintaining their agricultural business. Are you interested?

#### Requirements for Candidates for President

- Must be a Farm Bureau member in good standing.
- Must be a farmer or have an agricultural background.
- Must be passionate about agriculture.
- Must have leadership qualities.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking.
- Must be able to fulfill the responsibilities of a president.

#### Duties of Rhode Island Farm Bureau President

##### Responsibilities to American Farm Bureau:

1. It is important to attend all scheduled meetings.

##### Regional Responsibilities:

1. Presidents and Administrators Meeting.

##### State Responsibilities:

1. Attend all RIFB monthly meetings and those called for a special purpose.
2. Be available to testify at the State House for legislation.
3. Attend other meetings in regard to agriculture to keep informed during changing times.
4. Be available to be a speaker as requested.
5. Support the policy and structure of RIFB.

If you are interested in becoming a RIFB presidential candidate please contact a member of the Nominating Committee by August 30th. Jean Helger Bento, Chair 401-473-5935, Wayne Salisbury 401-338-7611, Lyn Spinella 401-265-9421. We look forward to hearing from you.



FARM BUREAU® YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS PROGRAM

# YF&R SHAPES THE FUTURE

The YF&R program helps young members shape the future of agriculture, as well as their individual futures, with leadership development and personal growth opportunities. Through three competitions, members are able to showcase their leadership experience, communication skills and successful farm plans as they compete against the best of the best Farm Bureau has to offer.



As part of the YF&R competitions, winners in the Achievement Award, Discussion Meet and Excellence in Ag areas will receive their choice of a **2015 Chevrolet Silverado** or **GMC Sierra** truck, courtesy of GM; three national finalists in each competition will receive a **Case IH Farmall** tractor, courtesy of Case IH; as well as a **\$2,500 cash prize** and **\$500 in STIHL merchandise**.



For more information about YF&R competitive events and how you can get involved, contact your state Farm Bureau office or the American Farm Bureau Federation® at [yfr@fb.org](mailto:yfr@fb.org) or 202-406-3600

  
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*– Jason Schwab, Schwab Dairy*

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*– Kate Kautz, Farm Credit East*



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## Legislative Update 2014

Bill #	Sponsor	Explanation	Committee	Status	RIFB Pos
7042	Canario	Label GMO Foods	HEW	Hearing 1/29/2014	Con
7093 2226	Hull...Handy Walaska	Label GMO Foods	HEW	Hearing 1/29/2014,2/27	Con
2110 7718	Hodgson Valencia	Farmer Brewery	Spec Legis Vet Affairs	Hearing 2/12 4/8/2014	Pro
7120 7810 2137	Valencia Sosnowski	Reorganize DEM	Finance	Hearing 4/16 5/7/2014 Passed Senate	Pro
2112 7919	Sosnowski Nunes	Allow sale of RI wine at Farmer's Markets. Also allows breweries	Spec Legis Vet Affairs	Hearing 2/12, 4/8	Pro
7033	Walsh	Recycle food	Environment	Hearing 3/6	Pro?
2016	Walaska	Regulate outdoor boilers	Environment	Introduced	???
2021	Kettle	Abolish Franchise Tax	Finance	Introduced	Pro
2065	Bates	Change threshold to exemption	Finance	Introduced	Pro
2069	Walaska	Franchise fee to \$250	Finance	Introduced	Pro
2073 2074 7064	Walaska O'Neil Craven	Increase exemption to \$2 million	Finance	Hearing 4/10 5/13	Pro
7034	Walsh	Credit on Fran tax < \$500	Finance	Hearing 4/10	Pro
7084	Ucci	Change Fran to \$50	Finance	Introduced	Pro
7140	Ruggerio	Increase exemption to \$1.5million	Finance	Hearing 4/10	Pro
7344 2266	Walsh Sosnowski	Farmers can shoot deer without a permit	Environment & Ag	Hearing 2/27 5/7	Pro Our Bill
2438 7725	DiPalma Carnevale	Wind Turbines on farms	Environment	Hearing 3/26,27 5/28/2014	Pro Our Bill
7619 2643	Azzinaro Sosnowski	Stealing from farm a felony	Judiciary	Hearing 3/14 3/23, Sen CRP Passed Senate	Pro Our Bill
2224	Kettle	Raw milk	Health	Hearing Held 3/11	Con?
2186 7388	DiPalma Edwards	Composting	Environment & Ag Municipal	Hearing Held 2/27, 3/5	???
2193 7234 2319	Miller Naughton Lynch	Allow Ancillary Activities to be protected by Right to Farm.	Finance Environment & Ag	Hearing Held 2/27, 4/17,5/8 Passed House	Pro
7133	Melo	Budget	Finance	Hearing 2/27 Senate 3/4	???
2139	Walaska	Battery Cages	Environment	Introduced	Con
7583 2632	Almeida Miller	Bans assault weapons	Judiciary	Hearing 3/ 18 Hearing 4/15	Con
7491	Lima	Label GMO Milk	HEW	Hearing 3/26/2014	Con
7546	O'Brien	Rewording of existing law that allow F&W to buy, maintain land	Environment	Hearing 3/30 Passed House	No Position
7838	Handy	Non toxic ammunition	Environment	Hearing 4/17	??
7178 2314	Cimini Lombardo	Ban plastic bags	Environment	Hearing 3/20 3/28	Con?
2952 7904	Conley Handy	Set up Global Warming Council. Sets goals. Coping with GW	Environment	Hearings held 4/3, 5/14	???

If you think we should be tracking a certain bill, please let us know!

## FARM TO SCHOOL SUMMER GARDENING PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE IN PAWTUCKET, CENTRAL FALLS, PROVIDENCE, NEWPORT AND CENTRAL FALLS

Last summer, RI Farm to School was able to pilot summer school gardening programs in six different gardens around the state. Our Americorp VISTA, Cate Puccetti, was wildly successful in achieving the goals of our summer gardening programs. During 31 different programs, students were exposed to at least 39 different fresh fruits and vegetables (almost 180 pounds!) while learning basic gardening skills, basic food preparation and food safety skills. Cate developed a suite of interactive and engaging gardening lessons while having fun in the sun with over 130 students. Farm Fresh is thrilled to continue the program this summer in three RI communities with our USDA Farm to School funding and a new Americorp VISTA. Sarah Mosley, a Dietetics Major at URI, will continue working with students at our original pilot sites in Newport, Providence and Pawtucket, and begin a summer school gardening program in Central Falls. We are excited for Sarah to join our Farm to School team next month, and work with us through mid-August. Sarah is a Writing and Rhetoric minor, so look forward to our newsletters and blog posts getting a whole lot better this summer!



Bailey School Garden, Providence

## ANOTHER REMINDER THAT WE HAVE MOVED TO:

16 B Nooseneck Hill Road  
West Greenwich, RI 02817  
401-385-3339

## SIGNS AND PLATES

We still have plenty of Farm Bureau Member barn signs and license plates. They are free, you just have to come pick them up (and see our new office).



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## FARM CREDIT AWARDS \$40,600 TO NE FARM PROGRAMS

ENFIELD, CT. The Farm Credit NE AgEnhancement Program recently awarded \$40,600 to 16 organizations to promote North East agriculture, support young and beginning farmer initiatives and encourage agricultural youth programs.

The program is a joint effort of Farm Credit East, Yankee Farm Credit and CoBank. Since its inception in 1996, Farm Credit NE AgEnhancement has awarded more than \$1.5 million through 583 grants.

The organizations that received funds are as follows:

New York Future Farmers of America, \$12,600. Includes \$1,800 for each New England state and New York to attend this year's FFA National Leadership Conference for State Officers.

Maine TREE Foundation, \$7,000 for Forest's Teachers' Tour.

New England Green Pastures, \$4,000 for Outstanding Dairy Farm of the Year program.

Harvest New England Association, \$3,000 to fund speakers for regional conference.

New England Apple Association, \$2,000 for Integrated Pest Management Program.

Oneida County, NY 4-H \$2,000 for Amazing World of Exploring Scientific Oriented Methods and Experiences (AWESOME) program which allows youth to experience life as a college student.

University of Vermont \$1,500 to support VT Youth Agriculture Individual Dev. Account Program.

Cornell Coop Extension, \$1,000 for Mohawk 4-H Dairy and Livestock Show and Sale.

Eleazer Davis Farm, NY, \$1,000, support for the Future /Young Event Horse at Scarlett Hill Farm.

Granite State FFA, \$1,000 to support collaborative training for state officers of NH FFA.

MA Envirothon, \$1,000 for a round table luncheon session.

Other awards were:

NY Maple Foundation, \$1,000

NY Pork Producers, \$1,000

NE Organic, \$1,000

Hampshire Ag Society, \$1,000

NY Game fowl Breeders, \$500

The AgEnhancement Program was created in 1996. Proposal submission dates are April 1, August 1 and December 1. Contact: Robert Smith, Farm Credit East, 2668 State Route 7, Suite 21, Cobleskill, NY 12043. For more info [Farmcrediteast.com/industry-support.aspx](http://Farmcrediteast.com/industry-support.aspx)

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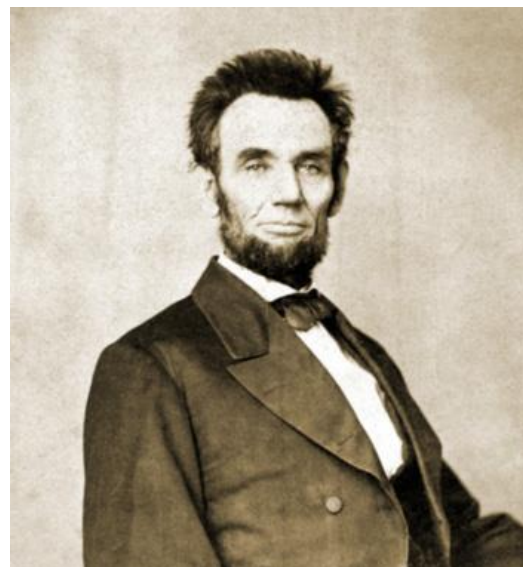
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## SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NOTICE

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is looking for a  
new president.  
See page 1 for  
details.



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