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 or 202-406-3600
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— Jason Schwab, Schwab Dairy

“Trying to do a job like preparing their payroll could put the Schwabs at financial risk. Now, they just fax employee hours to us, and we do the rest. Their payroll checks arrive the very next day. Call Farm Credit East and we’ll do the same for you.”

— Kate Kautz, Farm Credit East
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If you think we should be tracking a certain bill, please let us know!
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!

ANOTHER REMINDER THAT WE HAVE MOVED TO:

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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
How has agriculture touched your life today?

Special Presidential Election Notice

RI Farm Bureau is looking for a new president. See page 1 for details.

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