

NOW

you can be a part of this vital grassroots movement & gain great benefits at the same time!

- **Help Farm Bureau® fight for laws** that help the horse industry and create “horse friendly” communities.
- **Get involved with your county Farm Bureau** in speaking up effectively for landowners, farmers, and the rural way of life.
- **Become an effective grassroots citizen-lobbyist.** Participate in Farm Bureau lobby efforts at the state capitol through organized visits and on-line e-lobby tools.
- Through Farm Bureau, help landowners know their **real options with gas leasing companies.**
- **Support** Farm Bureau’s important and growing **ag-awareness education programs for schools** and public relations programs for agriculture.

AND

how Farm Bureau® serves farm families, rural communities, and preserves open space.

- Obtained **sales tax exemption** for horse farmers and commercial horse boarders from State sales tax for many products purchased for the farm. Saves farmers millions.
- Got commercial **horse-boarding operations included in the definition of “farm operation”** under the Agricultural Districts program.
- Lobbied for and got **property tax exemptions** for new farm structures and buildings **on horse farms.**
- **Secured legislation** that allows Thoroughbred breeders **to include their breeders’ awards** in income calculation used for agricultural assessments.
- **What’s Next?** Obtain exemption from charging sales tax for commercial horse boarders and farrier services.

Endangered species?



In 1946, there were 167,000 family farms in New York.

In 1970, there were only 58,000.

Today? 36,000.

Horse enthusiasts, working with Farm Bureau®, can help keep farming strong.

Nobody fights for family farms like Farm Bureau.



You can help. JOIN Farm Bureau®

HORSE OWNERS!
JOIN THE FIGHT for family farms!



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WOW

The numbers are staggering.

FARMS—REAL “WORKING FARMS,” MANY OF which support two or even three generations of farmers, employees, and their families—have been disappearing from the New York landscape fast enough to qualify for the endangered species list.

In New York, there are several programs—some private, some governmental—that try to save farm land.

But there is only one general farmer-run organization that works to preserve farms and the rural landscape by fighting to advance farm businesses for the coming generations: FARM BUREAU.®

Farmers who work the land know there is little point in preserving farm land if there is no farmer to farm it, if the farm business cannot sustain the farm family.

New York Farm Bureau fights the battle on both fronts: for family farms and farm land at the same time. Nobody does it better.

And you can help by joining Farm Bureau, the voice of New York agriculture.



HOW

Farm Bureau® works to save farmland and working farms.

- Every year farmers convene a county meeting, and then a state and national convention, where they debate and decide what to advocate to the state legislature and Congress to protect and promote family farming.
- Under the leadership of elected farmers and staff, Farm Bureau lobbies legislators and government agencies, speaking up for family farmers.
- Even without a “Political Action Committee,” American Farm Bureau was ranked in the top-15 most effective lobbying organizations by Forbes magazine.
- Farm Bureau also offers farm-education programs for schools, legal advocacy on key cases, and PR programs to help citizens understand the importance of farmers and farming.

AND

look at how N.Y. Farm Bureau® saves you money in so many ways.

- Eligibility to apply for Farm Family® insurance and Farm Bureau workers' comp insurance for employees.
- 10% discount on Grainger supplies, tools and preferred pricing at NAPA auto parts stores.
- \$500 rebate on new many new Dodge vehicles. 
- Prescription discount card that averages 20% off (members only)! Free!
- Free accidental death and dismemberment insurance.
- Free classified ad each month in our 33,000-circ. newspaper plus our Web site.
- 20% hotel discounts at Comfort Inn, Quality Inn, Clarion, and other hotel chains.
- Up to a 15% discount on car rentals from Hertz and Alamo.

HERE

is what some members have to say about Farm Bureau®



Anne and Joseph McMahon Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Thoroughbred breeders and breeder of Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide. “Nobody speaks up for us like Farm Bureau, with its grassroots lobbying for fair treatment of equine businesses in our tax laws, for example. That’s why we are members. Always will be.”

Tom and Hallie Beatty Amsterdam, N.Y.

Retired, raise beef cattle, board horses, grow and harvest hay “We joined for the Farm Family insurance, but we’re getting involved in our county Farm Bureau. We can’t just let all these farms go. We also took advantage of the \$500 rebate on Dodge trucks—three times!”



Tracy Egan Ballston Lake, N.Y.

TV news anchor and Thoroughbred horse breeder “I joined Farm Bureau to get good, affordable insurance for my horse farm. And I believe in what they stand for.”



JOIN

You can help preserve family farms.

Yes! I want to join N.Y. Farm Bureau® and join the fight to protect our precious family farms!

I hereby make application for a one year membership in the _____ County Farm Bureau and N.Y. Farm Bureau (which is a member of American Farm Bureau Federation), the purpose of which is to promote, protect, and represent the economic, social, and educational interests of New York’s farmers, as well as encourage the protection of agricultural areas and rural interests within the state. I am interested in promoting these objectives through membership. I understand acceptance or denial and classification of my membership are determined by the county Farm Bureau.

Name _____ Occupation _____

Street or PO Box _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Farm products or type of business _____

Phone _____ E-mail address: _____

Annual renewal dues vary by county but are \$65 per year for new memberships with this application. Contributions, gifts, or membership dues to N.Y. Farm Bureau, a county Farm Bureau, or the N.Y. Farm Bureau Legal Defense Fund are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be tax-deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership dues are not refundable.

Payment by: Check MasterCard / Visa Discover Bill me

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Name of person—if any—who enrolled you. _____ Amt. of additional donation _____

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