

NYFEA UPDATE

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Why NYFEA?

Officer Updates

Farming is a way of life. Many farmers live to farm, rather than farm to live. I was reminded of this recently my dad's uncle passed away. He had been a farmer for most of his life and at age 86 his health began to fail. His children did not wish to continue farming in his footsteps and this broke his heart. He soon decided it was wise to sell the farm and his equipment. That being said, I believe farming in some ways kept him going, his son told me at the funeral that after the sale, "Dad just gave up". The day of his sale he told his boys "this is my whole life", and instantly began to get tears in his eyes. This was very emotional thought. Farm life is now centered on farming more efficiently there are less small family farms and are more, large farm operations.



The NYFEA is not just for farmers... I can say this because I did not grow up on a farm. My involvement in agriculture started in FFA and has carried out through my adult years in my involvement in the Indiana Young Farmers and the NYFEA. The networking and friendships you gain in these organizations is something quite amazing. I have not only learned more about agriculture, but I have also developed a second family over the years. This bond we share is something that will last a lifetime. Thinking back to my uncle, it gives me great pride to know I am a part of a tradition that has been handed down for many generations. Today's agriculturalists are not necessarily farming in the same way my uncle did. Today agriculture involves such things as agriculture & biological engineering, agriculture economics, agronomy, animal science, biochemistry, food science, and agriculture communications just to name a few. In case you didn't notice all of these areas have direct connections to everyday living. If you like to eat, shop, talk or breathe agriculture effects you. I am so thankful to have become a part of this organization and hope that you can help spread the word of agriculture.

The NYFEA is not just for farmers, it is for agricultural supporters, who care about the industry and want to help education the general public about agriculture technology. We are seeking those who care about the feeding the world and want to conserve and care for the earth. If you want to be part of something that can and will make a difference in the entire world population, you should take apart in supporting agriculture. The NYFEA is not just for farmers...it is for YOU!

We can all work together to help educate those who do not understand the importance of agriculture. Please spread the word to help join the NYFEA in this mission. I will leave you with this thought "two are better off than one, because together they can

work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up" ~ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Pam Berning
NYFEA President Elect

Highlights for 2016



Tampa, FL -
"The 50th Institute"
www.nyfea.org

Plan to attend the Institute in 2016. New tour options are being reviewed. A big emphasis is on seeing agriculture and partnering with people in Tampa!

Looking forward to announcements that are in the works! Did you know that strawberries will be in production when we are in Tampa!!! Brochures are available on-line.



**Collegiate Mentoring
and Agricultural
Leadership Update
for June**



The mentoring and leadership training program has taken another positive step. The faculty of UWA, the interns and NYFEA representatives met to move forward with hosting the 2016 version of the program. An increased emphasis has been put on utilizing electronic media in contacting the potential participants. Also, a request has been made to make sure that the communication phase of the post-program is accelerated. As has been the case for each year, the goal is to build on the success of the past programs. Another big point for the 2016 program is to spread the awareness of the need for lifelong learning in agriculture. Individuals from around the United States are welcome to attend. For more information, email the association - nyfea-main@nyfea.org