



New York
Pork Producers

A Quartley Newsletter for New York Pork Producers

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NEW YORK PORK PRODUCERS ANNUAL MEETING

Girl Carnivore, Kita Roberts-Guest Speaker

Topic: "My Experiences in American Agriculture & Social Marketing"

On Saturday, February 10th, New York Pork Producers will hold its 2018 Annual Meeting at the Pembroke Community Center 116 East Main St. (Route 33) Corfu, NY 14036. Producers as well as youth, involved in hog production, are invited and encouraged to attend. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 youth under the age of 18.

Pre-Registration is encouraged and all registrations received by February 2 will be eligible for the door prize.

Online Registration

To Pre-Register: go to the NYPP website (www.newyorkpork.org) and fill out the online registration form under NYPP Annual Meeting and submit.

Or call: Krista at (716) 697-3031

Please leave your name, phone number, number attending and if you will be taking the PQA training.

Beginning with registration at 8:00 AM, this one-day meeting will feature informational speakers, a silent auction and an excellent pork buffet sponsored by Pork Check Off. The New York Pork Producers' Annual Members Meeting will follow this event.



The silent auction always includes interesting, useful and fun items. A spirit of friendly competition reigns as participants enjoy bidding against each other.

Donations for the silent auction are open to everyone and are greatly appreciated!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for February 10th for the chance to network with fellow producers, "win" something fun at the silent auction, have a delicious meal and take home some practical advice from these swine industry experts.

Any youth that plans on participating in the 2018 ESYS Contest will get 2 points for attending this meeting.

Letter from the NY Pork Producer President

New York Pork Producers Members:

I am sitting writing this as warnings of snow flurries are discussed on the local news, brrrrr. All I can think is "where has time gone?" It feels like just yesterday we were participating in county fairs, distributing pork samples at Oinktober Fest, and enjoying the gifts of harvest.

Looking back on a year well lived I am so proud of all New York Pork Producers Members and especially the Board of Directors and our committed volunteers. There is something to be said about "new blood." Fresh energy motivates a group and helps establish a new vision for an evolving pork industry in our state. It is a great day to produce pork and I am excited to see what our passionate producers have in store for them. I pray that the organization continues to grow and attract people who love producing a healthy and nutritious product in a safe and ethical manner. While producing may we be reminded of the importance of making a check off contribution, those dollars support research, education, and promotion on a larger scale.

Gratitude is the word for this issue and this time of year. I find appreciation in sunshine and in storms, in successes as well as failures. I am grateful for this journey as a producer and as a New York Pork Producers Board Member. I hope that one day, others can feel this same satisfaction and for this reason I challenge and encourage producers looking to get involved and make a difference to run for a position on the board of directors. Interested parties can submit their bio to Matt Harper, fourseasons7450@gmail.com. Serving will not only allow you to give back but align you with mentors and networks of individuals passionate about pork production while granting you access to topics and updates on important topics locally and abroad.

If you are not interested in becoming a board member but want to get involved attend The New York Pork Producers Annual Meeting to be held February 10th in Corfu, New York. Additional information is included in this newsletter. The members working on planning have put together a rich lineup for producers of all scopes and sizes that will provoke thought and help each attendee walk away with methods to expand their operation and share their stories. I am looking forward to an excellent event and would love to see you there!

One of the challenges of being the President of an organization is that I am always looking ahead. Today, I am choosing to live in the moment and celebrate right where we are. In a short time this organization has grown and evolved into something we should be proud to align with. The thought of tomorrow is exciting but pausing to reflect on the efforts that make today great is extremely rewarding. How will you become a part of this in the new year? May all of your goals for the new year come true and may you always produce and end encourage the power of pork.

Happy New Year!

Ed Keller

New York Pork Producers President

*Merry
and Christmas
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New Year*

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS!

The American Animal Producers Club at SUNY Cobleskill will host their annual Livestock Judging Clinic at The Schoharie County Sunshine Fairgrounds in Cobleskill, New York this spring in the month of April. Watch the American Animal Producers Club Facebook Page and the SUNY Cobleskill website for additional details. Topics covered include; judging, reasons practice with individual feedback, helpful sessions for parents and advisors, showmanship and fitting of goats and swine, livestock identification and skillathon. This is one event youth livestock enthusiast will not want to miss! Mark your calendars.

NEW YORK PORK PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE – EMPIRE SWINE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

With grateful hearts we share that we are excited and overwhelmed by the support and enthusiasm received across the industry for the Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Program. New York Pork Producers Board Members and ESYS Committee Members are actively working to make plans for the 2018 event with The Great New York State Fair! Once details are finalized they will be released on The New York Pork Producers website.



If you are interested in supporting the contest, volunteering, or participating please contact info@newyorkpork.org or 585-813-4583.

This year's event theme is "Welcome to the Jungle," and we know it is going to be a vine swinging good time for all!

A REMINDER: ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTEND THE NEW YORK PORK PRODUCERS ANNUAL MEETING AND SIGN IN RECEIVE TWO POINTS TOWARDS THE SCHOLARSHIP!

WNY Farm Show

The 8th Annual WNY Farm Show will be held at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg, NY. Thursday, February 1 10:00 am -4:00pm Friday, February 2 10:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, February 3 9:00am-3:00pm.

Stop by the New York Pork Producers booth in the Agriculture Discovery Center and pick up educational producer information. Sign up as a New York Pork Producers paid member during the farm show and you will receive a gift.

New York Pork Producers - 2018 Calendar of Events

January 16	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY
February 1-3	WNY Farm Show The Fairgrounds Hamburg, NY
February 10	NY Pork Producers Annual Meeting Pembroke Community Center Corfu, NY
February 22-24	New York Farm Show NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY
Feb 28 March 1-2	Pork Forum Kansas City, MO
May 15	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY
June 1-3	Hog & Lamb Preview The Fairgrounds Hamburg, NY
July 17	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY
August 8-19	Erie County Fair
August	ESYS NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY
September 18	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY
November 20	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY

If anyone would like to attend a Board of Directors meeting, please call the office.



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