



New York
Pork Producers

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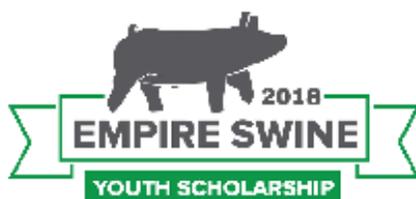
WELCOME TO THE IN THE JUNGLE



2018 EMPIRE SWINE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Hosted by the New York Pork Producers Cooperative
Held during the great New York State Fair
August 22–September 3, 2018 in Syracuse, New York

The Empire Swine Youth Scholarship is for
New York Youth Swine Showmen.



Contest include: Public Presentations
Poster Contests
Decorations Contest
Written Exam
Swine judging
Swine Confirmation
and More

OVER
\$5000
IN AWARDS

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Letter from the NY Pork Producer President

New York Pork Producers:

Winter, the season I hear people complain about so often but the season that I may enjoy the most. The days are long and sometimes hard but there are evenings when you get done what you have to do and the need to do more isn't there, the daylight has been burned and the elements do not allow for more. With this you retire to the house and all that accompanies it. When my daughters are home I listen to them brainstorming, projecting, giving me more to do, and working together. My wife prepares dinner on the stove and chimes into their conversations, and I turn the television on to see what the few channels we have offer for the night. Tonight an old favorite, Green Acres plays.

Have you ever watched Green Acres? It is one of my family's favorites and we always laugh at good old Hank Kimball. He may be a little off the wall but once in a while he truly brought some positive information to the Douglas operation. With the seizure of 24 pigs from a New York Farm after a recent animal abuse investigation I think our need for information and our very own Hank Kimball is essential now more than ever.

As the President of the New York Pork Producers I beg and challenge each of you to source information if you need it. I know sometimes it may be challenging to fight for what you need but fight. Connect with other producers as their hands on experiences mean more than anything you will read in a book. Also, learn all that you need to know and more. Knowledge is power. If you don't know where to turn e-mail our state secretary at info@newyorkpork.org or call me at 585-813-4583 and we can help you find what you need to know. Providing proper living conditions, clean water, adequate feed, and care is not an option for those contributing to the world's safest and most abundant pork supply. We care and we are proud to raise pork, please do not forget this.

I pray that I never hear of one of these cases over the news again, if you have information on an operation that needs attention, please share with your fellow producers. We need to police and protect ourselves and our industry. We all do so much good, we don't want one bad story to impact us all.

Now, on to the good news! A huge thanks to all of those who attended the 2018 New York Pork Producers Annual Meeting. Without participants, vendors, sponsors, hardworking board members, and community supporters we would not have been able to have the enjoyable meeting that we had. We are always seeking support and ideas for our next meeting, if you can provide feedback and lend a helping hand, please let us know!

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you and I am proud of the pork producers in our state. Please keep up the good work and I challenge each of you to find a way to get involved with the organization that supports research, promotion, and education!

All the Best:

Ed Keller
New York Pork Producers President



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 on **April 21st, 2018**. Watch the SUNY Cobleskill's American Animal Producers Club (AAPC) Facebook Page and the SUNY Cobleskill website for additional details. Industry professionals will cover topics such as; 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. Contact the committee chair Emma Wegner at wegnere254@cobleskill.edu, with any questions.

PQA Plus Certification—Center of Ag and Natural Resources -SUNY Cobleskill

SUNY Cobleskill welcomes James Luckman, New York Pork Producers, Inc. to campus. James is a nationally certified PQA trainer. PQA Plus® is an educational program representing the industry's commitment to continuous improvement of production practices. It addresses food safety, animal well-being, environmental stewardship, worker safety, public health and community. As the PQA Plus® program has evolved, participation has grown significantly. To date, more than 71,000 farmers and farm personnel have voluntarily embraced the program by earning the PQA Plus three-year certification. Register today for this two-hour **Free** workshop.

April 3, 2018 6-8 pm Center of Ag and Natural Resources Room 0101

Register your name, address and email - SerdyML@cobleskill.edu Linda Serdy or 585-255-5528



New for 2018! Participants of the Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Contest can volunteer at and support a New York Pork Producers Event and gain 2 points towards their final scholarship placing with the completion and submission of necessary paperwork with their ESYS records. See a list of approved NYPP events below. **Contact info@newyorkpork.org to schedule event support, obtain paperwork to complete at event.**

Attica Central School Back to the Farm Day: June 15, 2018: *Attica students meet with industry representatives to learn more about the agriculture industry. Recipes are distributed and an activity is provided. This is an all day event.*

Western New York Hog Preview Show: *Join the New York Pork Producers at their booth to promote pork, production and sell raffle tickets. Daily shifts available.*

Erie County Fair Booth: *Join the New York Pork Producers at their booth to promote pork and production. Daily shifts available.*

NJSA Eastern Regional: *Join the New York Pork Producers at their booth to promote pork, production, and sell raffle tickets. Daily shifts available.*

Event Proposal: *Identify and propose an opportunity to promote pork and New York Pork Producers*

New York Pork Producers Calendar of Events 2018

February 22-24	New York Farm Show NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY
Feb 28-March 2	Pork Forum Kansas City, MO
May 15	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY
May 17-19	NY FFA Convention Rochester Convention Center Rochester, NY
June 1-3	Hog & Lamb Preview The Fairgrounds Hamburg, NY
June 15	Attica Central School - Back to the Farm Attica, NY
July 17	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY
August 8-19	Erie County Fair Hamburg, NY
August	ESYS NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY
September 18	Board of Directors Meeting CCE Office Genesee Co. Batavia, NY
October 4-6	NJSA Eastern Regionals The Fairgrounds Hamburg, 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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