



New York Pork Producers

A Quartley Newsletter For Today's Pork Producers

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NY Pork Producers Annual Meeting

Save The Date! 2017 Annual Meeting - You Won't Want To Miss This!

The New York Pork Producer's Cooperative Inc. will host its annual meeting on January 28, 2017 in Buffalo, New York. This annual event brings together producers from around the state offering the chance to network together, learn from experts, enjoy a delicious pork luncheon and complete the Pork Quality Assurance certification process. **Dr. Temple Grandin**, livestock handling facility designer and Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University will be joining us as a speaker. In addition, we will have representatives from the National Pork Board and National Pork Producer's Council present and several other speakers and guests.

Come join us to learn, network and participate as a bidder in our silent basket auction to benefit the New York State Youth Scholarship Contest. Please visit the NYPP website to learn more about upcoming events and current industry information at www.newyorkpork.org. The NYPP Board of Directors looks forward to meeting all types of producers, families, employees and friends. Come spend the day with us and check it all out!

If you want to make sure your name is on the mailing list for this meeting, please email the office at info@newyorkpork.org with your name, address and that you're interested in being on the Annual Meeting mailing list.



Oinktober Fest

Date: September 23, 24 & 25 2016 Where: The Great Pumpkin Farm 11163 Main St. Clarence, NY 14031

"East Meats West" is the theme for this year's KCBS sanctioned BBQ competition. The New York Pork Producers will also be there with the Pork Producers Trailer handing out samples on Saturday and Sunday. Stop by and say Hi as you enjoy the wonderful BBQ smell that fills the air.



Letter from the NY Pork Producer President

New York Pork Producers Members:

Wow! What a summer it has been. My family and I have been enjoying our time together, experiences in the show ring, good health, fresh local produce, and lots of delicious grilled pork. It is simply one of my favorite times of year. My family wouldn't dispute this, they would tell you that it is my favorite time because the days are long and leave lots of opportunity and daylight for hard work outside.

As an organization we are gearing up for exciting events and opportunities to represent our industry at Empire Farm Days and The New York State Fair through The Youth Swine Scholarship Contest. This is another example of hard work during the summer that pays off later! The board and I are very grateful for all of those who put in long hours preparing for these events. Although we have awesome bodies supporting and leading these events we can always use more help! Have you considered volunteering for the organization that supports the product you produce? Checkoff dollars are your contribution to our industries promotion efforts, how fun would it be to see them put into motion!

I have found that standing behind the product I passionately produce each day helps me to bring my production story full circle. Interacting with consumers allows them to put a face behind the pork they enjoy and understand the opportunities associated with their grocery store purchase. Many don't understand the delight in cooking pork to the USDA recommended guidelines, 145 degrees with a blush pink center, 160 degrees when cooking ground pork. The next time you and your family enjoy perfectly cooked pork I challenge you to consider joining, working with other producers to join, and potentially pay it forward by sharing the opportunities associated with enjoying pork products and understanding those who produce them!

By joining, you will share your production story and step into a world of connections and resources through events including our Annual Meeting. This year's annual meeting will be held Saturday, January 28th at The Holiday Inn in Buffalo, New York. Temple Grandin will be our keynote speaker at this year's event! Make your reservations early, this is going to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for all. Other exciting components are being prepared for the meeting as well. Please watch our website for more information.

As always, we are thankful for you and the hogs you produce. Let's work on closing 2016 with a bang and preparing to make 2017 our best year yet! New members, new resources, and more pork on forks than ever is our mission, together!

Pork Be Inspired!

Ed Keller
New York Pork Producers President



KinderFarming Event

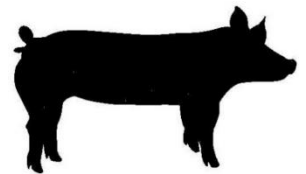
New York Pork Producers members Julie and Alicia Keller of Corfu, New York hosted a booth at this year's KinderFarming event chaired by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County and Farm Bureau. Grassland Dairy Farms of Pavilion, New York opened its doors for a day of agriculture based educational experiences for over 700 kindergarten students and their teachers. The Keller's shared facts about the swine industry and distributed coloring books, recipes, and the fan favorite pig erasers. Other stations included a tour of the operation, information on recycling and soil fertility, sheep and wool demonstrations, and many more.



We thank the Keller's for sharing the New York pork production story at this event. If you are interested in sharing information at a similar event please reach out to info@newyorkpork.org with more information!

Youth Events

How do you and your family take strides to produce safe, high quality pork products each day on your operation? If you don't know the answer to this question it may be time for you to enroll in a Pork Quality Assurance Plus training near you! Across New York State 4-H programs and their swine members are challenging themselves and the way they produce pork. Genesee, Stuben and Cattaraugus Counties have encouraged their members to enroll in the Pork Quality Assurance Plus sessions hosted in their counties. Youth producers learned about the ten Good Production Practices and put their new knowledge into motion through the written examination required for certification. We are elated to have young people recognizing the pride in producing high quality pork products for consumers and would love to help you and those you work with develop the same sense of pride. Contact info@newyorkpork.org to learn more about the program and schedule a session of your own.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18, 2016	Marilla Farm Days – Marilla NY
September 20, 2016	Budget Committee Meeting – Abigail’s Restaurant – Waterloo NY – 4:00 pm
September 20, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting – Abigail’s Restaurant – Waterloo NY – 6:00 pm
September 23-25, 2016	Oinktober Fest – Clarence Event Center – Clarence NY
November 15, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting – Batavia NY – 6:00 pm
January 28, 2017	NY Pork Producers Annual Meeting
February 2-4, 2017	WNY Farm Show – Hamburg Fairgrounds
March 1-3, 2017	NPPC Pork Forum – Atlanta, Georgia
March 21, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:00 pm
June 2-4, 2017	Hog & Lamb Preview – Hamburg, NY
August 8-10, 2017	Empire Farm Days
August 9-20, 2017	Erie County Fair
Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2017	NY State Fair

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