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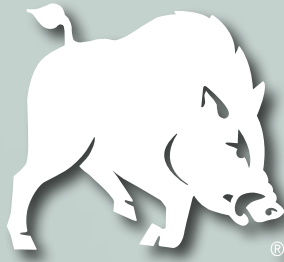
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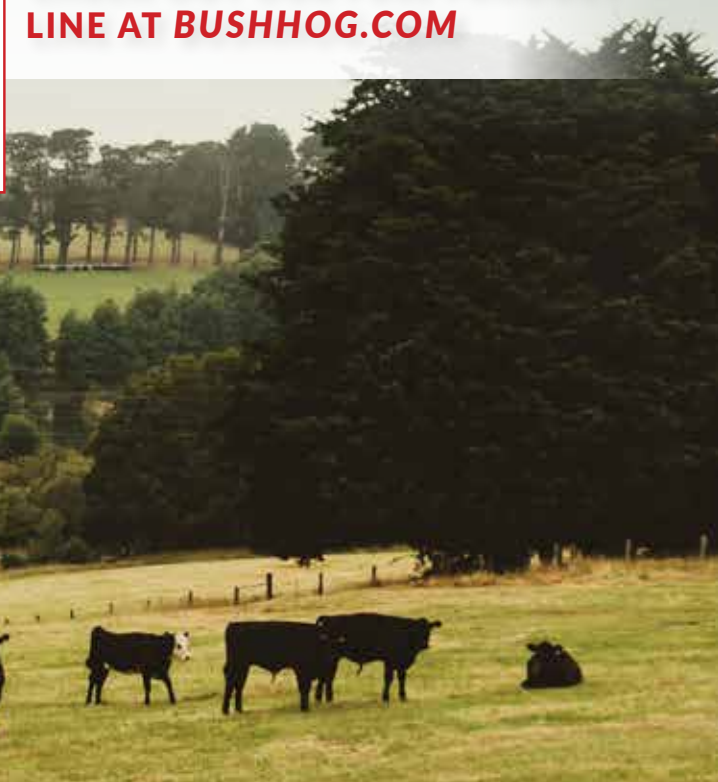
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**November**

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 Nov. 13 - Council Meeting @ 10AM  
 Ramada Liverpool

**December**

Dec. 1- Deadline for ads, articles, and classifieds  
 for Jan/Feb Newsletter  
 Dec. 15 - Deadline to remit Beef Checkoff  
 Dollars for 2021  
 Dec. 31 - Photo Contest Deadline

**January**

Jan. 21-22 - NYBPA Annual Meeting  
 & Conference, Ramada Liverpool  
 Jan. 31 - 2022 membership renewals DUE

**February**

Feb. 24-26 - NY Farm Show, Syracuse

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# 2021/2022 Directory Corrections

The following are corrections to the directory:

- Region 4 Co-Chairman (pg.7) – Janeen Sparks
- Lisa Sklener, D & L Farm (pg. 66) – farm description should read, “Registered and Commercial Charolais operation. Selling Bulls, Heifers, and Freezer Beef. Exit 61 off Route I-86. North on Route 34 approx. 8 miles. Turn right on Dean Creek Road. Farm 1.8 miles on right.
- Addition to Genesee County (pg 34): Amy Mathisen, Mills Crest Acres  
5939 Griswold Rd. Byron, NY 14422 | 585-409-3000 | mathisenamy@gmail.com
- Correct address for: Dennis Phelps, Wayne E. Phelps Enterprises Inc. (pg.34)  
1862 Ledge Road Basom, NY 14013
- Junior Members (pg.11) - Autumn Mathisen
- Erwindale Farms Ad/TenEyck Family (pg. 84) - the correct ad is listed on Pg. 30 of this newsletter
- Charlesworth Family Farm ad (pg.74) – the correct ad is listed on Pg. 29 of this newsletter.

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## NYBPA President Message



I would like to thank all who attended and helped in planning our first Beef Expo Weekend. A special thank you goes out to Ralph Lott and family, and to all the vendors for hosting this event. Those attending expressed encouragement for future Beef Expos.

As we have faced many struggles this year, I am looking forward to our Annual Conference to celebrate NYBPA's 75th Anniversary with a new venue. After the recent survey sent out pertaining to the annual 3 day conference, the executive council agreed to changing it to a 1 1/2 day event.

The conference will be held January 21 & 22, 2022. Friday evening will include a social hour and dinner followed by the annual meeting. Saturday will be filled with guest speakers and the day will conclude with a keynote speaker, dinner and auction. Registration and schedule of events will be coming out shortly.

The success for a volunteer organization to be able to celebrate 75 years is a true accomplishment. NYBPA could not happen without true commitment of past and present volunteers. With everyone working together, NYBPA can remain strong for another 75 years.

Many changes have happened in our 75 year history within the cattle industry. I applaud all past volunteers and leaders for their commitment to NYBPA.

May we stay true to the mission of putting protein on the nation's plate.

Thank you,  
Ted

## WELCOME 2021 NYBPA New Members

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- 12 - Christina A. Cornelius, Thousand Acre Farm, 2581 Thousand Acre Rd. Delanson, NY 12053 (518)269-9429

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***There are a couple more months to get new members before the  
2021 New Member Rewards Incentive Program closes.***

***Members with Rewards will be notified and announced at the 2022 Annual Meeting!  
Any new members who join from now until the end of 2021 will be a paid memembr for all of 2022.***

# The Beef Producers Bulletin

**Council Meeting** – the next council meeting will be Saturday, November 13th at 10:00AM. Meeting location is at the Ramada, 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool. Council members – watch your emails for the agenda. An RSVP will be needed for lunch. If you are a recently elected council member for your region and have questions, please contact Amanda at nybeefproducers@aol.com

**2022 Annual Conference** – will be held January 21-22nd at the Ramada by Wyndham, 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool. The theme this year is “75 Years of Quality Alliances - with producers & consumers.” The conference will start Friday evening with the annual meeting and dinner. Saturday will feature speakers through-out the day, awards during lunch, and a keynote speaker and dinner. There will also be a trade show, junior meeting and activities, silent auction, scholarship auction, photo contest, and fun with fellow beef producers. Rooms will be blocked for Friday night and Saturday night, if needed. We are excited to see everyone again! Please see more details on page 8 & 9.

**2022 Photo Contest** – We are looking for beef and agriculturally related photos for our 2022 Annual Photo Contest. Please no cattle show photos. Prizes awarded for top 6 photos. Photo contest forms can be found online at [www.nybpa.org](http://www.nybpa.org) and MUST be mailed to NYBPA attn: Amanda Dackowsky, 10040 Hooker Hill Rd. Perrysburg, NY 14129 BY DECEMBER 31st, 2021 to be eligible for the contest. Complete rules can be found on the form. More details on page 9.

**Going Green?** – Are you interested in cutting back the amount of paper you have in your house? Did you know The Beef Producer Magazine is also digital? If you are interested in receiving this magazine digitally INSTEAD OF in the mail, please let Amanda Dackowsky know by emailing [nybeefproducers@aol.com](mailto:nybeefproducers@aol.com). She will add you to the digital list!

**2022 New York Farm Show** – the 2022 NY Farm Show is Feb. 24-26th, at the NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. We are looking for volunteers to help serve Beef Sundaes at this event. If you can help, even for just a couple hours, please contact Amanda Dackowsky at [nybeefproducers@aol.com](mailto:nybeefproducers@aol.com). We cannot have a successful event without help from our council members and membership. Many attendees look forward to enjoying a delicious beef sundae!

**It's That Time of Year Again....** – 2022 membership renewals will be due by January 31st, 2022. Renewal forms can be found online at [www.nybpa.org](http://www.nybpa.org). In December we will be mailing out the NYJBPA calendar, membership renewal forms for adults and juniors, and the annual conference information and registration. Watch for a BIG WHITE envelope to come in the mail!

**Beef Farm Of Distinction**- Looking for ideas on how to put this new program together to spotlight Beef Farmers in New York. Call or email Amanda if interested.

**NYBPA CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!!** 2022 marks 75 years for the NY Beef Producers' Association. Let's celebrate!

# Beef Expo Weekend

On Friday & Saturday, Sept 24-25th, NYBPA held Beef Expo Weekend at Rodman Lott & Sons Farms, Seneca Falls. It was beautiful weather as beef producers across the state gathered to learn more on a variety of beef topics. Our speakers and topics included:

- BQA Chute-side Training & BQA-T- Nancy Glazier, Small Farms/Livestock Specialist NWN Y CCE & Dr. Katelyn Card
- Direct Meat Marketing Panel – Steve Olson, Hidden Canyon Farm & Joey & Emily Kwilos, Kwilos Farms
- Drawing Blood – Dr. Katelyn Card
- Fence Building- Williams Farm Fence, Deansboro
- Early Calf Care- Jeff Hostetter, Select Sires
- Efficient Winter Feeding of Hay – Rich Taber, CCE Chenango
- Feedlot and Cow/Calf Nutrition- Stephen Boyles, Ohio State University
- Pain Management – Dana Buchholz, TP Cattle Services
- Record Keeping on the Farm – Sue Olson
- Vaccinations and Herd Management Programs – Dr. Katelyn Card
- Livestock Risk Protection Insurance – Tristan Peterson, Farm Credit East
- Important of Trace Minerals in Vaccine Response & Pregnancy – Jerry Rusch, DVM Multimin
- NCBA Government Updates – Ethan Lane, Vice President of Government Affairs



## For our junior topics and speakers we had:

- Cattle Judging & Careers in Ag – Dr. Ben Weikert, SUNY Cobleskill
- Retail Meat Cuts – Steve Olson
- Tractor and Farm Equipment Safety Demo – Jim Carrabba, NYCAMH
- Parliamentary Procedure – Ashley Gifford
- Importance of Health Papers – Dr. Katelyn Card
- Fitting & Grooming Demo – Andy Hoelscher & Tom Smith



Thank you to all our speakers, some who traveled as far as Ohio and Washington, D.C., to come spend the day with us, continuing the education of our state's beef producers and youth. Anyone needing to recertify for BQA and who attended Beef Expo watching a speaker or demonstration for 45 minutes or more can recertify using this event. Recertification forms can be acquired by emailing Nancy Glazier at [nig3@cornell.edu](mailto:nig3@cornell.edu) or going to the website - <https://www.nybeef.org/>

NYBPA would like to thank the Ralph Lott family for allowing us to use their beautiful facilities and grounds, C & B Roasters of Canandaigua for providing a delicious lunch, and for our event sponsors and trade show vendors – *BioZyme/VitaFerm, Runnings of Canandaigua, Williams Fence of CNY and Williams Fence Supplies, Bush Hog, ST Genetics, Purina Animal Nutrition, Zoetis, Select Sires, NYCAMH, Multimin, Twin Clover Equipment, and DataMars Inc. and also to our Cook-out sponsors- Ford Brothers Meats of West Valley, Tamberlane Farm of Canandaigua, and Elanco.*

**Watch for more details to come on our 2022 Beef Expo event!**



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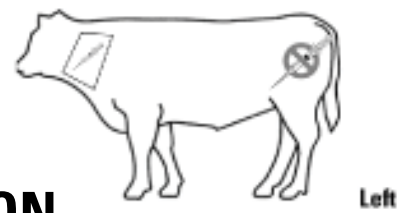
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**Winter Conference, Annual Meeting and Awards**

January 21-22nd, 2022

Ramada by Wyndham

441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool 13088

**“75 Years of Quality Alliances -  
with Producers & Consumers”**

**Friday, January 21, 2022**

**6:00 PM NYBPA Annual Dinner Meeting &  
Keynote Speaker (TBA)**

*Immediately following dinner is social hour(s) in the hospitality room.*

**TRADE SHOW**

**8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday**

A variety of Suppliers and Services available to  
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**Additional Weekend Events**

*Photo Contest  
BQA Drawing -  
(must be a current BQA certified producer to be eligible for the  
drawing)*

*Scholarship Winner Announced*

*Silent Auction*

*Scholarship Auction*

*Junior Meeting & Activities*

*Fellowship & Fun*

*It's been 2 years since we have been able to get together for our  
annual conference.  
Hope to see you there!*

Watch your mail in December for a white envelope with  
conference registration and speaker schedule, membership  
renewals, and the NYJBPA calendar

**HAPPY 75th Anniversary NYBPA!!  
“The Diamond Anniversary”**

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

**8:00 AM** Registration and Trade Show Opens

**Conference Session**

**9:30 AM** Welcome, Ted Card, NYBPA President

**9:45 AM** Speaker

**10:45 AM** AM Break

**11:00 AM** Speaker

**12:00 - 1:30 PM Lunch, Trade Show, and  
\*\*\*AWARDS\*\*\***

**1:30 PM** Speaker

**2:30 PM** Speaker

**3:30 PM** PM Break

**3:45 PM** Speaker

**4:30 PM** Speaker

**5:00 PM** Conference Sessions End, Last Call for Trade Show

**5:30 PM** Drinks & Hors d'oeuvres before dinner

**6:00 PM** Trade Show Closes

**6:00 PM  
Dinner & Keynote Speaker**

**9:00 PM** Safe travels home or rooms reserved for the night

**Additional Meetings Scheduled**

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

NY Junior BPA Annual Meeting- 10:00 AM  
(9:30AM - Junior Meet & Greet)

Other meetings and meeting locations - TBA

# 2022 Annual Meeting & Conference

## *“75 Years of Quality Alliances - with Producers & Consumers”*

*It is important as beef producers to do the best job we can for our animal's well-being, for our land, for our future generations, and to ensure consumer trust in a safe and nutritious beef product.*

\*\*Watch your mail for the conference registration and the complete line-up of speakers (this will be in a big white envelope).

Confirmed speakers so far:

Dr. Sara Place - Chief Sustainability Officer, Elanco

Jean O'Toole - Executive Director, NY Beef Council

Josh White - Executive Director of Producer Education, NCBA



## 2022 Photo Contest

*Sponsored by Kent Nutrition Group*

Have a moving photo taken during the past year? We are looking for beef and agriculturally related photos for our 2022 Annual Photo Contest. Please no cattle show photos. Prizes awarded for top 6 photos.

**Grand Prize Winner** - Certificate from Kent for 10/Free FW365 ADE or Pasture Breeder Aide or Grass Fed Mineral

**5 Runner-Ups** - Will receive gift certificates for 2/Free FW365 ADE or Pasture Breeder Aide or Grass Fed Mineral

Additionally, the 6 photos will be featured on the covers of the 2022 bi-monthly Beef Producer Magazine.

Photo contest forms can be found online at [www.nybpa.org](http://www.nybpa.org) and MUST be mailed to:  
**NYBPA attn: Amanda Dackowsky, 10040 Hooker Hill Rd. Perrysburg, NY 14129**

Forms must be mailed BY DECEMBER 31st, 2021 to be eligible for the contest.

Complete rules can be found on the form.

**THANK YOU**  
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# 2021 Supreme Female Winners

NYBPA had a great turn-out for the 12<sup>th</sup> Supreme Beef Female Show at the NYS Fair on Beef Day, Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> in Syracuse. The show had 32 entries, including 5 cow/calf pairs and 27 heifers, with the best of the best from each participating county fair and show across NY state this summer show season. 5 judges evaluated the classes and a Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer and Cow/Calf pair were named.

## **Congratulations to these 4 outstanding cattle entries:**

Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair - Simme Valley, Groton, NY representing Allegany County Fair with their 1/3/2018 Simmental cow- Simme Valley Fre-Anna and Simmental calf Simme Valley Jilli-Anna born 1/1/2021.

Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair- Dylan Bozeman, representing Steuben County Fair with his SimSolution 8/29/2017 cow- Red Hot Nikki E55 and her 3/24/2021 calf DBH Miss Fiddy Cent J55. Supreme Champion Heifer- James Hicks representing Dutchess County with his Chianina heifer Sasha born 5/23/2020.

Reserve Champion Heifer- Dylan Bozeman representing Genesee County Fair with his SimAngus 11/15/2019 heifer Miss CCF Jestress G106.

Thank you to all who came to watch or participate in the show, to our 5 judges, Colby Baumgardner, Dylan Baumgardner, and Madi Weaver of Penn State, Kevin Jensen, and Tyler Strub, for evaluating the cattle, to the show photographer, Meagan Stephens at Meaganish Marketing & Photography, and to all those who helped organize and run the show, Brenda Bippert, Karen & Paul Glennister, Patrick Kenney, Skip Lear, Brooke Gerhardt, Kathi Wagner, Dawn & Tim Dennis, and JoAnne & Anna King.

A BIG thank you goes out to Purina Animal Health for sponsoring the show and champions with a \$1000 cash award for the Supreme Heifer and for the Cow/Calf and a \$500 cash award for the Reserve Champions and for our Supreme chair sponsors – NY Simmental Association, Hubner Seeds, and William Kent Inc.

*Thanks to all for a successful show!*



**Washington County Fair**  
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Exhibited by Gavin Murphy



**Dutchess County Fair**  
Sasha  
Chianina heifer born 5/23/2020  
Exhibited by James Hicks

*County Fair Supreme Chair winners continued from Sept/Oct newsletter*

# 2021 Supreme Female Winners

**Looking for pictures from the  
2021 Supreme Show?**

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*Supreme Female Heifer  
James Hicks*



*Supreme Female Cow/Calf  
Simme Valley*

# 12th Supreme Show Winners



*Reserve Champion Cow/Calf  
Dylan Bozeman*



*Reserve Champion Heifer  
Dylan Bozeman*

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# Regional News

## Washington County launched Jr. Beef Ambassador Program

September 2021

A “Washington County Jr. Beef Ambassador” program was launched at the County Fair this August. The program was a collaboration with the NY Beef Producers Region 12, the Washington County Jr. Beef Club, NY Beef Council, and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Washington County.

Twenty-three youth from 3 counties gathered for a youth education night August 3rd, where they participated in presentations from Jean O’Toole, New York Beef Council, focusing on beef cuts and nutrition; Phil Trowbridge, Trowbridge Farms, speaking on cattle handling and the beef community; and Chrissy Claudio, Agriculture Subject Educator Madison County CCE discussing environmental factors and animal wellbeing. The interactive sessions involved youth filling out a “talking points” card, as they traveled station to station, resulting in a complete card to take with them at the end of the night. This unique opportunity allowed youth to meet with and ask beef industry experts about their role in the beef community. Youth left with a deeper understanding of consumer FAQs, talking points for tough questions, and how to tell their story.



Then, thanks to a generous contribution from Mack Brook Farms, youth engaged with fair goers at the Washington County Fair, Greenwich NY, handing out Muddy Trails Beef Jerky snack sticks and answering consumer questions about beef. Signs were posted throughout the open and junior beef barns, encouraging fairgoers to seek out Jr. Beef Ambassadors with any questions.

*Huge thank you to Brian Gilchrist, Shawn Murphy & Erin Perkins for their efforts implementing this program.*



*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*

# PREGNANCY CHECKS

Dr. Melanie Hemenway, NYSCHAP

## *Checking cows for pregnancy is a good management tool*

Using pregnancy checks is a good management tool to aid in decision making: 1) calves can be weaned early to sell open cows at peak market prices, 2) thin cows can be sorted off to fatten before selling, or 3) open heifers can be sold when they will still bring top dollar.

Another reason to pregnancy check is to monitor the herd's health and reproductive status. Finding more open cows than usual can signal a disease problem such



as infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) or sexually transmitted diseases that cause cows to abort. Nutritional deficiencies in a herd can also show up as open cows, especially in two-year-olds that should have bred back for their second calves. Some producers also use pregnancy testing to determine when cows will calve, facilitating sorting them into early- and late-calving groups.

According to 2007-08 National Animal Health Monitoring System data, about 20% of beef cow-calf producers use pregnancy testing or palpation in their herds. However, the benefits of this practice are simple to realize. Compare the roughly \$15/head cost of a pregnancy exam with the \$100-200/head cost of hay alone to feed an open cow through the winter, and pregnancy testing quickly pays for itself.

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Palpation – Rectal palpation is the traditional method. Indications of pregnancy can be detected as early as 35 days – and definitely by 45 days – by feeling the uterus, ovaries, and uterine arteries through the rectal wall. The position of ovaries changes as pregnancy advances; the increasing weight of the uterus pulls them deeper into the abdominal cavity. After the fifth month, the weight and size of the fetus and its fluids cause the uterus to sink down and rest on the abdominal floor. Experienced veterinarians can estimate stage of pregnancy with fair accuracy between 30 and 100 days and after seven months. The mid-stage of pregnancy is a little harder to date.

Taking the bull out after a defined breeding season helps when it comes time to pregnancy test because it eliminates those questionable ones that may have just been bred but can't be definitively determined by palpation.

Ultrasound – Ultrasound can detect pregnancy earlier than palpation, sometimes as early as 13 days after breeding (but more commonly after 21 days) but is more expensive and requires equipment and electricity. It can provide more information than palpation, such as viability of the fetus, incidence of twins, and sex (between 55 and 90 days' gestation).

The cost of ultrasound is about twice that of rectal palpation, but the improved accuracy is worth it to many producers. Ultrasound is used extensively in dairies because diagnosis of reproductive issues is more accurate. One downside to checking early (with any method) is that some cows may abort or resorb a pregnancy before calving time. A cow that checked pregnant early on may end up open or very late instead.

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# BQA Update

By: Nancy Glazier, Cornell Cooperative Extension, NWNY Team

The days and the farm chore list are getting shorter, which provides more time to get BQA certified!

Remember to check the NYBPA.org or NYbeef.org calendars for in-person training dates. You can also complete Level 1 training online at bqa.org.

There are three options: Cow/Calf, Stocker/Backgrounder, or Feedyard.

Another certification program is Beef Quality Assurance Transportation. Most haulers in NY should take the Farmer/Rancher training which focuses on gooseneck trailers. Each of these modules takes 2-4 hours to complete.

For those needing recertification, this can be accomplished in three ways.

1. Attend an educational meeting related to animal health either in-person or online that is 45 minutes or longer.
2. Meet with your veterinarian for a herd consult for 30 minutes or more.
3. Complete the online certification (one of the modules above) or watch the recertification videos and complete the test at <https://www.nybeef.org/farmers-fencepost/beef-quality-assurance-certification/bqa-recertification-online-continued-education>.

Remember to complete your VCPR with your vet to maintain your Level 2 certification.


Some good news, Chrissy Claudio will be starting with the NY Beef Council November

1. She will be working with me as BQA Co-Coordinator and other responsibilities with the NY Beef Council. I am looking forward to working with her!


More information regarding the BQA program, certification and recertification can be found

at NY Beef Council's website under Farmer's Fencepost at <https://www.nybeef.org/farmers-fencepost/beef-quality-assurance-certification>. Or, contact me at [nig3@cornell.edu](mailto:nig3@cornell.edu) or 585-315-7746, or Chrissy at [cclaudio@nybeef.org](mailto:cclaudio@nybeef.org) or 315-339-6922.

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# News from the NY BEEF COUNCIL

## NY DIETETIC INTERNS EXPLORE SUSTAINABLE BEEF AT TWO FARM TOURS

Thirty dietetic interns learned how beef is sustainably raised during two separate farm-to-fork tours, at the Maple Acres Farm and SK Herefords Farms in McGraw and Medina, N.Y. Sept 3rd and 17th, respectively. The farm tours were hosted by Betsy Hicks and the Keppler family and presented by New York Beef Council (NYBC).

The attendees included dietetic interns from Syracuse University and D'Youville College. The farmers led the attendees on a tour of the farm and discussed the daily practices of caring for the cattle, the land and water. They discussed rotation grazing, how cattle improve soil health, and Beef Quality Assurance training. They explored beef sustainability and learned that cattle are unique in our food system because they upcycle inedible grass and plants into high-quality protein that families enjoy. Interns were also educated about the nutrition of beef by dietitian consultant Michelle Barber.

The attendees were very engaging and had a strong desire to know about cattle care and the environmental impact of beef production. Survey results of participants showed a



very positive shift in their view of the environmental impact of beef farming. Those who are concerned about cattle farming practices dropped from 85% to 14% after the tours. After the tours, those who would recommend beef consumption 3 to 4 times a week increased from 20% percent to 67% percent. "The experience was VERY insightful to the practices, the production, and the overall operation of where beef actually comes from. Knowing more about the cows themselves and the nutritional benefits I found all to be very insightful," wrote an attendee.

NYBC's nutrition program is financially supported by the Kansas and Nebraska Beef Councils. For more information on the event, contact Jean O'Toole at [jotoole@nybeef.org](mailto:jotoole@nybeef.org).



## **NEW YORK BEEF CHECKOFF ENCOURAGES NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, COACHES and ATHLETES TO "BUILD YOUR BASE WITH BEEF"**

The New York Beef Council in a multi collaborative partnership between the South Dakota Beef Industry Council and Sanford Health and Sanford Sports Science Institute has contracted to support New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) going into the 2021-2022 scholastic athletic year!

NYBC's focus with the Build Your Base program is on helping and arming local communities with the information and resources to support the health and efforts of their local athletes. We are committed to giving athletes, their families and coaches tips and strategies that they can put into action to perform better and be healthier! No more guess work! Athletes, their families, and coaches will have the ability to gain access to simple-to-follow, easy-to-make beef powered recipes and meals plans that support athletic performance and recovery.

NYBC is committed, with the help of the partnership with NYSPHSAA to providing athletes in our programs with up-to-date, evidence-based tips and strategies for using protein to support muscle growth and recovery. Helping student athletes eat to perform better on the field and court is second to helping them gain the nutrition skills needed to be healthy throughout their life. Jean O'Toole, Executive Director of NYBC states, "as a former high school and collegiate athlete, I wish this program was available to help guide me nutritionally as an athlete, we are excited at NYBC to provide the opportunity for high school and collegiate sports programs the opportunity to bring a science and research-based program focused on nutrition to the athletes of New York!"

NYBC will be present at numerous New York Public High School state championships and will be providing beef jerky to student athletes participating in select championship events throughout the scholastic year!

Interested in implementing the Build Your Base Program in your school, or looking to find out more information about Build Your Base, go to [www.buildyourbase.org](http://www.buildyourbase.org) and more information about the New York Beef Council visit, [www.nybeef.org](http://www.nybeef.org).

## Another Battle on “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS)

In 2006, the U.S. Supreme Court tasked EPA with defining “waters of the United States” (WOTUS), to establish clear guidelines for stakeholders regulated under the Clean Water Act. In 2015, EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers finalized the WOTUS Rule, which was a significant expansion of federal jurisdiction, including isolated waterbodies and features that only carry water following precipitation. In 2020, EPA finalized a revised definition — the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) — that more appropriately limited federal jurisdiction to waterways that significantly contribute to downstream water quality.

The NWPR, unlike the 2015 WOTUS rule, did not subject ephemeral streams or isolated water features to federal regulation. Additionally, the NWPR scaled back the wetlands subject to federal jurisdiction, which greatly simplified implementation of the rule. The rule also provided much-needed agricultural exemptions for stock ponds, prior converted cropland, and other agricultural features. NCBA engaged in litigation to defend the NWPR in federal courts across the country, but unfortunately it was struck down by the U.S. District Court in Arizona on August 30, 2021. That court issued a ruling that vacated and remanded the NWPR, essentially repealing it overnight. On a less accelerated timeline, the Biden Administration has announced its intent to carry out a two-step rulemaking process, first repealing the NWPR and then writing a new WOTUS definition.

### What is the current definition of WOTUS?

EPA announced its intent to interpret WOTUS consistent with the pre-2015 regulations until further notice. This means that regulatory requirements and jurisdictional determinations will follow limits put in place by the agencies' 1986 regulations and subsequent guidance.

### How does WOTUS impact cattle producers?

Cattle producers rely on clean water for the health of their animals, families, and communities. Producers recognize the Clean Water Act as an important tool to protect our nation's water quality, but they also need clear rules to be able to operate their businesses successfully and in compliance with the law. Since the Clean Water Act's passage in 1972, cattle producers and other small business owners have faced years of inconsistent interpretation regarding the reach of federal jurisdiction on WOTUS. Policy changes and litigation led to ever-changing requirements, making it difficult for regulated stakeholders to rely on consistent standards. Further, recent attempts to define WOTUS have gone far beyond previous interpretations, impacting ranchers who have never before been subject to federal regulations.

### What is NCBA doing?

NCBA continues to fight against overreaching federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. We are working with the EPA and Congress to ensure that any definition of WOTUS provides necessary clarity for cattle producers and does not exceed the statutory limits of the Clean Water Act. Any definition of WOTUS should satisfy these criteria:

- Ensure that the regulatory definition of WOTUS is consistent with the Clean Water Act and existing Supreme Court precedent.
- Limit federal jurisdiction to traditionally navigable waters, their consistently flowing tributaries, and abutting wetlands.
- Maintain important agricultural exemptions, including exemptions for stock ponds, agricultural ditches, and prior converted cropland.

### TAKE ACTION NOW! SCAN THE QR CODE

Tell the federal government that you oppose overly restrictive regulations that will tie the hands of farmers and ranchers on conservation work. Cattle producers are some of America's original environmental stewards and they provide crucial conservation benefits to our air, land, and water every day. They need regulatory clarity so they can keep running their operations, safeguarding our clean waterways, and feeding our nation.



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**A VIEW FROM  
THE TRACTOR SEAT**  
By Paul Trowbridge

If anyone reading this knows where I can send a speeding ticket to summer please let me know. I had so many things I wanted to do this summer that I missed out last summer. Now summer is in my rearview mirror. I realized it this week when the hummingbirds left last week our barn swallows left after they raised 2 hatches. one of 3 babies one of two just amazing to watch them learn to fly then watch the parents teach them to scoop bugs out of the air. I love to watch them follow the haybine grabbing bugs as I raised them into the air cutting hay.

The thing that really made me realize summer is gone is the fourth hatching of our monarch butterflies left for Mexico this week. They are just amazing as they hatch they only live on the sticky white stuff that's from certain milkweed it makes them taste bad so no other bugs will eat them. As they turn into Butterflies, they only eat nectars from flowers just think no GPS and they get to the same place in Mexico every year Mother Nature at her finest.

Now one more thing this fall when the honey bees smother all the drone bees [MALE] and drag them out of the hive because they serve no purpose to make the hive survive the winter. The drones just eat honey during the winter and the hive needs all they have to survive the winter. When the hives need drones in the spring to mate the virgin queens the queen will lay male eggs. another wonder off Mother Nature at its finest for sure.

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# PREGNANCY CHECKS

Dr. Melanie Hemenway, NYSCHAP

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Blood test – Several tests using progesterone measurements in blood and milk have been developed to confirm pregnancy. The most useful test to date is a blood test developed by University of Idaho DVM Garth Sasser. He discovered a protein produced by the placenta of ruminant animals that is detectable in blood, and founded a company called BioTracking. His blood test called BioPRYN for cattle and other ruminants became commercially available in 2002.

Cows and heifers must be 30 days post-breeding and cows must be 90 days post-calving. Breeders using embryo transfer should check recipient cows at 32 days to give the embryo a couple of extra days to attach. Pregnant cows should be retested between 70 and 80 days to confirm pregnancy as a certain percentage will experience early embryonic death loss.

Disadvantages of the blood test include having to wait for results (which may take 2-3 days) compared to knowing immediately, and an inability to accurately determine the stage of pregnancy. Producers who just work cows one time and split off the open ones to sell won't find it useful, but operators who have access to the cows more than once – as when giving calves preweaning vaccinations – can process the cows after they know which ones are open.

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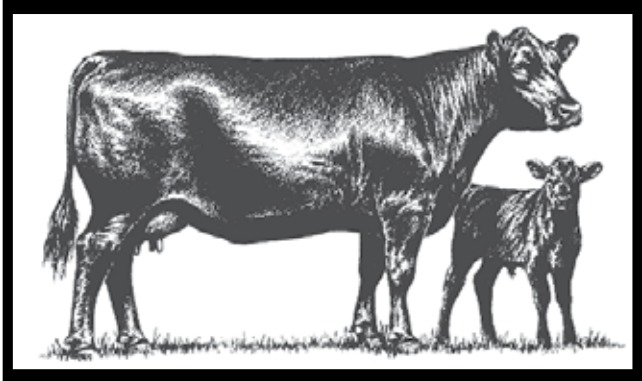
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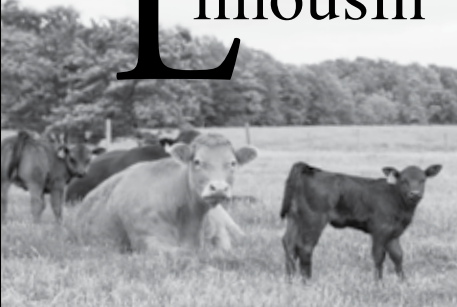
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