

### New Hampshire Young Farmer appointed to national committee

Deborah Stepp, DVM of West Chesterfield, NH was appointed to the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer and Rancher Committee. NH Farm Bureau Federation President Jeffrey Holmes is thrilled about the announcement. "The New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation congratulates Dr. Deborah Stepp on her appointment to the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Rancher Committee," President Holmes said proudly. "This appointment is a fantastic opportunity for Debbie (Dr. Stepp) in terms of personal and leadership development. New Hampshire's Young Farmer program will also benefit from the information and enthusiasm that Debbie will acquire at the national level."

Back in August, Dr. Stepp was nominated by the NH Farm Bureau board of directors for consideration to the national committee. Dr. Stepp is among the country's best and was appointed by American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman on Dec. 14.

Dr. Stepp will be involved in planning national competitions and taking part in numerous leadership events. "I am excited about working with young farmers and ranchers from across the country," said Dr. Stepp upon her appointment. "I'm looking forward to developing my leadership skills and to contributing to the Young Farmer and Rancher program. I want it to be the best it can be."

Dr. Stepp grew up in Illinois and received her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame and graduated from Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2006. Upon graduation she took a job at the Green Mountain Bovine Clinic in West Chesterfield, NH where she works on large animals only. As a large animal veterinarian, Dr. Stepp has a unique perspective of the livestock industry (in New England and the Midwest) and it is exciting that she is willing to contribute this knowledge to American agriculture.

"The American Farm Bureau Federation is an integral part of our nation's agriculture industry and it is an honor and privilege to have Dr. Stepp representing not only New Hampshire, but Northeast agriculture," President Holmes said.

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*Debbie Stepp, DVM*