

Sullivan County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025

The Claremont Senior Center, Claremont NH

Schedule of Events

5:30 pm Social: mixer with local farmers, friends and neighbors

6:00 pm Dinner: Buffet dinner to include Steak Tips, Baked Stuff Haddock, Garden Salad, Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Peach Cobbler for dessert. Milk, Water and Coffee will be provided. BYOB is welcomed. You may bring a non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverage of your choice for the social and dinner.

Program to follow dinner:

From the Claremont Growers Collective, Lionel Chute (Board Member) and Shawn Walch (Chair) will speak about the importance of **growing the local food economy**.

The **Claremont Growers Collective (CGC)** is a network of over 70 members that “works to revitalize the food system by connecting our community to local food producers. Our goal is to make it easy for you to find and support local growers and producers, and to host and promote events that allow you to connect directly with the people that feed you.” Shawn and Lionel will speak about the history of the CGC’s formation, current membership, and the group’s next steps.

7:30 pm SCFB Business Meeting: The meeting will include reports from the county officers, a report from the nominating committee, and an ***opportunity to develop policies*** for consideration by the NH Farm Bureau. If you have any policy issues and wish to develop a resolution, please bring a printed or typed copy of any proposal with you. This is your chance to ***make a difference for Sullivan County and NH state agriculture!***

The cost is \$25 per person. For planning purposes, please state your choice of steak or haddock with your **RSVP by September 9th** to Lisa Holmes by text or call to 603-313-3324 or email to holmesfarmnh@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing you for an evening of fellowship and fun!

Upcoming Events

The Big E: Sullivan County Farm Bureau will be working in the NH Building at the Big E on **Sunday, September 21st**. We are looking for volunteers to work in the pie booth! This is our biggest fund-raising activity of the year. Workers will have free admission and parking, as well as time to see the fair. If you would like to help, please contact Jeff Holmes by text (603) 313-3325 or e-mail holmesfarmnh@comcast.net.

Sullivan County Farm Days: Participating farms will be offering open houses with sampling of products and activities on **September 27th and 28th from 10 AM to 4 PM**. We encourage our members to check out the offerings at this celebration of local agriculture, including tours, hayrides, games, crafts, and prizes.

And for an exciting close to the year, mark your calendars...

Celebrating the Family Farm:

From Large to Small,

New Hampshire Farm Bureau

Supports It All!

Sullivan County is excited to be hosting the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Annual Meeting this year on **November 8th** at **The Common Man Inn & Restaurant in Claremont, NH**. The annual meeting is an excellent opportunity to engage with farmers from across the state and hear legislative updates on what's new in NH agriculture policy.

We are hoping to have strong turnout from Sullivan County membership! Come out and support your local farmers and make a difference! Get more information in your latest issue of The Communicator, by visiting www.nhfarmbureau.org, or by calling the state office at **603-224-1934**.