

**You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate National Agriculture Week, applaud Ontario County agriculture, and honor its leaders.**

**ALL REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 5, 2026.**

We will **NOT** be able to accept walk-ins or payments the night of the banquet, as the meals will be ordered for people that have prepaid.

**Jerome Family Scholarship**

The scholarship, given by the Jerome Family in memory of Ralph and Rich Jerome is given to a graduating Ontario County high school senior pursuing his or her education in the field of agriculture.



Mary Jerome presented the scholarship to Adryanna Nichols.

**Agricultural Citizenship Scholarships**

The intent of this scholarship is to recognize students in our community who have exhibited agricultural citizenship. This is sponsored by Ontario County Farm Bureau.



Scholarship recipients: Myleigh Pendelton and Alexa Davies

**Agriculture Industry Leader Awards  
2025 Rodney Lightfoote  
Agricultural Innovation Award**

In memory of Rodney Lightfoote (1920-2002), former Cornell Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau leader. The award recognizes an Ontario County agriculture innovator and leader.



Jacob Maslyn presented the award to Hal and Kerry Adams.

**Jackie Kunes Outstanding Woman in Agriculture Award**



This award was established to recognize outstanding women leaders, as a tribute to Jackie Kunes (1937-1977), first woman Farm Bureau President in Ontario County.

Julie Welch, Jackie's daughter presented the award to Amy Pyra.

**Paul and Peg Zimmerman Outstanding Young Farmer Award**

The award recognizes an outstanding young farm professional, named in memory of Paul (1929-1977) and Peg (1927-2010) Zimmerman. Paul Zimmerman was Farm Bureau President and Peg was a Cooperative Extension Agent. They encouraged young farmers.



Rick Zimmerman, Paul and Peg's son presented the award to Jacob Maslyn.

**Reservation Form**

**Register online by March 12, 2026.**

**Payment method**

**Pay with check: \$45.00/person**

Made payable to **CCE Ontario.**

**Pay online: \$50.00/person pay with Paypal.**

**Mail check to:** Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Ag Appreciation Banquet  
480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424

**No walk-ins and no payments at the door.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Place your name beside your dinner choice:**

Broiled White Fish with Garlic Aioli: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Parmesan: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Lasagna: \_\_\_\_\_

**Menu:** served salad, dinner rolls and butter.  
All entrees served with garlic roasted potatoes and vegetable.  
Coffee, tea, milk, and locally sourced desserts.

**Total Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation/refund policy:** Cancellations received by March 12, 2026 will be refunded. There will be no refunds for cancellations after March 12, 2026.

# Celebrate Ontario County Agriculture

## What is Ag Day All About?

It is about recognizing and celebrating the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day Program encourages every American to understand how food and fiber products are produced; value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy; and appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant, and affordable products.

Source: [agday.org/education](http://agday.org/education)

### Agriculture Appreciation Committee

Norbert Amberg	Julie Maslyn
Sam Casella	Fred Lightfoote
Casey Kunes	Jacob Maslyn
Lisa Grefrath	Nancy Anderson

Please bring your urban friends and show them the vitality and appreciation those of us in agriculture have for our business and our peers.

### Sponsored by:

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Ontario County Farm Bureau  
Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board

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by Bonnie Mohr

## 2026 Ontario County Agriculture Appreciation Banquet



Invite your urban neighbors to join  
you for an evening celebrating  
agriculture in Ontario County.

**Friday, March 20, 2026**

**Club 86  
86 Avenue E  
Geneva, NY**

**6:00 pm Social Hour  
7:00 pm Dinner and Program**

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