

**Massachusetts Farm Bureau
Young Farmers & Ranchers**

Meeting Agenda for Board Meeting on Wednesday March 8th at 6:30PM
Friendly's Restaurant, Sturbridge, Massachusetts

Announcement of new Chair: Heidi Cooper

Nominations and vote for Vice Chair

Confirmation that Heidi is appointing Brianna Mann as Secretary/Treasurer

Proposed Event Schedule for the year: (more to come)

April 4, 2017 – Ag Day at the State House, Boston

May 10, 2017 – Cider Hill Farm Tour & Social

June 10- Camping for a Cure for MFBF PMC (Various locations throughout the state, YF&R to attend/volunteer)

June (TBD) - Livestock on the Common

July 12 @ 3PM – Adams Farm Processing Plant & Northeast Beef Promotion Board

August 16, 2017 – Island Creek Oysters Tour & Social

October 19, 2017 – Valley Malt & Brewery Tour & Social

November 30-December 1: MFBF Annual Meeting in Framingham

December 12th or 13th (TBD)- Booth at NEVBG to promote and market YF&R

Discussion on inviting New England states to our socials and tours

YF&R Board Meetings:

May 24 @ 6PM- at MFBF Headquarters

September 6 @ 6PM- at MFBF Headquarters

November 29 – Location/Time to be decided.

New Membership

This year's focus: Raise awareness, gain contacts, keep people in the loop with social media and email marketing.

Recruitment Strategy

Western Mass: Eye on Amherst area

NEVBG Booth for YF&R in December

Philanthropy

Harvest for All: Legislative Breakfast Food Drives

Legislative Action:

Ag Day at the State House Approaching (Estate Tax: Main Focus for YF&R)

Livestock on the Common in June

Possible trip to Montreal to replace DC trip.

Other Business:

New Logo: Do we want one?

Notes: New agenda format and meeting minutes as well as simpler accessibility to come soon!