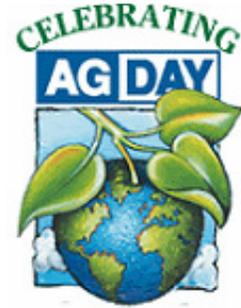


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Dick Decker, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors presents March 20th Ag Day Proclamation to Chenango County Farm Bureau President, Bradd Vickers.

American agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of everyday life ... food, fiber, clothing and even fuel. That's the message of Chenango County Farm Bureau, which is celebrating Chenango County Agriculture Day on March 20, 2008. **This year's theme is "Buy Local - Experience Chenango County's Bounty"**

National Agriculture Day occurs every year on the first day of Spring. Join us on March 20th, 2008 at the Silo Restaurant, Greene (203 Moran Rd., just off rte. 206) as we honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job opportunities. The celebration is scheduled from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm and will feature an excellent Buffet.

When most Americans think of agriculture and its end products, they probably picture a picnic table full of food or a field of waving grain or a pasture full of livestock. The reality is that today's picture is quite a bit different than the one even 10 years ago.

New uses for agricultural products are being developed at an increasingly rapid pace. Today's real picture should include not only the food on the table, but the table itself, the containers used to serve and store the food, the utensils used to eat it and the fuel in the vehicles driven to the picnic. The fence around the pasture or the lab where the grain seed was developed to give it pharmaceutical characteristics are also pictures in today's agricultural photo album - and there are many more to come.

Whether you produce the food and fiber, or just consume them, you can take pride in American agriculture. It's an industry that's meeting the increasing needs of consumers around the world. What's more, American agriculture is not just producing larger quantities of food and fiber, it's producing higher quality.

As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources that the United States produces.

Every American should understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced and should value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. They should appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. Join in this effort to promote American agriculture to everyone during National Ag Week, March 16-22, 2008.

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