

My family moved to our farm on Rte 144 in the town of Bethlehem in 1911, where we milked a small herd of dairy cows along with raising chickens and vegetables. We continued to milk cows until 1976 and reduced vegetable production in 1984. Three Farms Dairy, a large dairy farm, cut hay on the property for 20 years while my father and I continued to raise vegetables and utilize the greenhouses on the farm.

I began my farming career when I was about fourteen in 1996, working with my father growing vegetables and cutting some of our own hay. Today we continue to raise vegetables commercially and harvest hay on the rest of the farm.

I look forward to serving on the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board representing the Albany County Farm Bureau on which I have been a member for ten years and on the board for seven years.

Thank you for considering me for this position.