



## 2025 Legislative Policy Priorities

### Board of Directors

Paul Larson  
President  
-Woodstock

- Support the adoption of a CT Farmer Investment Tax Credit modeled after the New York Farmers & Refundable Tax Credit Program.

Keith Bishop  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
-Guilford

- Support the adoption of a Limiting Liability for Agritourism law modeled after similar laws passed in New York, Maine, Vermont, and other states.

Lars Demander  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
-Bethany

- Support amending CGS 12-91(a) to raise the exemption from personal property tax for farm machinery, horses, and ponies from \$100,000 to \$500,000 indexed annually.

Kimberly Brockett  
Secretary/Treasurer  
-Guilford

- Support raising the quarterly gross payroll threshold above which an employer would be required to pay unemployment taxes from \$20,000 to \$30,000 indexed annually.

Walter Adamez  
-Killingworth

- Maintain science based state and federal agency only jurisdiction over the regulation of pesticides and herbicides in Connecticut.

Wayne Budney  
-Lebanon

Diana Paproski  
-Newtown

- Support a state standing fund which allocates funds to farmers to begin immediately repairing their farm operations with cleanup and land restoration after a natural disaster declaration.

Vickie Bomba - Lewandoski  
-Seymour

Matt Wraight  
-Bolton

### **Continued support for policies that support CT agriculture:**

Patrick Hedden  
-Hebron

- Full funding of the Community Investment Act and the critical programs it funds in support of agriculture.

Josh Nemet  
-Manchester

- Adequate funding for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the Agriscience and Technology Program and the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut.

Ken Assard  
-Bethlehem

- Full funding for farmland preservation.

Mark Blackmer  
-Woodstock

- Continue supporting PA 490, CT's Current Use Assessment Law for farmland, forestland, open space land and maritime heritage land.

Debbi Tanner  
-Brooklyn

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