



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Fred Akshar

## Sen. Akshar named one of New York Farm Bureau's 2017 Circle of Friends

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New York Farm Bureau has released its annual “Circle of Friends,” naming 172 New York State Legislators to the distinguished list, including Senator Fred Akshar. The award is an indication of the individual lawmaker’s support of New York agriculture and Farm Bureau.

The “Circle of Friends” honor is based upon each legislator’s voting record on issues of agricultural importance as well as other evidence of legislative support, including

sponsorship of bills that New York Farm Bureau has either supported or opposed during the most recent legislative session.

“New York Farm Bureau selected these Senators and Assembly members because of their commitment to the hard working farm families in New York. We appreciated their support on a whole host of bills and budget items this year, and we look forward to collaborating with them as a new session is about to begin. It is imperative that we work together to support local food production and the agricultural economy that benefit all New Yorkers,” said David Fisher, President of New York Farm Bureau.

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*“I’m honored to be named a ‘friend’ of our New York State farmers,” said Senator Fred Akshar. “As a young man, I was raised in rural Afton NY where, like many parts of our community and the state, agriculture is a way of life and an important economic driver. Agriculture is one of the biggest and most diverse industries in our community and the state, but the average age of a farmer in New York is nearly 60. That tells me we need to continue investing in our agricultural future and help educate the next generation on the importance of farming and the many opportunities it provides to communities across the 52nd Senate District. I look forward to continuing our Agriculture in the Classroom program with local school districts and remaining a steadfast partner to our local farmers in the coming year.”*

The “Circle of Friends” is not an endorsement, and this distinction only recognizes the 2017 legislative session.

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