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NEAFA Golf for Good Works Raises Funds for Agriculture Education and Outreach

The Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance celebrated its 10th Annual Golf for Good Works Tournament at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York. Net proceeds from the tournament go to the Alliance's Good Works Program to make donations to organizations that promote or advance the animal agriculture industry. Over the ten years the program has been in place the Alliance has donated over \$100,000 to worthy causes.

Alliance President Andy Dugan said "The Golf for Good Works Tournament raises money for organizations in New York and New England that conduct education and leadership programming for youth and adults and inform the general public about modern agriculture." Dugan went on to say the Good Works program is a core part of the Alliance mission in support of northeast agriculture.

Examples of agricultural outreach and education programs supported through the Golf for Good Works Tournament include the Northeast Regional Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, Vermont Technical College Winter Farm Tour, the New York Agricultural Society Foundation, the UMASS College of Agriculture, Future Farmers of America Foundation, the Junior Dairy Leader Program, the New York Animal Ag Coalition's Dairy Cow Birthing Center, LEAD New York and many 4-H activities.

Several past recipients of Good Works funds attended the pre tournament reception and spoke of the importance of Golf for Good Works in support of their organizations. Jessica Zeihm of the New York Animal Ag Coalition, Todd Lighthall of the New York FFA Foundation, and Meghan Vaill of the Junior Dairy Leaders Program all said the support from the Alliance has been essential to the success of their educational and outreach programs.

With 116 golfers entered, the tournament boasted a record turnout in support agricultural education and outreach. The winning golf team with a score of 64 included Corwin Holtz, Cory Giroux, Chris Talcott, and Jesse Holmes. The second place team (also scoring a 64) was made up of Nick Stacy, Justin Baldauf, Trevor Williams and Dan Ward. The third place team with a score of 65 was Michael Nevillis, Theodore Nevillis, Jeff Nevilles, and Steve Miller. The closest to the pin honors went to Holley Weeks and Zach Harding was recognized for the straightest drive.

The Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance is a 300 member network committed to supporting a thriving northeast agricultural community through advocacy, education and collaboration. Members of the Alliance include feed, seed, fertilizer companies, financial service providers, transportation companies, veterinarians, nutritional services providers, and professional advisors.

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