**POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA- SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 -7PM**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **FEDERAL FARM BILL- Meeting with Sen. Booker’s staff- Discussion:**

**Priority Marker Bills- Local Farms and Foods Act of 2023**

**Strengthening Local Processing Act of 2023…. and many many more: Rep. Pingree……Booker bills, Rep. Panetta…**

**Good marker bill trackers: Rafi,(54)** [**https://www.rafiusa.org/farm-bill-2023-landi**](https://www.rafiusa.org/farm-bill-2023-landi)

**Oeffa (14 )** [**https://action.oeffa.com/marker-bill-tracker/**](https://action.oeffa.com/marker-bill-tracker/)

**Status of Farm Bill: 2018 Farm Bill -Expires September 31,2025 on extension**

**“Skinny Bill” “Hollow Bill” -$8 billion approximately GT Thompson**

**Revitalization of a previous bi-partisan bill – better for conservation/ favored by orgs**

1. **Organic and Regenerative Board- results of survey / being concised into presentation**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **NJDA State Continuation of LFPA- Update on NJDA objectives**
2. **Cottage Foods Working Group- See Asm. Sauickie Letter ATTACHED-Further update**
3. **NJ On Farm Dairy Working Group- Progress-NJ Cheese and Dairy Guild- NJDA progress; SEE Assembly Bill A5939- Re: Transfer of Agency**

**Boards/Non Boards:**

**Agricultural Justice Project – to be sunsetted -Resources and Toolkit**

**NJ Chamber of Commerce- Confirmation of**

**NJ Bills of Interest and great discussion:**

**S4350-Shirley Turner-Sponsor-** [**https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/S4500/4350\_I1.PDF**](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/S4500/4350_I1.PDF)

**Farmland Assessment – Evaluation of Program – NJDA meeting held August 13,2025**

**AND MANY SIGN ONS……**

**LFPA LETTER- Numerous national organizations sign on**

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