



## **Rochdale Farmer Heidi Cooper To Chair MFBF's Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee**

MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS - March 22, 2017 - The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Board of Directors has appointed Heidi Cooper, Rochdale farmer, as chair of the Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) committee.

"I am very grateful for this opportunity," Cooper said. "I look forward to working with the committee members and serving in this capacity to the best of my ability. I welcome any comments or suggestions that our members have to make the YF&R committee and membership a strong one."



The Board also approved the appointment of Chris Grant, an Essex farmer, as vice chair of the YF&R committee to replace Cooper.

"We are very grateful that Heidi and Chris have taken on these leadership roles," said MFBF President Ed Davidian, who farms in Northborough. "We'd also like to thank Jamie Cruz, who served as chair of this committee earlier this year, for her service."

Brianna Mann, a farmer from Revere, will serve as the group's secretary/treasurer. The team's term will conclude at the statewide MFBF annual meeting that is set to be held on Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 in Framingham.

For more information about MFBF's YF&R Committee, please visit <http://www.farmbureau.co/mfbf-yfr-committee/> or follow along on [Facebook](#).

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*encourage the growth, and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture."*

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