



## Every Farmer: Investing in New York

2015-2016 Executive Budget Analysis







# ECONOMIC RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND PROMOTION



## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Includes Agriculture in the Classroom and the Association of Agricultural Teachers.

Websites: [www.nyaged.org](http://www.nyaged.org) | [www.nyag-ed.org](http://www.nyag-ed.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$146,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$146,000

## APPLE ASSOCIATION

Funding assists in promoting healthy nutrition for children and adults and helps market and promote our locally grown New York apples.

Website: [www.nyapplecountry.com](http://www.nyapplecountry.com)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$206,000

**2015-2016 Request :** \$750,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$750,000

## CENTER FOR DAIRY EXCELLENCE/DAIRY PROFIT TEAM

Works to increase New York's dairy farm profitability and build a stronger dairy industry. The Center was formed under the New York Farm Viability Institute to provide coordination and leadership for collaborative efforts to assist New York dairy farms in increasing efficiency and profitability.

Website: [www.nycde.org](http://www.nycde.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$150,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$220,000

## NY FARMNET

Provides consultation services to farmers in the middle of a farm transition, linking the next generation of farmers to existing farmers, and assisting farm families in adopting financial management strategies.

Website: [www.nyfarmnet.org](http://www.nyfarmnet.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$384,000

**2015-2016 Request:** \$600,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$600,000

**(Plus, \$300,000 from OMH Budget)**

## FFA

A dynamic youth organization that is part of agricultural education programs at middle schools and high schools. Student members are engaged in a wide range of curricula and activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in agriculture.

Website: [www.nysffa.org](http://www.nysffa.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$192,000

**2015-2016 Request:** \$350,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$350,000

## LOCAL FAIRS

Funding provides premium funding to county fairs across New York State. **2015-2016 Request:**

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$340,000

**\$500,000 Premium Funding**

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$500,000

**\$500,000 Capital Improvements**

## CHRISTMAS TREE FARMERS ASSOCIATION

Markets and promotes NY's Christmas tree industry to expand success and profitability.

website: [www.christmastreesny.org](http://www.christmastreesny.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0

**2015-2016 Request:** \$125,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$120,000

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FUND

Provides research dollars for developing strategies to better manage and grow agricultural sod and turf in New York.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0

**2015-2016 Request -** \$150,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$150,000

## CORN RESEARCH

Provides research dollars for critical corn production research

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0

**2015-2016 Request -** \$75,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$75,000

## HONEYBEE INDUSTRY WITH CORNELL

Provides research dollars for New York specific BMP's re: pollination rates, pest disease control, etc.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0

**2015-2016 Request -** \$200,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$50,000



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## NEW YORK FARM VIABILITY INSTITUTE

An independent, non-profit organization led by farmers and dedicated to serving agricultural producers in New York by supporting applied research, education, information transfer, technology adoption and market analysis to reduce practical barriers to the success of farming enterprises.

Website: [www.nyfvi.org](http://www.nyfvi.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$400,000  
**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$1.5 million

**2015-2016 Request - \$2.75 million**

## NEW YORK STATE MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Markets and promotes the maple products industry in New York State in order to preserve the industry's long-term viability. Additional funding for maple research is also needed.

Website: [www.nysmaple.com](http://www.nysmaple.com)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0  
**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$255,000

**2015-2016 Request : Maple Prod. Assoc. - \$150,000**  
**Maple research - \$105,000**

## NORTH COUNTRY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A farmer-driven initiative to ensure the long-term economic vitality of northern New York's agricultural production sector and agriculture's important contributions to the protection and enhancement of the region's environment.

Website: [www.nnyagdev.org](http://www.nnyagdev.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0  
**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$600,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$600,000**

## WINE & GRAPE FOUNDATION

Provides critical funding support for the promotion of New York's wine and grape industry throughout the country and world through popular advertising campaigns, including Uncork New York and the New York Wine and Dines program.

Website: [www.uncorkny.com](http://www.uncorkny.com)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$713,000  
**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$1 million

**2015-2016 Request - \$2 million**

## WOOD PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Housed at the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Wood Products Development Council is a public-private partnership established by law to increase the economic contribution of forestry and the manufacture of wood products in the state.

Website: [www.newyorkwood.org](http://www.newyorkwood.org)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0  
**2014-2015 final budget** \$100,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$300,000**

## CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGIONAL TEAMS (HARVEST NEW YORK - SUNY BUDGET)

Expands and enhances regional agricultural extension programs to spur agricultural economic development in New York.

Website: <http://harvestny.cce.cornell.edu/>

**Governor's budget proposal** \$0  
**2014-2015 final budget** \$300,000

**2015-2016 Request : \$300,000**

## BERRY RESEARCH

Provides research dollars to assist improved berry production by combatting the spotted wing drosophila.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0  
**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$320,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$320,00**

## VEGETABLE RESEARCH

Provides research to help industry provide protection from & prevent the plant disease, phytophthora.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0  
**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$100,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$100,000**

## NEW YORK ONION GROWERS

Provides research dollars for onion research

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$0  
**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$50,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$50,000**







# ANIMAL, PLANT AND PUBLIC HEALTH



## CORNELL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY PROGRAMS

NYFB supports this funding level and urges the legislature to accept the executive proposal for the Cornell Diagnostic Laboratory Programs.

### NYS DIAGNOSTIC LAB AT CORNELL

This laboratory is critical to food safety and animal health efforts in New York. This funding is necessary for the lab's new animal health and biosecurity requirements, which in turn keeps our animals and food supply healthy.

*Website: [www.diaglab.vet.cornell.edu](http://www.diaglab.vet.cornell.edu)*

### AVIAN DISEASE PROGRAM

Ensures that the state's poultry producers are free of diseases—such as avian influenza—and that New York eggs continue to be Salmonella-free.

### CATTLE HEALTH ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Works with livestock producers to develop comprehensive health management plans for improved biosecurity controls and cattle health, which translates into greater food safety.

*Website: [www.nyschap.vet.cornell.edu](http://www.nyschap.vet.cornell.edu)*

### QUALITY MILK PROMOTION (MASTITIS CONTROL) PROGRAM

Ensures that mastitis, an inflammation of the udder that can impact milk quality, is controlled in New York State's dairy herds through laboratory testing, research and extension activities.

*Website: [www.cornelldairyresearch.com/mastitis.htm](http://www.cornelldairyresearch.com/mastitis.htm)*

### CORNELL JOHNE'S DISEASE PROGRAM

Complements the efforts of the Cattle Health Assurance Program by helping livestock producers control and contain the spread of Johne's disease.

*Website: [www.nyschap.vet.cornell.edu/module/johnes/johnes.asp](http://www.nyschap.vet.cornell.edu/module/johnes/johnes.asp)*



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## PRO-DAIRY

Facilitates New York economic development by increasing the profitability and competitiveness of its dairy industry. It also focuses on nutrient management and environmental compliance. Additional funding would be used for needed crop research and environmental work.

Website: [www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$822,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$822,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$1.2 million**

## GOLDEN NEMATODE

Provides pertinent research and new potato varieties to enable potato growers to continue to grow and sell their products interstate in areas impacted by the damaging golden nematode pest.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$62,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$62,000

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A socially acceptable, environmentally responsible and economically practical crop protection program administered by Cornell University that helps farmers reduce pesticide applications and still control insects, diseases and weeds. This important program has long been underfunded.

Website: [www.nysipm.cornell.edu](http://www.nysipm.cornell.edu)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$500,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$500,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$1 million**

## NYS SEED LAB

Provides important seed testing services on a fee basis to residents, growers, food processors, seed companies and government agencies. This funding helps with operational and equipment costs to maintain a safe feed supply. Additional funding will help support the laboratory's work.

Website: [www.nysaes.cornell.edu/hort/seedlab/main.htm](http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/hort/seedlab/main.htm)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$128,000

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$128,000

**2015-2016 Request - \$200,000**





# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND



## AGRICULTURAL NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION & ABATEMENT PROGRAM

This program supports farm water quality projects such as AEM and CAFO compliance. Additional funding is needed to help farmers comply with costly water quality regulations, especially to meet federally mandated TMDL requirements in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed NY counties.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$14.2 million

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$14.2 million

## FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND

Provides funding for farm conservation easements and keeps valuable land in agricultural production.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$14 million

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$14 million

## SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Conservation districts work in a "boots-on-the-ground" capacity, performing critical water quality protection projects on farms and providing needed information to farms about environmental management. For more info: (<http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/DisLawPPT/dislaw.html>)

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$5.3 million

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$4.7 million

## AGRICULTURAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

This critical program provides farmers with a cost-effective and environmentally friendly means to dispose of and recycle used agricultural plastics, as well as addresses other environmental agricultural management projects including those associated with the dairy industry.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$1.5 million

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$1.5 million

## INVASIVE SPECIES

This category provides funding for research, prevention and eradication of harmful invasive species, both on farm and off, in New York State.

**Governor's budget proposal:** \$5.7 million

**2014-2015 final budget funding:** \$4.7 million





# NOTABLE BUDGET ACTIONS PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR CUOMO

## STATE AND LOCAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT

The Executive budget proposes \$750 million for infrastructure improvements statewide. While this is a smart use of public dollars to improve the transportation and distribution routes for agricultural purposes, **New York Farm Bureau supports increasing this appropriation by at least \$1.5 billion.**

## EXTEND BROADBAND STATEWIDE - \$500 MILLION

**New York Farm Bureau supports**

## STATE FAIR REVITALIZATION - \$50 MILLION

**New York Farm Bureau supports**

## DIESEL FUEL BUSINESS TAX REFUNDS

The Budget proposal would allow farmers who purchase taxable highway diesel fuel to request a refund for the portion used for farm use. This will relieve farmers of the need to maintain separate tanks for taxable and non-taxable diesel fuel.

**New York Farm Bureau supports**

## MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

New York is a national leader for agricultural labor costs where the average hourly rate tops \$11. The proposed hike will push all wages even higher and make New York farmers even less competitive with those in surrounding states. This would come at a time when the prices farmers are receiving for many commodities are also dropping.

**New York Farm Bureau opposes**

## ADDITIONAL BUDGET REQUESTS

### QUALITY CAFO PLANNER PROGRAMS - \$250,000

NYFB is asking the legislature to reestablish funding in the state budget for Quality Assurance and Quality Control programs for CAFO planners across New York. These are the people who design and implement certified nutrient management plans on farms to help safeguard the environment and public health. It is essential that we invest in the planners so they can all perform at the same high standards. In addition, this would support continued conservation efforts on dairy farms across the state.

### FFA START-UP FUNDING - \$500,000

New York Farm Bureau proposes a new funding program that will assist local school districts in starting new FFA programs, also known as Future Farmers of America. The state funding would require a match in funds from the local agricultural community or the local school district, if possible. FFA develops future agricultural leaders and provides personal and professional development opportunities





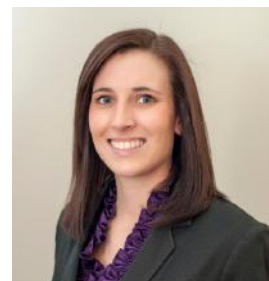
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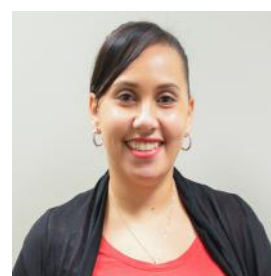
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