

2021 Legislative Priorities

 Support critical funding for current agricultural animal health, promotion, research and environmental programs in the final FY 21/22 state budget.

• Continue investment in the Nourish-NY program.

• Invest/harmonize Agricultural Programs at State Agricultural Colleges and Universities, including CALS, Morrisville, Cobleskill, and Alfred.

 Remove overtime requirement for voluntary day of rest for workers, if the employee will not work the number of hours needed to receive overtime.

• Extend the statutorily required farm housing inspection deadline for houses with 4 or less employees to Jan. 1, 2022.

 Oppose legislative pesticide prohibition or ban bills that circumvent the registration process at the Department of Environmental Conservation.





 Support farmers in their efforts to adapt to and mitigate climate change through funding of critical programs in the Environmental Protection
Fund and legislative programs that support on farm mitigation, including renewable energy.

• Enact a state renewable fuels standard to help mitigate methane while providing a reliable low carbon fuel source.

• Oppose efforts to further restrict the use of medically necessary preventative and therapeutic use of antibiotics.

• Ensure continued use of veterinarian and scientifically based animal care practices on farm.

• Increase access to rural broadband to allow for enhanced marketing and sales, along with greater utilization of farm equipment technology.



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