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The (Food and) Farm Bill and Why It Matters

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Going back almost 100 years, the history of the farm bill largely tracks the history of food production in the United States as the legislation evolves to meet the needs of its modern-day constituents – farmers and consumers. Agriculture’s role in providing

food security, and in turn national security, to the United States is more important than ever. And now, work on the next farm bill has started during a period of volatility on every front – political, economic and beyond. So why is this food and farm bill so impactful and influential?

A background and brief history of the farm bill is provided here, as well as a title-by-title description, including the programs encompassed in each title.

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The State Annual Meeting Business Session will take place on Dec. 7 .

Changes in Store for State Annual Meeting

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New York Farm Bureau is excited to be planning a full in-person State Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Buffalo on Dec. 6-7.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. NYFB will host a special, one-day conference. “Adapt, Advance, Achieve – Focusing on the Future of Northeast Agriculture.”

The conference will look at the weather, business climate and market climate 10-15 years into the future. Panel leaders will include Ben

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Congress Passes Inflation Reduction Act, What It Means for Agriculture

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On Aug. 7, the Senate passed a slimmed-down version of the Build Back Better Act, called the “Inflation Reduction Act,” per the deal struck with Sen. Joe Manchin. The bill was passed on a party-line vote that saw Vice President Kamala Harris cast the tie-breaking vote. The House then came back into session, on Aug. 12, from their August recess break to pass the bill on a party-line vote of 220 – 207, the House of Representatives passed the Inflation Reduction Act. The bill

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NYFB’s State Board joined Long Island Farm Bureau members and Island Harvest at Deer Run Farm for a volunteer harvest donation project. The group picked fresh green lettuce and kale that was packed into boxes and delivered to the regional food bank.

NYFB’s State Board Gives Back on Long Island and Hosts Legislative Reception in NYC

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New York Farm Bureau wrapped up a busy week on Long Island and New York City Aug. 15-18 that kicked off with a food donation event that supplied about 10,000 pounds of fresh produce to the Island Harvest Food Bank.

New York Farm Bureau’s state board and staff along with members of Long Island Farm Bureau gathered at Deer Run Farm in Brookhaven, NY on Monday, Aug. 15 to pick fresh green let-

tuce and kale. They filled more than two dozen boxes that were loaded onto a truck along with potatoes, tomatoes and more from Deer Run, Wickham’s Fruit Farm, and other area local farms.

It was a great opportunity to continue to give back in partnership with the regional food bank on Long Island, which spans more than two decades, along with Long Island Cares.

“Our farms have a long history of supporting Island Harvest and Feeding New York State.

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Above: NYFB President David Fisher admires the farmstand at Sang Lee Farms, an organic vegetable farm that was part of the tour of Long Island agriculture. Below: One of many varieties of tomatoes at Sang Lee Farms.



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Things are looking up for drone technology in agriculture. Learn eight ways farms of all sizes are utilizing them.

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Livingston County Farm Fest Scheduled for Sept. 10

Livingston County Farm Fest will be held on Sept. 10 at Coyne Farms, a fourth-generation-centennial dairy farm in Avon. This day of family fun on the farm has been put on by the Livingston County Farm Bureau for more than 30 years.

It began as an every other year activity but the Livingston County Farm Bureau Board of Directors felt that the outreach to the public was so important that they made it an annual event. Allowing the public to visit a working farm was an educational experience the board just could not pass up.

This year's event will feature a wagon tour of Coyne Farms and a second tour of the Worm Power Facility which partners with Coyne's to make organic fertilizer from worm casings. Stops on the tour include a robotic milker, Schiano Logging, nutrient management, cow health, a veterinarian, and many more. There will also be an education tent with various activities, pedal tractor pulls, and a petting zoo. Several food vendors will be on hand as well.

If you are in the area, please join us for this fantastic event! Admission is free and is open to the public. Coyne Farms is located in Avon, just off the 390 Avon exit at 1770 Jenks Road. Just follow the signs and we hope to see you there!

Amanda Krenning-Muoio



A popular event from last year's Farm Fest in Livingston County.

NYFB's New Podcast Aims to Educate and Entertain

New York Farm Bureau launched a new podcast this summer, hitting a milestone last month with more than 1,000 downloads.

It is called New York Farm Bureau News Bytes. The weekly podcast comes out every Thursday and can be found on all major podcast platforms, like Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

The topics vary week to week. You may find out what is happening down at the capitol in Albany during the legislative session or hear an in-depth conversation with a farmer about what they do. Some of the latest entries explored the future of agriculture as well as the diversity of Long Island agriculture. This new venture is the latest communication tool for the organization. It is

another way for members to access information and hear directly from their fellow farmers and agricultural professionals about major topics of the day. This also coincides with the launch of the New York Farm Bureau Instagram page.

"Our members expressed an interest in having a podcast to listen to while they are working on the farm, traveling, or just being at home. It is our goal to highlight New York agriculture and our members in an engaging way," said Steve Ammerman, NYFB Director of Communications who helps produce the podcast with Seth Moser-Katz, NYFB's Content Creator.

Make sure to sign up for weekly downloads and listen to past episodes of New York Farm Bureau's News Bytes.

Official Notice of New York Farm Bureau, Inc. Annual Meeting

The New York Farm Bureau, Inc. (NYFB) Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel, Buffalo, New York on Dec. 7, 2022. The voting delegate business session will convene on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022. All Farm Bureau members are invited and encouraged to attend the NYFB Annual Meeting.



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First Place Float

Oneida County Farm Bureau recently won first place at the Boonville Oneida County Fair. OCFB thanks area businesses that donated products to hand out and spectators who decorated the float.

USDA Reports Demand for Honey Reaches All-Time High

U.S. honey demand reached an all-time high, according to the latest Sugar and Sweeteners Outlook report published by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In a special article on the U.S. honey market, record-setting consumption of honey and made-with-honey products totaled 618 million pounds in 2021. The previous record was 596 million pounds in 2017.

The United States is the second largest honey consumer behind China according to the latest data available from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 2019. In 2021, consumption increased 8 percent



from the previous year. Between 1991 to 2021, the average rate of growth is 10.7 million pounds per year. This translates to about 1.9 pounds per capita of honey consumption in 2021 compared with 1.2 pounds per capita in the early 1990s. The growth in demand, in part due to the growing population, has also been attributed to consumers' association of honey as a "superfood"—along with garlic, ginger, and turmeric—and perception of honey being a healthy sweetener.

National Honey Board

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NYFB Board Candidate Statements Sought

Elections will be held during the 2022 New York Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting on Dec. 7, 2022. NYFB leadership positions up for election include State Board Directors from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. The positions of State Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee chairperson and State Promotion and Education Committee chairperson will be elected at separate business sessions in conjunction with the NYFB State Annual Meeting. Any regular/farmer member who chooses to run for any of these leadership positions is invited to submit a letter of candidacy to be printed in the November issue of Grassroots. The letter will be printed without editing and will be limited to 300 words or less. All letters must be received in the NYFB Albany office by Friday, Oct. 7, 2022. Letters should be sent via e-mail to sammerman@nyfb.org or mailed to Steve Ammerman, New York Farm Bureau, 159 Wolf Rd, Suite 300, Albany, NY, 12205. A headshot may also be submitted but will only be accepted if a high-resolution digital photograph is e-mailed as a JPEG file.



Above: In the barrel room at Finger Lakes Distilling, Brian McKenzie talks about the aging process. Below left: Glenview Dairy's Jeremy Bergen in front of the 60-cow rotary parlor. Below right: The NYS Ag Society crew pose at Sunset View Creamery.



NYS Ag Society Holds its Summer Board Meeting in the Southern Tier

The New York State Ag Society held their summer board meeting at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier in Elmira Heights in Chemung County. In addition to the meeting, board members, guests and their Ag Ambassadors volunteered time at the food bank. The Ag Ambassadors, a group of young ladies interested in the ag and food systems world, also had a chance to spend some time with Dave Patterson, of the Food Bank, and yours truly, to discuss our jobs and today's working world. Day one concluded with a tour and dinner at the Corning Museum of Glass in Steuben County.

Day two consisted of farm tours in Schuyler County, where the group visited Bergen's Glenview Dairy outside of Odessa, where host Jeremy Bergen showed them around their facility which includes a 60-cow rotary milking parlor and spoke about their business including their cropping, labor, and diversification of their markets to stay ahead of the curve.

This was followed by a visit just down the road to Sunset View Creamery. Founder and owner Carmella Hoffman, along with second generation owner Jess May Hoffman, spoke about the challenges that led them to making cheese, opening their farm store, and how COVID actually helped propel them into the future. Jess also spoke about her agritourism initiatives, which include cow cuddling!

The final visit was at Finger Lakes Distilling in Hector, where owner Brian McKenzie talked about everything liquor, which included a tour of the facility, involving their cellar that holds their mash tanks and several types of stills, and their barrel room where the aging process comes in to play, mainly for their whiskeys.


Many thanks to all their hosts and the Summer Meeting Committee of Jeanette Kreher Heberling, Ann Noble Shepard, Hans Kunze, and Dave Patterson.

Lindsay Wickham

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THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Being Part of the Discussion is Being Part of the Solution

If there is one thing farmers deal with every year, it is change. Very little is predictable these days as they deal with weather, market fluctuations, labor challenges and rising prices. But the one thing we can control is how we react to whatever comes our way.

New York Farm Bureau is looking to better position our farmers to handle the challenges and opportunities that exist for New York agriculture. Recently, we held the Future of Agriculture Summit in Syracuse that brought together more than 120 farmers, agricultural leaders, Senate and Assembly Agriculture Committee Chairs, and more to have substantive discussions on four key areas identified by Farm Bureau leaders and our Agriculture Alliance partners. These issues included labor, climate change, applied research and education, and urban outreach.

Following each panel, participants talked amongst themselves about what they heard and how New York State agriculture can best deal with each one. While New York Farm Bureau is in the process of producing a report based on those discussions, what we learned will



David Fisher
NYFB President

“If we don’t continue to engage in a civil manner with people we don’t always agree with, we will be left out of the conversation entirely.”

direct a major event in December in conjunction with New York Farm Bureau’s State Annual Meeting in Buffalo on Dec. 6 and 7. The day-long conference will take a broader look at farming in the northeast and what the future holds. The theme is “Adapt. Advance. Achieve” focusing on market trends, regulatory issues, and environmental pressures.

Looking ahead engagement will be

key. New York Farm Bureau believes in relationship building to meet our industry’s goals. A great example is how agriculture and many different commodity groups rallied together to push back on attempts to lower the overtime threshold. The Grow NY Farms coalition has led a strong, aggressive public affairs campaign to stress how increased labor costs will hurt farmers, farmworkers, and the greater farm economy. It will continue to erode our state’s ability to provide fresh food for our customers who are increasingly wanting to buy local.

The Farm Labor Wage Board that I serve on is set to submit its report on Sept. 6 to the Commissioner of Labor. I voted against the recommendation to lower the threshold and continued to stress to Gov. Hochul how this will be bad for our farms and farmworkers when she visited my family’s farm last month. I saw some comments on the New York Farm Bureau Facebook page questioning why I would have her on my farm.

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The Changing Face of Family Farms

As the sun came up over my farm the other day, it reflected off the wet grass and I heard the familiar chirping of the birds. My entire life, I’ve experienced mornings like this.

For a long time, it was with my father as we were wrapping up the morning milking. After that, it was with my children as we added chickens to our farm. And now, I’m lucky enough to share that sunrise with my grandkids as our cow-calf operation benefits from a disciplined genetics program and we’ve accomplished green cover across virtually all our pasture land.

Like many others across America, my farm is a family farm. Generations have made a living on the land and I hope and pray our land continues to provide for many more generations to come. But my farm is not the same today as it was generations ago, and I’m sure it won’t be the same generations from now.

There is no standard definition for what every family farm looks like other than that it is owned and run by, you guessed it, a family. Some farms have been in a family for well over 100 years. And some are in their



Zippy Duvall
AFBF President

first generation. But, no matter how long the land and business have been in the family, I’ll bet my bank account they’ve all changed over time.

One thing remains the same, though. These farms are critical to providing the food, fiber and fuel we all rely on.

As our families grow and change, so do our farms and ag operations. The changes require adaptability, ingenuity and resilience, all of which are part of the DNA of farmers.

In my travels, I’ve been fortunate to be able to learn about changes in many family operations firsthand. When I visited Oregon earlier this

year, I was able to tour the Iverson family’s farm. Their farm started in 1950 when Ross and Dorothy Iverson were married and purchased the farm together.

They expanded and brought tulips to the farm as their six children grew older. Starting in the mid-80s, the family opened their tulip fields to the public, giving rise to their now annual tulip festival, attracting hundreds of thousands of people each year. But, the festival itself wasn’t enough to sustain the growing family that wanted to be part of the farm. So over time, they’ve added other crops, pursued new technology, and adapted to meet consumer demands. After their family’s experience with CBD in the final days of Ross’s life in 2016, the family added hemp to their farm. Today, their farm supplies the nation’s most reputable CBD companies.

In the middle of Connecticut, about halfway between New York City and Boston, I met Liz MacAllister and her son, Mark Gillman, who milk

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GUEST OPINIONS

Are Vegetable Growers Being Driven out of Business?

Some of the best vegetables in the world are grown right here in NYS. With clean waterways, excellent soils, and a favorable growing climate, our vegetable industry is the second largest agriculture sector in the state and one of the most diversified in the country. The industry is multicolored in shape, size, and business plan, ranging from commercial operations that farm thousands of acres and sell wholesale throughout the eastern seaboard, to farmers who tend a few highly productive acres and market direct-to-consumer. New York’s vegetable growers take pride in supporting their families, employees, and communities, all while providing essential nutrition to the nation and the world.

But, the question is: how will we stay in business in the years to come?

New York is an expensive state. Despite an abundance of natural resources, we deal with high taxes and ever-changing regulations that our out-of-state competition does not. However, it’s the significant cost of la-



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NYS Vegetable Growers Association

bor and associated costs that other industries do not pay, such as housing, utilities, and transportation, that will be our demise. Compounded with a potential lower overtime threshold, the future of farming in NYS is quite uncertain.

Even though our industry is mechanized, we still need a workforce to plant, prune and pick the delicious vegetables and fruits that consumers expect in the supermarket, which is why 30-50% of our expenses are attributed to labor-related costs. Absent continued focus on dealing with these issues in New York, our competition in other states and countries will drive

The threat of lowering the overtime threshold to 40 hours is forcing all vegetable growers to seriously consider if we can continue in New York.

us out of the fresh vegetable business. For example, Pennsylvania vegetable farmers are only required to pay \$7.25 per hour for labor with no overtime, in contrast to \$13.20 in NYS (likely to be \$15 per hour) with a 60-hour overtime threshold. H-2A labor expenses in PA are also less than in NY at \$15.54 per hour compared to \$15.66 per hour. It is difficult to compete with commercial growers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or any other state serving the same markets when such a significant portion of our expenses are driven by public policy. The threat of lowering the overtime threshold to 40 hours is forcing all vegetable growers to seriously consider if we can continue in NYS.

Additionally, the unfair competition from Canadian vegetable produc-

ers cuts us off right at the farm gate. A “one-way” border allows fresh Canadian produce to enter U.S. markets and out-compete NY produce due to government trade policies and a favorable currency exchange rate. Vegetables moving north are only welcomed when Canadian supply cannot meet consumer demands. The U.S. market is often viewed as a “terminal market” meaning Canadian producers will take whatever they can get for their produce because they don’t want it coming back.

So, where does NY stand, as it considers the overtime threshold for farms? Well, the refundable overtime tax credit, included in this year’s state budget, could offset additional wage

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Partnerships Vital to Success in Ag Education

William Arthur Ward once stated, “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

In education today, teachers are expected to be better than good but there is a price for being superior and great at anything – unfortunately, that price is often burnout. Education, like agriculture, is not for the weak, but schools are in need of great teachers who keep coming back year-after-year. Agricultural education in New York is led by Agricultural Education Outreach (AEO) out of Cornell University and is working hard to meet the demand for teachers to fill the ever-increasing numbers of programs that are being created.

In the last three years, New York has seen a dramatic increase in schools seeking to start programs, have just started programs, and which are developing FFA chapters. With over 150 programs, 350 teachers, and 8,000 FFA



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members, this growth is being noticed. Now, in all but three counties in New York, the expansion of agricultural education is in large part due to funding received by AEO though the Department of Agriculture and Markets and the dedicated staff who encourage and assist in program development. We continue to welcome new staff and are excited to welcome Juleah Tolosky back to the AEO Team. She will be taking on the role of Director of FFA and will work alongside current staff to further engage FFA members, develop teachers, and charter worthy programs around the state. We are in great shape with a new school year starting soon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AEO programs overview:
<https://tinyurl.com/CornellAEO-1>
NY FFA Chapter Directory:
<https://tinyurl.com/NY-FFA>

FFA members can look forward to continued leadership opportunities and conventions including hundreds of students from multiple FFA Chapters attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. Agricultural education combines two of the most rigorous and needed professions on earth. We need agriculture – there is no current end in sight for the demand for food, safe water, a clean environment, shelter and many more things that agriculturalists provide. We need education – to be competitive in the global economy youth need

to be knowledgeable and skilled. Careers in both agriculture and education create a demand for quality teachers who are capable of juggling classroom responsibilities, producing youth who can communicate, creating and maintaining relationships with community members, parents, governmental officials and countless others who can still be people. We also need you – if you have a local agriculture program, developing partnerships is an excellent way to promote agriculture and enhance education. Please reach out to your local programs and if you are without a local program, reach out to schools to try to start one. Partnerships are vital for everyone and are needed to grow great agricultural education programs. They are also imperative to keep what is taught relevant to industry. They are the best way we can continue to make a difference in the lives of others through agriculture and education.

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45 cows twice a day. With that milk, they make artisan cheeses right there at Cato Corner Farm, which they sell direct to consumers in New York City, Boston and the surrounding communities. In the 1970s, Liz started raising goats, sheep, cows and chickens, but the money she was getting simply wasn’t enough to support the farm. So, in 1997, she started making cheese so she could

keep farming and make a living. Just two years later, Mark left his teaching job in Baltimore and returned to help his mom make cheese. Today, Mark is the master cheesemaker and Liz manages the herd. Together, they’ve grown the farm and been honored as one of the best cheesemakers in the U.S. by Food and Wine Magazine. We see this evolution in other family businesses in ag other than farms. In the southwest corner of Indiana, I recently met the Dewig family. They own and operate a small meat processing facility and grocery that’s be-

come an important part of the local community. Over 100 years ago, in 1916 the Dewig family started Dewig Meats. Since the second generation took over in 1962, they’ve continued to grow their facility and add more local products to their shelves alongside the meat they process from nearby farmers and their own farm. When I visited, the third and fourth generations were helping out and excited to be part of the business. They also shared their plans to pursue grant money as part of the USDA’s efforts to expand our coun-

try’s small and regional processing capacity. They hope the project can help them expand their business to serve even more neighbors and communities. As our families grow and change, so do our farms and ag operations. The changes require adaptability, ingenuity and resilience, all of which are part of the DNA of farmers. Even as farms and farming change, one common thread binds us together: family farms are planting seeds for a sustainable and bright future as we stock America’s pantries.

Watch Out for the Spotted Lanternfly

Be on the lookout for the spotted lanternfly! Infestations of this invasive insect have been found in New York City, southern New York, and the Finger Lakes. While spotted lanternflies do not directly kill plants, they can threaten crops and fruit production by feeding on a plant's sap. The sticky honeydew that they excrete while feeding can also coat leaves and attract sooty molds. Apples, grapes, hops, walnuts, and other crops are at greatest risk of being negatively impacted.

Signs of an infestation include sap oozing from tiny open wounds on tree trunks or plant stems and honeydew build-up under plants, but since other insects leave behind similar signs, it is best to look for egg masses or the more recognizable adults.

Spotted lanternflies can lay their eggs on almost any flat surface, including cars, firewood, outdoor furniture, and camping equipment. Egg masses are 1-inch long and brownish-gray, waxy, and mud-like when new. Old egg masses are brown and scaly. Adults are brownish-gray with black spots and have bright red on their hindwings.

If you think you've found spotted lanternfly:

Take pictures of the insect or egg masses (include something for scale such as a coin or ruler). Note the location (address, intersecting roads, landmarks or GPS coordinates).

Email the pictures and location information to spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov.

Volunteers can also sign up to survey a specific area, or grid, of land



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Spotted lanternfly overview:
<https://agriculture.ny.gov/spotted-lanternfly>

To become a volunteer educator:
<https://www.nyimainvasives.org/slf>

on iMapInvasives. There will be a series of training webinars to educate volunteers on how to identify SLF and tree-of-heaven, a plant that SLF commonly feeds on.

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always agree with, we will be left out of the conversation entirely. That would not benefit our members in the least.

I spoke with the governor about the concerns I have with the potential anti-agriculture tone of the wage board report and the difficulties farmers have had with working with the Department of Labor. I stressed how the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) is conflicting when it advocates for the preservation of farmland yet encourages development of solar projects on that same land. It wasn't just me that she heard from. We had a large group of farmers sitting around the table with her for a brief discussion about some of the challenges we are facing.

Some of these same discussions took place when New York Farm Bureau hosted a special reception last month at the Queens County Farm Museum to better engage with policy makers from New York City.

Farmers visited with state senators, assembly members, city council members and the mayor's office. The goal is to develop a greater mutual understanding of their needs and ours to find common ground on some of the major decisions on food and farm policy.

There is no shortage of issues. New York Farm Bureau continues to remain engaged on a whole host of bills that impact our farms. From keeping crop protectants available to giving farmers a voice in proposed climate change policy initiatives that could greatly impact how we farm in this state, we need farmers to be involved. Your stories, experiences and outreach make a difference in communicating with decision makers.

I encourage you to be a part of the discussion as well as we position our farms to meet whatever comes our way.

\$500K Awarded by NYCAMH's John May Farm Safety Fund

As of July 2022, more than 150 small and mid-sized farms in New York State have received funding to improve worker safety through the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) John May Farm Safety Fund. Past projects include improvements towards animal handling, ergonomic workspaces, and electrical wiring.

Since 2015, the John May Farm Safety Fund has provided this unique cost-sharing program in 44 of

New York's 62 counties. Farmers may apply for up to \$5,000 in matching funds through our free and confidential process. Funds are made possible through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and private donations.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To learn more or to apply to the John May Farm Safety Fund, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/johnmayfund>

Registration Open for Industry-Wide Federal Milk Marketing Order Conference

The American Farm Bureau Federation is hosting a forum Oct. 14-16 in Kansas City, Mo.

The Federal Milk Marketing Order Forum will include panels on various aspects of Federal Milk Marketing Orders followed by roundtable discussions structured to spur conversation among all parts of the dairy sector, but with a clear focus on farmers.

The panel sessions will cover the origins and purposes of FMMOs, Class I, Class III and Class IV pricing issues, and simplifying FMMOs.

Lodging and registration information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/fmmo-con>. **Deadline to register is Sept. 22.**

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costs should overtime be lowered. But this policy requires farmers to be beholden to government subsidies. I'm not sure I want my business plan to be based on government funds to keep me in the black. Further, the complexity of this overtime tax credit is such that prospective seasonal H-2A farmworkers will look to New York as a place where they could work up to 60 hours a week if farmers pay overtime for the last 20 hours. Or they can choose states like Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, or New Jersey, all with plenty of outstanding H-2A job requests, and get as many hours as they desire. I'm already aware of farmworkers who have left for jobs in other states because they

were dissatisfied with the current 60-hour overtime threshold. Unfortunately, farmworkers will be the ones getting the short end of the stick if overtime is lowered further.

The solution is to maintain the current 60-hour threshold. If policymakers are insistent on overtime changes, then they should pursue changes at the federal level to ensure our farms can remain viable and competitive. We must continue to strengthen relationships with elected leaders, invest in basic and applied research to discover new technological approaches to ongoing challenges, and find ways to minimize labor costs and needs on farms.

Brian Reeves is president of the NYS Vegetable Growers Association and a supporter of the Grow NY Farms Coalition.

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Greenfield Farms Selected For NY AEM-Leopold Award

Family operation has been improving water quality through municipal-agricultural partnerships for decades

NYSDAM

On Aug. 11, New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball and Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos joined the Sand County Foundation to announce that Greenfield Farms of Skaneateles has been selected for the 2022 New York AEM-Leopold Conservation Award. The distinguished award honors a farm for its extraordinary efforts to promote and protect the environment through the preservation of soil and water quality while ensuring farm viability for future generations.

Greenfield Farms is located near Skaneateles Lake, which supplies drinking water for Syracuse and seven other New York municipalities. Jim, Tom, Bill, and TJ Greenfield utilize agricultural conservation practices to help their farm act as a 1,400-acre sponge, absorbing rain and snow melt and keeping topsoil in place. Jim Greenfield is one of the original leaders and farmer advocates of Syracuse’s Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program.

History of the award, finalists

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the Leopold Conservation Award (LCA) recognizes farmers, ranchers and forestland owners who inspire others with their dedication to land, water, and wildlife habitat management on working land. The award is presented to landowners in 24 states. Since 2020, New York’s long-standing Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Award has been offered in collaboration with the nationally recognized Leopold Conservation Award program.

Earlier this year, New York State Soil and Water Conservation Districts were encouraged to identify and nominate the best examples of conservation success in their district. Applications were reviewed by an independent panel of agricultural and conservation leaders. Among the many outstanding landowners nominated for the award were three additional finalists: Echo Farm of Essex in Essex County, Humbert Farms of Clyde in Wayne County, and Lawnhurst Farms of Stanley in Ontario County. Last year’s recipient was Table Rock Farm of Castile in Wyoming County.

Sand County Foundation, a national nonprofit conservation organization, presents the \$10,000 cash award through the support of American Farmland Trust, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Ida and Robert Gordon Family Foundation, Farm Credit East, Audubon New York, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the New York State Agribusiness Association.

About Greenfield Farms

The Greenfields say their topsoil is more valuable than any of the crops



The Greenfield family accepted the Leopold Conservation Award at their farm in Skaneateles. The family is a member of Onondaga County Farm Bureau.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the award, visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

they grow.

Preventing soil erosion at Greenfield Farms is important because most of the farm’s corn, soybean, hay, oat, and wheat fields overlook Skaneateles Lake.

The rest of the farm drains toward Owasco Lake, which supplies drinking water for the City of Auburn’s 36,000 residents. Jim, Tom, Bill, and TJ Greenfield team up with the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District, including the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program, and other conservation partners to put agricultural conservation practices to work.

Improving water quality through municipal-agricultural partnerships may be a new concept elsewhere in the nation, but Greenfield Farms and its neighbors have been part of such a public-private partnership for decades.

It was 30 years ago that the City of Syracuse had a choice: it could either build a \$70 million water treatment plant (with an estimated \$6 million annual operating expense), or it could begin cooperatively working with farmers and other landowners in the watershed to improve water quality before issues reached the existing plant. In collaboration with farmers like the Greenfield family, Syracuse opted to do the latter. At that time, Jim Greenfield was one of seven farmers who agreed to help encourage other landowners across the 37,952-acre watershed to voluntarily participate in the program.

Early Adopters

As one of the original leaders and early adopters of Syracuse’s Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program, Jim and his family started making changes to the way things were done at home. The Greenfields sold their mold-board plow in 2000 and were among the first farms in the area to invest in a no-till drill technology to plant crops. To improve their soil’s ability to infiltrate water, add organic matter, and reduce erosion, the Greenfields began planting cover crops.

The Greenfields established more than 12 miles of grassed waterways and edged all of their crop fields with grass buffers to provide yet another barrier to prevent runoff. They have also installed and maintain more than two miles of stabilized access roads at

the farm to keep their tractor tires from bringing soil onto public roadways.

Capturing Clean Water

Their farm also features 20 water and sediment control basins that capture clean water and move it underground (away from potential contaminants) and release it safely to a stable outlet. By having a professional forester advise the Greenfields on the best management of their natural resources, their work additionally benefits the local forest industry and provides habitats for wildlife.

Greenfield Farms uses smart technology to help apply, by variable rate, the amount of lime, fertilizers, and other soil amendments required to grow crops. This technology showed them that shade from hedgerows eliminates the profitability of nearby rows of corn. After converting these under-producing areas to grassed buffers, they saved approximately \$400 per acre in time,

fuel, crop inputs, and topsoil resources.

A Shining Example

When taken together, Greenfield Farms provides a shining example of how continued, careful management improves farm viability, soil health, water quality, and resiliency in a changing climate.

Jim’s volunteer work with Syracuse’s Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program and his family’s support on the farm for such efforts has not waned through the years. In addition to mentoring the next generation of board members, he gathered the sons and daughters of participants for a dinner meeting in 2017, where he explained how hard that he and his peers had to work to get the innovative partnership off the ground, and instilled in them why they need to carry it forward.



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Compliance Corner

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Driving Your Farm Truck During Harvest Season

Harvest time is coming. Do you know what type of license is required to drive the particular truck you need to accomplish your work? Do you need a CDL? An endorsement?

The CDL (Commercial Driver’s License) licensing requirements are generally based on the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) or combination vehicle. The GCWR includes the GVWR of both the vehicle and the vehicle being towed.

Generally, you must have a CDL to operate any of the following CMVs:

- Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more;
- A vehicle and trailer combination, where the GVWR of the trailer is no more than 10,000 pounds, and the GCWR of the vehicle and trailer is 26,001 pounds or more;
- Any size vehicle that is used in the transportation of any material that requires hazardous materials placards;
- Multiple passenger vehicles designed to or used to transport 15 or more passengers in addition to the driver;
- A school bus or passenger bus designed for 10 or more passengers; or
- Any vehicle, other than a farm vehicle operated within one hundred fifty miles of the operator’s farm, that transports materials designated as hazardous under the hazardous materials transportation act.

Exceptions to the above list include military vehicles and farm vehicles used within one hundred fifty miles of a person’s farm that by themselves have a GVWR of 26,000 pounds or less, even if they are in excess of 26,001 pounds when being used, and recreational or personal use vehicles.

There are 3 types of CDLs:

1. **Class A** – valid to operate any vehicle or combination of vehicles, with the exception of some motorcycles.
2. **Class B** – valid to operate single vehicles which have a GVWR of more than 26,000 pounds and may tow trailers with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less.
3. **Class C (CDL C)** – valid to operate any combination of vehicles, other than a tractor, with a GVWR of less than 26,001 pounds, where the vehicle is towing another vehicle with a GVWR of less than 10,001 pounds. Cannot be used in interstate commerce for transporting hazardous material.

Although not a CDL, a Class D license is valid to operate any passenger or limited use vehicle or any truck with a GVWR of less than 26,001 pounds, or any vehicle towing another vehicle of less than 10,001 pounds, or any vehicle towing another vehicle that is more than 10,000 pounds provided the GCWR of the combination is less than 26,001 pounds. This license has replaced the Non-CDL Class C license.

A driver certified to operate a class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle is also certified to operate vehicles in any lower class except motorcycles, buses, or other vehicles that require certain endorsements.



TOM FISK/PEXELS

What are the general qualifications to receive a New York State (NYS) CDL?

- To receive a NYS CDL, an applicant must:
- Be a resident of NYS;
 - Be at least 21 years of age for Class A CDL;
 - Be at least 18 years of age for Class B and C CDL, but if under 21 years of age, the applicant can only drive the CMV within NYS;
 - Be at least 18 years of age for a Class D license, or at least 17 years of age with proof of successful completion of a driver education course approved by NYS;
 - Be able to read and comprehend traffic signs and symbols; and
 - Pass a medical examination mandated by federal and state law, at least every 24 months, more often under certain circumstances. (See Section 5, Medical Exemptions for more information.)

To receive a Class A, Class B, or CDL C license for the first time, an applicant must first obtain a learner’s permit. The applicant is required to pass a vision test and examination related to the laws of traffic and reading and comprehending traffic signs and symbols. The applicant must then pass an on-road skills examination in a representative vehicle to qualify for the CDL .

What is an Endorsement?

Endorsements give you extra driving privileges. An endorsement is an addendum to a CDL or other license class. It allows a driver to operate CMVs requiring additional certification.

License endorsement codes are printed on the front of your license on the line under the “Expiration date” field, after the letter “E.” A description of any endorsements you have is printed on the back of your photo license document.

The following endorsements are available to holders of CDLs:

1. **N endorsement** – required to operate tanks;
2. **H endorsement** – required to transport hazardous materials even if a hazardous materials license is held in another state;
3. **X endorsement** – combined N and H endorsements;
4. **P endorsement** – required to operate a bus;
5. **T endorsement** – required to operate double and triple trailers (available to Class A license holders only).
6. **Metal coil endorsement** - required transports metal coils weighing 5,000 lbs. or more; or bunched coils weighing 5,000 or more;

7. **S endorsement** – required to operate a school bus;
8. **Farm endorsement** – required to operate a farm vehicle or combination of farm vehicles which may not be operated with a Class C or D license;
9. **W endorsement** – required to operate a tow truck; and
10. **Personal use endorsement** – required to operate vehicles which may not be operated with a Class C or D license for personal use.

To receive endorsements N, H, X or T, the driver must pass the relevant knowledge test. To receive a P or S endorsement, the driver must pass the relevant knowledge and skills in a representative vehicle. The holder of an S endorsement must also hold a P endorsement.

What is an F&G Endorsement?

An operator can have an F&G endorsement for the operation of CDL Class A and B farm vehicles (over GVWR of 26,000 lbs.) within 150 miles of the farm. A written skills and road test in a representative vehicle is required. Only farm endorsements may be added to a n F&G endorsement. They are:

- **F endorsement** – required to operate farm vehicle combinations over 26,000 lbs. (Class A); and
- **G endorsement** – required to operate single farm vehicles over 26,000 lbs. (Class B).

Farmers can get these endorsements on their Class D licenses.

Covered Farm Vehicles

Effective July 11, 2016 Federal regulations and New York State law are amended to change the term “farm vehicle” to “covered farm vehicle,” to define covered farm vehicles, and to include a new “Covered Farm Vehicle designation” requirement. Under the new law, a covered farm vehicle is defined as a vehicle or combination of vehicles registered in this state which must:

- Have a covered farm vehicle designation (Designation as a New York State Covered Farm Vehicle (form CFV-1));
- Be operated by the owner or operator of a farm or ranch, or an employee or family member of an



State YF&R chair Christina Hudson Kohler, right, gives the YF&R State Committee a tour of her family's farm in Elbridge, NY.

YF&R State Committee Summer Meeting includes Farm Tour

The NYFB Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee held its summer meeting in August. With Empire Farm Days happening nearby during this time, some members took the opportunity to attend the event prior to the committee meeting. Christina Hudson Kohler, State YF&R chair hosted the committee for a tour of her family's farm, Hudson Egg Farm in Elbridge NY. During the tour, Christina explained egg processing and how the different equipment worked. She also spoke on the marketing of eggs and the farm's conservation practices. After the farm tour, the state committee held a business meeting where they discussed the competitive events, 2022 annual YF&R business session and plans for the 2023 Young Farmers/Young Ag Professionals Leadership Conference with Pennsylvania and Maryland. If you would like more information on the YF&R program or serving on the state committee, email yfr@nyfb.org or call Patti Dugan, Manager - Member Engagement at 1-800-342-4143.



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Promotion & Education

By Patti Dugan
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Carpenter Elected to Serve NAICO President for 2022-23

NAITCO

The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO), a non-profit membership organization that supports Agriculture in the Classroom (AIC) programs around the country, recently elected officers to lead the group in its efforts to increase agricultural literacy in Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 classrooms nationwide.

Katie Carpenter has been elected to serve as NAITCO President for 2022-23. Carpenter has been a member of the organization for 10 years as Director of New York Agriculture in the Classroom, an outreach program of Cornell University. In her leadership of New York Agriculture in the Classroom over 600,000 students and 15,000 teachers each year are impacted by agricultural literacy programming. Innovative and engaging professional development is a cornerstone of New York's program by developing immersive experiences for teachers in food and agriculture, while facilitating lessons and resources of relevant and rigorous curricular connections to help the educators teach through a lens of agriculture.

Grants for growing food in schools, investments in creative agriculture classroom connections,

tional Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Saratoga Springs during June of 2022, welcoming over 700 teachers from across the nation to upstate New York. Carpenter is a Class 17 graduate of LeadNY, Cornell University's pioneering professional training program for committed leaders in the agriculture and food sectors who wish to make a difference in their communities; she also serves as Secretary for the New York State Agricultural Society.

"The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization strives to serve as the leader in school-based agricultural literacy nationwide," Carpenter said. "Our leadership team will work hard to continue illustrating to teachers how effective using agricultural concepts can be to teach academic concepts as an authentic learning lens."

"We will work as an organization to elevate and grow Agriculture in the Classroom programs to ensure students in every state, territory, and district will understand and communicate the source and value of agriculture and how it affects our daily lives," Carpenter concluded.

For more information on NAICO, go to www.ag-classroom.org



Carpenter has been a member of NAICO for 10 years.

and expanding opportunities to connect teachers to the agriculture in their communities are among other significant accomplishments over the last decade.

Carpenter has served in various levels of leadership within NAITCO including as a representative to the eastern states and Treasurer of the organization. Most recently, Carpenter hosted the Na-

MEET THE NYFB P&E COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Rossette, District 1

Kathleen Rossette has served as the District 1 (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie) representative to the NYFB Promotion & Education State Committee since January 2020. Kathleen and her husband, Bruce reside in Great Valley in Cattaraugus County. They have eight adult children and 11 grandchildren with another due this September.

Before her marriage and children, Kathleen spent many years owning and showing hunter-jumper horses. From 2009 - 2021, she and her husband operated an alpaca farm and a small alpaca gift shop. It was important to the Rossettes to rehome their last 11 animals to a friend's alpaca farm where they would continue to receive love and attention. They continue to raise a few chickens for the eggs.

Kathleen is an RN and started her career working in a local hospital for seven years, served as a substitute Social Studies teacher for five years and then as an industrial nurse and a newborn/NICU nurse part-time until she retired. She also worked part time teaching state approved EMT courses at area fire departments. Kathleen says that "when you like what you are doing, it's not work, it's love."

When asked why Farm Bureau is important to her, she answered "The hours farmers put into the product they produce leaves little to no time to lobby for their rights to own and run a business for a profit. Farm Bureau has the ability to represent the farmer while he/she continues to produce a needed product for human consumption. Many professions



Kathleen Rossette

also support the farmer such as veterinarians, soil, air and water conservation, and animal husbandry to name a few. Farm Bureau works with the local schools to teach the youth about the need for farmers as well as working with the Cornell Cooperative Extension programs to bring farming information to Communities. We also sponsor local scholarships to children in 4-H and FFA when they start a new agriculture adventure. Annually the Farm Bureau provides high school seniors the opportunity to apply for a possible scholarship to a college or University. I believe Farm Bureau is a great benefit to both the farmer and the community."

Kathleen feels that the P&E program is important because "We promote the Farm Bureau by finding ways to advertise, such as having an information area in each county fair. We educate by providing books to school libraries that teach about agriculture and sponsoring activities like a trivial night open to the community. P&E also organizes and supports the annual scholarship for seniors planning on studying Agriculture in college."

Jami Willard, District 3

Jami Willard from Seneca County has served on the NYFB Promotion & Education Committee since 2019. She represents District 3 which consists of Cayuga, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates counties. Jamie and her spouse, Rob Thompson have two children, Robby, 8, and Rhettlee, 4, and reside in Interlaken, NY.

Jami grew up spending a lot of time on her grandfather's farm and trucking business. She also worked on a dairy farm for many years. Currently, Jami and her family live on a large crop farm where they grow mainly corn and soybeans but also raise some livestock.

Jami teaches agriculture in the Romulus Central School District. She is very proud to serve as the FFA advisor and worked hard to bring back an FFA chapter to Seneca County. Willard is the first FFA advisor since 1958 at school district.

In addition to serving on the NYFB Promotion & Education State Committee, she also serves as the Promotion & Education Chair for Seneca County.

Her commitment to promoting and educating others on agricultural literacy is evident, she feels that it is important to not only provide knowledge and resources but also make connections.

Jami says, "Being a part of the Farm Bureau has always been important to me and my family. It is truly a great organization that is supportive for all farmers. Farm Bureau fights for all when policies are created and updated. They are the voices who stand up at a local, state and national level to support our legislation needs. They help educate and promote agriculture around us daily and provide us opportunities to make connections in the agriculture industry and build strong relationships in the field."

The NYFB Promotion & Education Program thanks Kathleen and Jami for their dedication and service to the agricultural industry.



Jami Willard

Promotion & Education

Cornell University Hires Urban Agricultural Education and FFA Specialist for NYC area

By Bre Holbert
for AGDAILY

Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has hired an Urban Agricultural Education and FFA Specialist, Caitlyn McFadden, to support their current Agricultural Outreach and Education team.

CALS prides itself as a pioneer of purpose-driven science, working across many disciplines to tackle the challenges of our time through research, education, and outreach. Their hope for a new position is to bolster their sciences by promoting and establishing comprehensive agricultural education programs/FFA chapters in the greater New York City metro area for students of diverse racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic communities. Along with believing in the current possibilities, McFadden also hopes these programs’ students enhance diversity among agriculture careers and/or agriculture majors within post-secondary education.

“I think this role is impactful because it personally hits home for me,” she said.

McFadden began her life in Chicago, where she could only imagine what it really looked like to be an agriculturalist. Access to someone who was rooted in the industry to aid in telling its story was not possible.

“I didn’t hear many people saying they were in agriculture at school career days,” she said. “I imagined the agriculture industry to be only farming and large fields.”



Chicago native Caitlyn McFadden’s goal in her new role at Cornell is to change the narative of agriculture in the five boroughs and to “develop future leaders at a young age to be agriculturally literate and skilled to thrive in the workforce.”

After graduating from the Chicago High School for Agriculture Sciences, her focus shifted and led her down a path focused on agriculture education. She earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky and became newly determined to share with urban communities the true story of agriculture.

“I wanted to introduce urban communities to agriculture to help us better understand our plant and food systems, instead of how it is portrayed to be,” McFadden said.

Throughout her tenure, McFadden has the opportunity to provide access, understanding, and bridge-building between the five boroughs of New York City and the state’s agriculture industry. She hopes she can be a part of changing the narrative of agriculture in the boroughs, while also promotive leadership development skills within students of each of these communities.



SPECIAL/CAITLYN MCFADDEN

“I will develop students leadership skills in these five boroughs through the continual promotion of FFA, which has been a lifelong dream of mine,” she said.

McFadden’s goal is to make a positive impact on the current demographic of the National FFA Organization, along with other secondary and post-secondary youth agriculture leadership organizations. Not only providing an increased racial, ethnic, and socio-economic presence to these spaces, but also a diverse perspective on the role of agriculture in our current and future contexts.

“Agriculture education is important because by the year 2050, we are anticipated to hit a population of nine billion people. Imagine having future leaders who are devoted to feeding the world and being change makers?,” McFadden said. “My goal would be to develop those future

leaders at a young age to be agriculturally literate and skilled to thrive in the workforce.”

McFadden is all about access, education, and the future. With access, she imagines a world where we all are equipped with the knowledge to be a part of a sustainable and diverse agriculture community. McFadden believes that education is that access needed for this prosperous future.

“To me, education is the foundation. The foundation of all things,” she said. “Training a child up young is the path to their future success.”

McFadden’s position is one of the first of its kind to be established within the state of New York and one of the first across the nation in connection with a State FFA Organization.

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Learning About Locally Produced Food through Nutrition Education

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The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) are federally funded nutrition education programs offered through various Cornell Cooperative Extension offices across New York state. These educational programs have provided nutrition education to income-qualified families, seniors, individuals, and youth for over 30 years.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) and MyPlate provide the current research base from which each program develops teaching materials, lesson plans and recipes all developed. The DGA is revised every 5 years and is developed from recommendations based on research reviewed by nationally recognized educators and health care professionals. MyPlate is the consumer-focused website that translates the DGA into easy-to-use recommendations for healthy eating at every age.

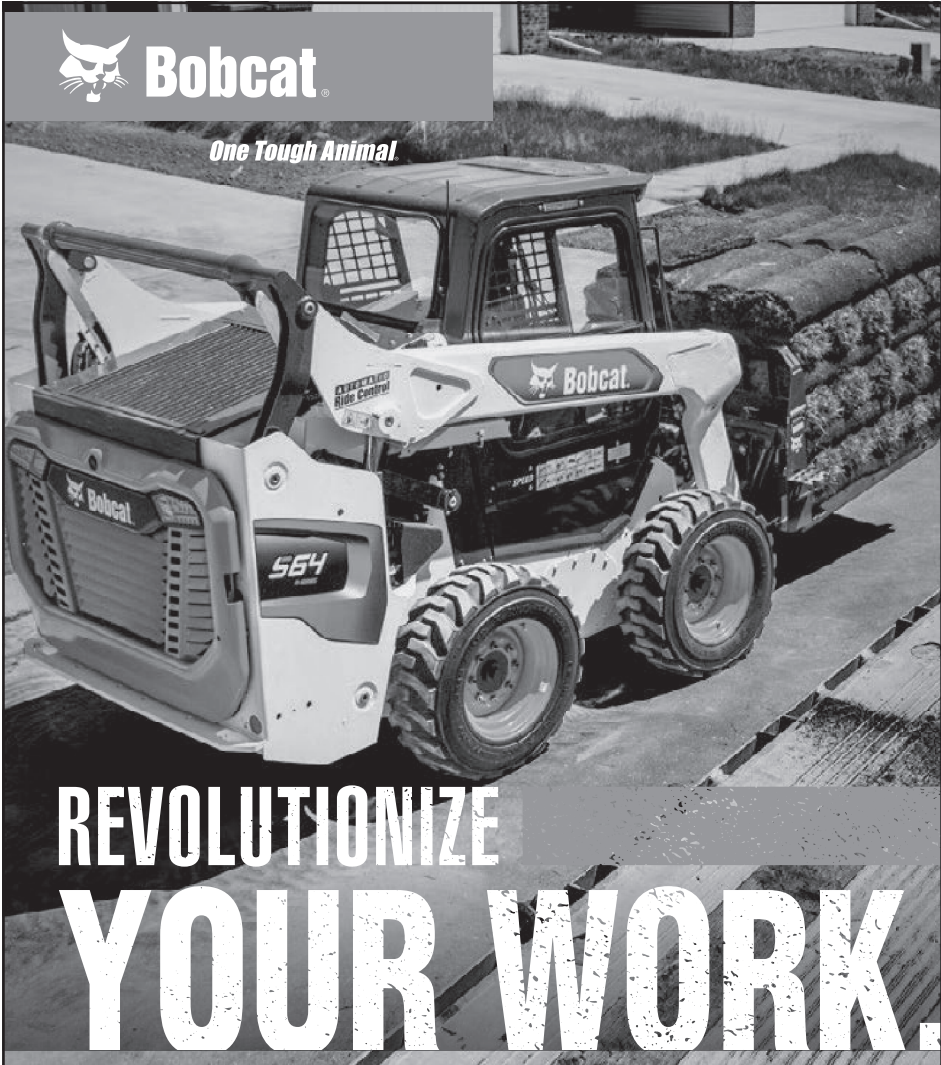
The nutrition education programs collaborate with local human service agencies, food pantries, youth programs (including in-school and after-school sites), county and local government, farmers’ markets, and many other programs to offer classes in many settings to a variety of residents. EFNEP provides a series of nutrition education classes to adults providing care to children as well as to youth. SNAP-Ed provides one-time and series nutrition education to families, seniors, individuals, and youth. Both programs collect information from participants including demographics, questions about eating, food safety, stretching food dollars and physical activity and a 24-hour diet recall. This information is entered into web-based reporting systems that allow funders, state and local governments, boards of directors and partnering agencies to see improvements in healthy eating behaviors made by adults and youth participating in nutrition education.

EFNEP and SNAP-Ed education provided to youth include the five food groups, where food their comes from, the importance of healthy eating for lifelong health and how to prepare simple recipes. Most recipes focus on fruits and vegeta-

bles to encourage youth to try new foods and to learn about produce grown in New York state. Inviting youth to try new foods in classes helps them to develop a broader palette and to be more adventurous in their food selection. Helping youth discover the variety and versatility of locally produced food helps them to better understand the role agriculture plays in New York state.

Adult nutrition education focuses on healthy and affordable choices from the five food groups, but also includes classes on food safety, eating healthier for less, food shopping and physical activity. During the summer, outreach to adults attending local farmers’ markets provides education on what produce is in season and available at the market. Locally grown produce is used to prepare an easy and affordable recipe of which samples are available for tasting. Recipes are provided so families can shop the market for ingredients and make the recipe at home.

Nutrition education and agriculture go hand in hand. Collaboration between farmers and nutrition educators will increase the public’s knowledge of where their food comes from and why healthy food is important.



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An Explanation of Class Codes

From time to time we are asked, “what types of farms can be written in the NY Farm Bureau Safety Group 486 workers’ comp insurance program?”


The answer is a bit complicated. SG 486 is approved for 20 Class codes, but we can also write additional class codes if they are “ancillary” to the operation. This is becoming a more common as farm operations continue to diversify into different products and services.

The key consideration is that the majority of payroll must be in one or more of the approved class codes to be eligible. For example, a vegetable farm also operates a farm kitchen restaurant. We would be able to cover the restaurant employees only if the payroll from the restaurant operation is less than the cumulative payroll of the approved class codes for SG 486.

Below is a listing of the class codes SG 486 is approved for. Please feel to contact our office at wcifo@nyfb.org or 1-800-342-4143 or your agent if you have specific questions about eligibility.

CODE /CLASSIFICATION	
0005	Nurserymen and Sod Farmers
0006	Farms Not Otherwise Classified & drivers (livestock, crops, etc.)
0007	Fruit farms & drivers
0031	Vegetable, Berry, or Grape & drivers
0034	Poultry & drivers
0035	Florist, cultivate or garden, & drivers
0050	Farm Machinery Contractors
2014	Feed Manufacturing or Grain Milling
2105	Fruit Packing
2121	Breweries & Drivers * <i>Must have farm payroll to be eligible</i>
2143	Fruit Juice Manufacturing or Winery
2157	Bottling NOC & Drivers (Distillery) * <i>Must have farm payroll to be eligible</i>
7201	Livery/Boarding/Horse Show Stable & drivers
7207	Riding Academies
8102	Seed Merchants
8116	Farm Machinery Dealers
8199	Feed or Farm Supply Dealer - Retail
8209	Vegetable Packing & Drivers
8215	Hay, Grain, Feed Dealers & Drivers
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Commodity Report: Vegetables



Prospective winter greens grower, Amy Ivy, Elisabeth Hodgdon, and Jud Reid (left to right) discuss a winter spinach research experiment at the Willsboro Farm in November 2019

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Northern New York Agricultural Development Program Grants Support Season Extension Research

By Elisabeth Hodgdon
Vegetable Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Clinton County

While September is harvest time for many crops, it is planting time on many vegetable farms utilizing high tunnels for winter production. With support from NRCS, the increase in high tunnel use has allowed farms to greatly extend their growing season. Season extension is particularly important for growers in northern New York and the Adirondacks, where the growing season is very short.

Cold tolerant vegetables grown under the protection of high tunnels, such as spinach and cole crops, allow farms to offer high quality produce nearly year round. Spinach can be planted in a high tunnel in the fall and harvested through the winter without supplemental heat. Other salad greens, including baby leaf mustards, arugula, and lettuce, are grown in the late fall through early spring in high tunnels.

While recommended production practices for these crops in the field during the main growing season are relatively well established, winter production in high tunnels is still an area of active research. The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP) supports Cornell Cooperative Extension's winter high tunnel vegetable production research at the Cornell Willsboro Research Farm in Essex County.

The grants program is farmer-driven, supporting agricultural research in Lewis, Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, and Essex Counties. Past NNYADP projects under the leadership of Amy Ivy, Judson Reid, Mike Davis, and Elisabeth Hodgdon have resulted in fall planting date and nitrogen fertility recommendations for overwintered spinach.

Early spring small-headed cabbages and sprouting broccoli were also trialed at the Willsboro Farm in the past two seasons. Pushing the envelope with these cold



Purple sprouting broccoli ready for harvest at the Willsboro Farm in May 2021

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tolerant cole crops planted in March allowed for harvests in mid May, well before field crops are ready in northern New York. As part of their 2022 NNYADP grant, CCE will be conducting a winter greens variety trial. The winter greens will be grown in the Willsboro Farm's unheated high tunnel, and yields, crop quality, and cold tolerance will be examined into the winter and shared with vegetable growers in the region.

Varieties that produce into the winter and have high quality regrowth potential after cutting will maximize tunnel space and improve profitability. We thank NNYADP for their continued support of our research.

Project reports from previously funded NNYADP research trials may be found on the NNYADP website: <https://nnyagdev.org/>.

Inquiries about season extension and winter greens research at the Willsboro Farm may be directed to Elisabeth Hodgdon at eh528@cornell.edu.

Flexibility and Reactivity Play Important Role in Vegetable Farming Madison County Farm Bureau Member Says

CCE Madison County

As far back as Corey Mosher's family can remember, his ancestors have always been farmers. Census records from the mid-1800s show the Mosher family as occupational farmers; however, they did not yet own land. One of Corey's forefathers, George Mosher, lived in Eaton, NY and worked on a dairy farm located where the Mosher farm stands today in Bouckville.

The family who owned that dairy had taken George in as one of their own, and when they were ready to hand over ownership of the farm, George took over the business. The year was about 1920, and these are the first origins of the farm under the Mosher name. So while Mosher Farms may "only" be 102 years old, farming has existed on their plot of land much longer.

The Mosher family continued milking cows until Corey's great-grandfather chose to steer the farm in a new direction in the 1930s, a time when many farms in the dairy industry were beginning to struggle. Corey remembers a photo of his great-grandmother Kate, sitting at a table by the road selling beans out of a peach basket.

He remarked, "Since then it's been fresh market fruits and vegetables basically. I wouldn't say the farm that we are today had its origin story there, but a lot of the things that were kind of thought about back then again, that that kind of access to the farm, right at that point, like the direct marketing started there."

Shifts in Production

Over time the production at Mosher Farms has continued to shift while still staying within the realm of fresh fruits and vegetables. Today, their largest crops are cranberry beans; however, that has changed historically as distribution partnerships have changed. Over time, Mosher's relationships have developed and faded with distributors such as Seneca Foods, Hunts Point Cooperative Market in the Bronx, and factories such as the Norwich sauerkraut factory Rea-D-Pack Foods Inc., which closed in 2008.

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New Cherry Ember Tomato Reveals Striped Charm, Bright Flavor

By Erin Rodger
Cornell AgriTech

Cherry tomatoes are a staple in home gardens, farm fields and local food markets, but growing them can be a challenging undertaking. Now, a new variety from Cornell AgriTech provides improved yield and shelf-life while enhancing both visual and culinary appeal.

A cross between heirloom tomato varieties, Cherry Ember was developed by Phillip Griffiths, associate professor of horticulture in the School of Integrative Plant Science, part of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The new tomato is now on sale through Fruition Seeds, an organic seed company based in Naples, New York.

Crack-resistant Skin

“One of the problems with cherry tomatoes is that they tend to have thin skins, and so half of them crack on the plant, and the half that you pick crack after a few days,” Griffiths said. “Cherry Ember is a little firmer, with more of the post-harvest characteristics of a grape tomato.”

Cherry Ember tomatoes dazzle growers with their metallic gold stripes and thick, crack-resistant skin.

Its thicker skin and meatier flesh helps keep the fruit from cracking both in the field and after being harvested — even during high rainfall seasons, which pose problems for thinner skins.

“The increased shelf-stability is a very important attribute of this variety,” Griffiths added, “especially when combined with high yield, desirable aesthetics and a smaller, single-bite size.”

When Petra Page-Mann saw Cherry Ember at one of Griffiths’ field trials in 2019, it stood out like a “luminescent gem.” As the co-owner of Fruition Seeds, she has seen increased grower interest in unique color and flavor combinations. With its metallic gold stripes, rich taste and ease to grow, Page-Mann was eager to add the new variety to their sales portfolio, but it still needed a name.

Cornell impacting New York State

Last fall, she launched a naming contest on Fruition Seeds’ Instagram account with Griffiths’ support. They sorted through more than a thousand suggestions before holding the final runoff vote, where Cherry Ember emerged as a clear winner.

“It’s a great introduction to life beyond the red tomato,” Page-Mann said. “It’s like a classic red tomato in terms of flavor, but there are brighter notes, especially if you let it



SPECIAL/FRUITION SEEDS

Cherry Ember also gives growers something to look forward to as early as mid-July since it ripens just 65 days after being planted and continues to grow until the first frost.

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Co-owner, Fruition Seeds

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“We love Griff’s creativity with visuals and flavors, as well as his focus on regional adaptation,” Page-Mann said. “We’ve trialed dozens of his tomatoes over the past few years, and they are a dream to grow and sell in New York.”

Erin Rodger is the senior manager of marketing and communications for Cornell AgriTech.

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Have your NYFB membership number handy to start the conversation.

MOSHER

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Corey says that one of the most important aspects of being a vegetable grower is being flexible and reactive to products for which people have a high demand.

However, as vegetable growers, other factors have the potential to get in the way of that flexibility, most notably the dynamic nature of labor. Corey notes that while Mosher’s has mechanized over the past few decades, like the rest of the vegetable industry, a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables still require a lot of manual work to ensure the products’ quality.

“It’s not the most desirable work,” Corey said. “I can tell you when I was in high school the thought of me coming to the farm, 30 years down the road, I would have been like, I failed, which I don’t feel like that at all today, right? That’s the challenge a lot of times with farm work.”



SPECIAL/COREY MOSHER

Corey Mosher’s family has been farming in New York state since the 1800s.



The results of more than three years of field trials also showed that farmers could use 50 to 100% less fertilizer without reducing yields

NY Onion Growers Can Keep Yields While Cutting Chemical Use

By Sarah Thompson
Cornell Agritech

A surprise finding from new research on controlling pests and disease in New York commercial onion fields will enable the state’s producers to cut their use of synthetic chemicals without sacrificing yield.

The study, conducted by scientists at Cornell AgriTech and recently published in the journal *Agronomy* on May 28, showed that by following action thresholds to determine when to apply insecticides to control onion thrips – a major annual pest – farmers made 2.3 fewer applications per season while maintaining yields and bulb size. Action threshold is the density of the pest in a crop that requires a control measure to prevent the population from increasing to a level that will cause economic loss.

The results of more than three years of field trials also showed that farmers could use 50 to 100% less fertilizer without reducing yields.

“Plots with no fertilizer had no difference [compared to plots with full and half amounts],” said Max Torrey ’13, whose 12th generation family farm in Elba, NY was a trial site for the study. “People were skeptical, but this evidence gives us a lot more confidence in what we need to use.”

Growing onions in the western New York climate requires intensive cultivation and heavy reliance on synthetic fertilizer and pesticides. It’s also done exclusively on muck soils – the dark, fertile footprints of drained swamps. New York farmers grow nearly all 7,000 acres of the state’s dry bulb onions on the muck.

Market fluxuation

Onions, an important staple in most kitchens, are the fourth most-consumed fresh vegetable in the U.S., behind potatoes, tomatoes and sweet corn. New York growers have an added advantage with this high value crop due to their close proximity to large markets along the Eastern seaboard. But the market varies widely year to year depending on conditions in other growing regions and demand. Diseases and pests, especially the onion thrips, also eat into New York growers’ profits.

The onion thrips—tiny, winged insects that feed on onion plants – have been on Brian Nault’s radar for years. Nault, the study’s senior author and professor of entomology at Cornell AgriTech, said farmers used to rely on cost-effective weekly insecticide spray

programs to control thrips. Then, in the late 1990s, thrips began rapidly developing insecticide resistance, because five to eight generations can be produced per year. Thrips also transmit a virus that can kill onion plants and spread bacteria leading to bulb rot.

To help preserve the effectiveness of remaining insecticides, Nault has been fine-tuning action thresholds so New York onion growers can remain profitable while spraying only when pest populations require it.

“The number one reason farmers give for using action thresholds is mitigating the development of insecticide resistance,” Nault says. “The next new, good chemical tool may not come until 2025. They can’t afford to lose this one.”

Reducing fertilizer, pests

In his new study, Nault and postdoctoral researcher Karly Regan aimed to further hone their integrated pest management strategy for onion thrips. They knew growers who continued using weekly spray programs instead of action thresholds were taking a significant risk by increasing the likelihood of resistance developing. But Nault also found studies that showed reducing fertilizer amounts could potentially reduce pests in certain crops. He added the factor in test trials.

Nault and his grower partners were amazed to find that the amount of fertilizer applied to an onion at planting had no impact on thrips population levels, bulb rot, or on onion bulb size and yield.

“Reducing fertilizer use in commercial farming is beneficial to the environment for so many reasons, especially water and soil health,” Nault said.

If all New York onion growers used action thresholds, Nault says they’d see a cumulative annual savings of \$420,000 in pesticide costs. Already, he’s seen many growers reduce their fertilizer use this year by between 25 and 50% – a major change from applying a blanket amount to every field. Scouting for thrips and soil sampling each year are a little more work, but Torrey says he anticipates saving at least \$100 per acre in chemical costs on his 2,200 acres of onions, in addition to the ecological rewards.

This research was supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Specialty Crop Research Initiative.

Sarah Thompson is a writer for Cornell Agritech.

USDA Reports Highest New York Corn Acreage in Ten Years

USDA/NASS

New York corn planted area for all purposes in 2022 is estimated at 1.19 million acres, up 13% from 2021. Growers expect to harvest 590 thousand acres for corn grain, up 9% from 585 thousand acres last year.

New York soybean planted area this year is estimated at 330 thousand acres planted, up 2% from 2021.

New York barley seeded area is estimated at 9 thousand acres, unchanged from 2021.

New York winter wheat acreage planted is estimated at 135 thousand, down 13% from 2021. New York winter wheat harvested acreage is forecast to be 115 thousand, down 10 thousand from 2021.

The 2022 United States corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 89.9 million acres, down 4% from last

year. Growers expect to harvest 81.9 million acres for grain, down 4% from last year.

The 2022 United States soybean planted area is estimated at 88.3 million acres, up 1% from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up in 20 major producing States. Area for harvest, forecast at 87.5 million acres, is up 1% from 2021. If realized, this will be the third highest planted and harvested soybean acreage on record.

In 2022, United States barley producers seeded 3.05 million acres, up 15% from the previous year. Record low planted acres are expected in Michigan, Minnesota, New York, and Utah. Harvested area, forecast at 2.40 million acres, is up 23% from 2021. However, record low harvested acres are forecast in both Michigan and Wisconsin.

USDA Invests Nearly \$8M to Improve Dietary Health

The USDA recently announced the availability of nearly \$8 million to support the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) Produce Prescription Program. The funding is part of USDA’s American Rescue Plan efforts and will be administered by USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

GusNIP Produce Prescription projects provide financial and non-financial incentives to income-eligible individuals and families to

purchase fresh fruits and vegetables to improve dietary health through increased consumption of fruits and vegetables.

By bringing together stakeholders from various parts of the food and health care systems, GusNIP projects foster understanding to improve the health and nutritional status of participating households and use data to identify and improve best practices on a broad scale.

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USDA Invests \$14.5M in Tax Education, Program Outreach

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In August, The USDA announced that it is investing in two outreach and education efforts for farmers and ranchers, including those who are new to farming or who have been historically underserved by USDA programs. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is investing \$10 million for agriculture-oriented taxpayer education as well as \$4.5 million in outreach for the Conservation Reserve Program's Transition Incentives Program (CRP TIP), which helps with access to land for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Both efforts help advance equity and access to USDA programs and agriculture.

"Running a farm operation is tough, and we are working to help meet gaps where farmers need assistance," said Jim Barber, FSA Executive Director in New York. "First, filing taxes for an agricultural operation can be challenging and many agricultural producers may

not have the funds to hire accountants or tax professionals to assist, especially for new and historically underserved producers. This new initiative offers support to producers in navigating tax season. Second, we want to make sure producers are aware of our many program options, and Conservation Reserve Program Transition Incentives Program (CRP TIP) provides a unique opportunity for producers with expiring CRP land to help bring new farmers into the fold."

Taxpayer Education

FSA's \$10 million investment funds the new Taxpayer Education and Asset Protection Initiative. As part of the first phase of this work, FSA has established a partnership with the University of Arkansas and the National Farm Income Tax Extension Committee. This partnership is establishing hubs for taxpayer education while developing and delivering tax education re-

sources to farmers, ranchers, agricultural educators and tax professionals through partnerships with stakeholders and minority- serving institutions across the country.

Better Understanding Tax, Financial Planning

Many producers are not aware that receiving USDA program funds for activities, such as conservation contracts, disaster assistance payments, and pandemic relief are taxable income, and need support to assist with short- and long-term business planning associated with their program payments. To address these issues, FSA is investing in partnerships with the University of Arkansas, the National Farm Income Tax Extension Committee and other partners to develop and deliver taxpayer education to producers to help them better understand the important relationships between federal income taxes and USDA farm

programs. The next phases of this work will include a suite of online resources for producers, continuing education opportunities for tax attorneys and CPAs, as well as cooperative agreement funding and training opportunities for stakeholder organizations.

"Many rural areas lack legal and certified accounting services, and agricultural producers need additional knowledge and/or resources to integrate tax planning into their financial planning," said Ronald L. Rainey, Assistant Vice President of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. "This partnership will help the University of Arkansas and USDA work together to overcome inequalities in tax services to serve agriculture communities."

These tax education partnerships focus on addressing the immediate needs of producers by delivering agricultural tax and asset protection training and information to farmers as well as developing infrastructure to support rural taxpayer education and tax preparation for limited resource, beginning, and historically underserved farmers and ranchers for the long term.

Tax Estimator Tool

Additionally, USDA is updating and expanding online tax resources for producers, including the new Tax Estimator Tool, an interactive spreadsheet that producers can download to estimate tax liability. It is for informational and educational purposes only and should not be considered tax or legal advice. Producers may need to work with a tax professional to determine the correct information to be entered in the Tax Estimator Tool. The tool is available at ruraltax.org.

Available Funding for CRP TIP Outreach

TIP provides financial incentives to CRP participants with expiring contracts, if they sell or rent the land to a beginning producer, veteran farmer or rancher, or a producer from a socially disadvantaged group.

FSA is making available up to \$4.5 million in funding and expects to award 15 to 20 partner and stakeholder organizations to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to promote awareness and understanding of CRP TIP among agricultural communities, in particular those who are military veterans, new to farming, or historically underserved.

Eligible stakeholders include Federally-recognized Indian tribal organizations, State governments, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and higher education institutions.

Interested stakeholders may submit one-to-two-year proposals, and must submit their applications via Grants.gov by Oct. 14, 2022.

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Producers interested in CRP TIP and other USDA programs should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for programs.



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FARM BILL

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Background

For starters, the farm bill holds a lot of statutory power, but it also has a little something for everybody. From farm program payments and food policy to conservation initiatives and rural development, the farm bill provides mandatory and discretionary funding for many everyday programs and functions whose impact and influence carries across all social demographics and regions.

Farm bill passage and implementation has a unique time line with serious consequences if lawmakers fail to adhere to it. Its five-year lifespan provides lawmakers the opportunity to update the programs so they are relevant to current market and economic conditions. There have been 18 farm bills since the 1930s. If the farm bill were to expire without a new bill in place or if programs were not granted an extension by Congress, all of the programs would return to the 1949 bill, meaning reverting to support price programs for the limited number of commodities covered by the 73-year-old law. Adjusted for inflation, these support prices would be far above even the current elevated market. This helps drive the urgency farmers and ranchers – and Congress – feel about passing this legislation in a timely manner.

What is the Farm Bill?

The farm bill refers to an authorization of mandatory and discretionary spending bills appropriated to provide assistance related to food and farms. It is a multi-year law that is primarily executed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and it governs a wide variety of agricultural and food programs. First created to help struggling farmers in the 1930s, the farm bill has expanded to be a resource to help the industry grow and thrive in an ever-evolving world. The current farm bill, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2023. To prepare for the 2023 farm bill, discussions about how best to address the issues of agriculture have already begun. These will be especially important given what the agriculture sector has been up against over the past few years and the various unknowns farmers and ranchers face.

The farm bill provides an important consistent opportunity for policy makers to address agricultural and food issues comprehensively. It has grown over the decades to serve food and agriculture, but its roots are in farm commodity program support. These traditional support commodities include corn, cotton, wheat, soybeans, rice, dairy, peanuts, and sugar. The farm bill has expanded and broadened to include nutrition assistance, conservation, research, specialty crops and bioenergy programs. Because of this, the farm bill brings together some of the most unlikely partners to advocate for a legislative package composed of provisions that would likely not survive the legislative bureaucracy as stand-alone measures.

TITLES OF 2018 FARM BILL	
Title I: Commodities and Disaster The commodity title has provided certainty and predictability to eligible producers by reauthorizing and improving commodity, marketing loan, sugar, dairy and disaster programs.	fund research in land grant institutions in each state.
Title II: Conservation The conservation title provides voluntary conservation programs that farmers and ranchers use to improve their productivity and address natural resource and, increasingly, environmental concerns.	
Title III: Trade Post-World War II and post-Korean War conditions in agriculture created a need to focus on trade and trade development programs.	
Title IV: Nutrition First created with the Food Stamp Act of 1964, the nutrition title is a pillar in farm bill discussions, of particular interest to urban voters and their representatives.	
Title V: Credit The credit title of the farm bill provides lending opportunities that private commercial entities cannot offer.	
Title VI: Rural Development The rural development title has held a spot in the farm bill since 1973 with the purpose to create and support new competitive advantages in rural areas.	
Title VII: Research When the United States Department of Agriculture was created in 1862 it was primarily charged to support agricultural research. Serving, technically, as the oldest title of the farm bill, stemming from the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, the purpose was to establish and	
Title VIII: Forestry First created in the 2002 farm bill, the forestry title provides authority for the United States Forest Service, which is the principal federal forest management agency.	
Title IX: Energy Renewable energy, primarily ethanol and biodiesel production, was spurred through the Renewable Fuel Standard, which is not included in the farm bill. However, it created interest in the development of farm bill programs regarding energy.	
Title X: Horticulture The horticulture title is designated to specifically support specialty crops and certified organic and local foods.	
Title XI: Crop Insurance The crop insurance title provides new and continued insurance products for producers to purchase in a public-private partnership. The insurance helps protect producers against losses resulting from price and yield risks on over 445 million acres, in addition to a growing assortment of policies for animal agriculture.	
Title XII: Miscellaneous The miscellaneous title holds a variety of programs. In most cases, these programs either do not have a “home title” or are individual programs to address specific problems. In the 2018 farm bill, the miscellaneous title primarily focused on livestock programs, agriculture and food defense, historically underserved producers, limited-resource producers and other miscellaneous provisions.	

The farm bill continues to be entangled in political debates and ideological policy conversations. Over time, programs have been adjusted to respond to the market and economic pressures of agriculture, the U.S. and the world. As ideas are collected for future farm bills, even in today’s debate, the question remains the same: how can the farm bill best serve its constituents?

The Nutrition Title

Another question that pops up every five years or so: is it a farm bill or a food bill or both? The nutrition title is the most expensive title in the farm bill, dominating almost 80% of the bill’s spending. It governs programs utilized by people who cannot afford to buy food in times of difficulty. As part of the federal welfare program portfolio, there is criticism from some quarters about the title’s spending levels. This has made the nutrition title a political bone of contention through decades of farm bill debate, but critical to building a coalition of support.

Farm Bill Politics

The farm bill has historically been a bipartisan effort. Some legislators’ concentrate on the nutrition portion of the farm bill given the constituent interest in their state and/or district, while other legislators concentrate on the commodity programs due to their constituents’ interests. More often, geography is a factor. The “Traditional Farm Coalition” includes corn in the Midwest, cotton in the South, and wheat in the Great Plains. The “Expanded Traditional Farm Coalition” includes soybeans with corn in

the Midwest, peanuts with cotton in the South, and rice in the Mississippi Delta region. What pits the farm coalition against itself? Historic ideology regarding farm policy.

Given the dwindling farm and ranch population, there lies significant uncertainty for the farm coalition to get enough “yay” votes, thus the coalition of support for the farm bill has broadened tremendously, growing the bill to secure enough votes to pass it.

A more recent farm bill evolution is the expectation that farmers protect the environment, prompting environmental groups to lay claim to the legislation too. Similarly, the rural/urban coalition has worked to educate about nutrition programs’ benefits beyond high-density populations and shown value to their inclusion in the farm bill. Moreover, since its inception, the farm bill has brought more and more stakeholders to the discussion, including national farm groups, commodity associations, state organizations, nutrition and public health officials, and a variety of advocacy groups for conservation, recreation, rural development, local food systems, and certified organic production.

Why Does the Farm Bill Matter?

The farm bill ensures a safe and abundant food supply, helps feed the hungry, invigorates rural communities and helps farmers take care of the environment as they continue to provide food, feed, fuel and fiber to the United States and the world.

On the farm side, those utilizing farm bill programs value risk management tools that offer certainty and predictability. Tools like crop insur-

ance products, marketing loans and commodity programs help producers manage through tough times in order to be able to pass the family farm on to the next generation. Families are able to put dinner on the table thanks to nutrition assistance programs. Voluntary, market-based incentives in conservation programs help provide producers with the tools and assistance needed to implement soil and water improvements. Rural communities have access to tools like broadband grants and new business loans authorized by the farm bill to help enhance economic development and attract growth.

Just as agriculture changes and adapts to meet the needs of the time, the farm bill is called upon to do the same to serve the needs of its constituents. Every five years or so, Congress passes a new farm bill to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world and ensure that critical programs continue to work for farmers and ranchers, families on a budget, and rural communities working to stay competitive.

Summary

The farm bill – or as it could be called, the food and farm bill – has supported U.S. agriculture for almost 100 years, providing safe and affordable food, feed, fuel and fiber for the country and the world. It provides mandatory and discretionary funding to a number of everyday programs and functions to support food security, and in turn national security, for the U.S. Hearings on the 2023 farm bill have already started in Congress.

LONG ISLAND

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New York Farm Bureau continues to make it a priority to give back to our communities to make sure everyone has the ability to put fresh, local food on their dinner tables,” said David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau President.

“We have some of the wealthiest zip codes in the country on Long Island, but the truth is there are hundreds of thousands of people living with food insecurity on Long Island. So, the wholesome food we get from farmers here really makes a big difference for so many people who otherwise would not know about eating this healthy produce, so we are grateful for this relationship,” said Randi Shubin Dresner, President and CEO of Island Harvest Food Bank.

Deer Run Farm is owned by Bob Nolan, who represents Long Island on the state board. He then hosted a dinner for everyone at his farm featuring the best of Long Island food and drink.

Eastern Long Island

Following a state board meeting the next day, the New York Farm Bureau Board of Directors then toured farms on the east end of Long Island organized by LIFB Administrative Director Rob Carpenter and Associate Director Lauren McGrath. The board members were able to see the true diversity of agriculture in this part of the state.

Long Island is home to more than 500 farms on around 30,000 acres. This includes fruit and vegetable farms, nursery and greenhouse operations, equine, poultry and sod farms, aquaculture, as well as wineries and craft beverage makers.

The tour started at Bianchi-Davis Greenhouses which supply orchids across the northeast. More than 50,000 of the beautiful, flowering plants are grown in the 80,000 foot warehouse. Owner, William Bianchi has also applied for a cannabis cultivation license to produce in part of his greenhouse.

Nursery, Farm Tours

The next stop the board visited was Half Hollow Nursery, a 600-acre nursery that primarily grows plants, bushes and trees used in landscaping. Former Long Island Farm Bureau president Karl Novak manages the farm and spoke about their markets, labor challenges, and sustainability efforts, including composting leaves that is incorporated into their soil and potting plants.

From there, the board spent time at Sang Lee Farms, a 100-acre organic vegetable farm that includes a retail farmstand and CSA. Fred Lee, his son Will Lee, and Will’s partner Lucy Senesac own and operate the farm and discussed why the farm switched to organic production over the past two decades and how they market their products on the Island. Farmland preservation and transition were also discussed with the Board.

The next stop was to Peconic Bay where Steve Schnee stood on his boat where he plants and harvests oysters.



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NYFB state board and staff toured Wickham’s Fruit Farm on two hay wagons as part of the farm tour.



STEVE AMMERMAN/NYFB STAFF

TJ Star from Long Island Farm Bureau hands NYFB CEO Liz Dribusch a freshly picked head of lettuce to be donated to Island Harvest.



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Steve Schnee of Founders Oyster Farm stands in his boat where he grows oysters in Peconic Bay.

Founders Oyster Farm leases 10 acres in the bay through the Suffolk County Aquaculture Lease Program that Long Island Farm Bureau was instrumental in renewing for another 10 years. Schnee harvests about 250,000 oysters a year and described the process of raising an oyster from a seed or spat as they are called. He handles and cleans oysters about once a month during the two-year process it takes to grow them.

The Board stopped for lunch and a tour at Greenport Harbor Brewing Company. The business converted an old car dealership into its brewery, tasting room, and restaurant. Rich Vandenburg owns the brewery and is the president of the New York State Brewers Association. He walked the board and staff through the brewing process and discussed the importance of using New York-grown ingredients in much of what they do.

Following the brewery, the tour

took the board to Wickham’s Fruit Farm, a 140-acre diversified fruit farm just off of the bay. The farm has a wide variety of offerings and sells much of what they produce through its farmstand and u-pick operation. Farm owner Tom Wickham and his manager Laurie McBride spoke about farming so close to their neighbors and how farmland preservation was critical in the farm’s longevity and expansion.

Hyrdoponic Operation

The future of agriculture was also on display with a visit to Fresh Greens LI, a controlled environment agriculture operation where lettuce greens are grown hydroponically in two cargo containers. Kurt Van de Wetering can harvest 1,000 heads of lettuce a week, and can control every aspect of feed, water, lighting requirements



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Kurt Van de Wetering showcases his controlled environment agriculture operation that grows greens hydroponically in two cargo containers.



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Will Lee and Lucy Senesac discuss running Sang Lee Farm with Will’s father, Fred.

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Assembly Member Jessica Gonzales-Rojas , Sen. Leroy Comrie and Thomas Grech, President of the Queens Chamber of Commerce.



Long Island Farm Bureau President Bill Zalakar expresses the importance of building relationships with attendees at the reception.



Darin Van Houten shares his Rockland Cider Works with Assembly Member Michaelle Solages.



Teachers and students with John Bowne High School's FFA program in Queens host a table at the Queens County Farm Museum reception.



Assembly Member Catalina Cruz and NYFB President David Fisher.



Assembly Member David Weprin discusses food policy with NYFB's Associate Director of Public Policy Renee St. Jacques.

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and carbon dioxide that the plants need in their growing cycle.

Craft Distillery

The final stop of the day was to Long Island Spirits, the first craft distillery on Long Island. Using many New York ingredients, the distillery produces vodka, gin, whiskey and bourbon among other adult beverages. The tour included a walk-through of the distilling process and the business issues.

The following day was back to business for the board. They toured Hunts Point Market in the Bronx, the major food wholesale marketplace in the northeast. Fresh fruits and vegetables from across the globe are distributed through the facility, which highlighted the competitive

challenges facing New York growers from farms in other states and countries with lower production costs.

Legislative Reception

The directors were grateful for the time and effort put into organizing the tour and appreciate Long Island Farm Bureau and its members for the work that they do. All of these experiences helped prepare the New York Farm Bureau state board for the legislative reception it held Thursday, Aug. 18 in conjunction with the Queens County Farm Museum, a historic working farm and educational center celebrating its 325th anniversary this year.

Policymakers from New York City attended the reception that included farmers sharing food and beverages that they produce. This provided a great opportunity to have discussions about the challenges

and opportunities facing farming in New York and the future of agriculture in the state.

Some of the attendees included State Sen. Leroy Comrie, Assembly Members Catalina Cruz, Michaelle Solages, Jessica Gonzales-Rojas, David Weprin and staff from Senator Kevin Thomas' office. There were also NYC City Council Members, Mayor Adams' food policy staff as well as representatives from New York State Agriculture and Markets and Environmental Protection Agency Region Two in attendance.

In addition, two agriculture teachers from John Bowne High School were recognized by Long Island Farm Bureau President Bill Zalakar and members of the New York State Legislature for being named regional agriculture educators of the year through Na-

tionwide Insurance's Golden Owl Award program. John Bowne High School has the largest FFA program in the state and two students attended the event as well.

This was the second year of this unique reception to better connect farmers with urban lawmakers and their constituencies. Queens County Farm Museum's Executive Director Jennifer Walden Weprin and her staff were instrumental in helping to make this event happen. She and President Fisher thanked the attendees and the farmers for coming and stressed the importance of the connections being made.

"Relationships matter. The more we get to know each other and what is important to each of us, the more we can work together to support each other's needs and communities," said Fisher.

Social Security and Medicare Strategies for Farmers

*The following information is provided by Nationwide®, the #1 farm and ranch insurer in the U.S.**



Retirement isn't often part of the long-term plan for farmers. But it's still important to think about your long-term financial future. And a few retirement benefits are key components of that future.

That includes Social Security and Medicare. Incorporating these benefits into your long-term plans can help firm up your (and your farm's) financial footing today and down the road.

"Farmers need a trusted advisor to help them understand how decisions around Social Security and Medicare will impact their finances," said Nationwide Advanced Consulting Group Director George Schein. "Farmers need expertise to help transition their farms to the next generation. And they need to create a source of retirement income."

Know the impacts of your Social Security choices

Social Security retirement benefits are available starting at age 62. But taking your benefit as soon as possible leads to reduced monthly payments. For that reason, many choose to delay until full retirement age or age 70 (when benefits stop growing).

Delaying benefits as long as you can is a good rule of thumb. But that's not always best for farmers.

"Some farmers may not expect to live into their 80s. Those farmers are more likely to choose the reduced payments that begin before their full retirement age," Schein said. "Some farmers may also start Social Security benefits early because they plan to rely on the steady source of income it provides to cover the costs of Medicare premiums, which generally start at age 65."

It's a good idea to talk to a financial professional as early as your 40s or 50s to ensure you qualify for benefits. You need at least ten years of taxable income to be eligible.

"A downside of today's tax laws for farmers is that some may offset their farm's annual income entirely and miss out on Social Security altogether," Schein said. "By addressing this while there's still time, a farmer can make the most of this important benefit."

Learn more about Social Security disability for farmers from Nationwide's Land As Your Legacy® team or get connected to a financial profes-

sional who can provide even more personalized guidance.

Plan for Medicare coverage

Most U.S. citizens become eligible for Medicare at age 65 if they're either qualified to collect Social Security benefits, a U.S. citizen or if they've been a permanent resident for at least five years. With a few limitations, the federal program covers a portion of many common medical expenses like:

- Inpatient care
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- Preventative benefits like annual checkups and screenings

But there are also exclusions, namely:

- Prescription drugs
- Dental
- Vision
- Hearing care

Plan ahead to help better afford Medicare's gaps

Additional coverage is available from private insurers and should be considered by those 65 and older. The annual open enrollment win-

dow is the key time for these decisions. It begins in mid-October and runs through early December.

"Planning for current and future medical care and how to pay for it is even more critical for farmers because of the physical nature of their work and a lack of quality health care in many rural areas," Schein said.

Nationwide's Land As Your Legacy team can help further make sense of both Medicare and Social Security for farmers. Get connected to a financial specialist who can help protect your farm, family and future by visiting [Nationwide.com/YourLand](https://www.nationwide.com/YourLand).

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Eight Uses for Drones For Farms of All Sizes

‘Precision Agriculture’ Better Informs Farmers and Offers a Wide Variety of Usages

The use of drones in nearly every sector of the economy is on the rise, but drone usage in the agricultural industry is surging. According to a report by *Markets and Markets*, the agricultural drone market is projected to increase from a \$1.2 billion in 2019 to \$4.8 billion in 2024. From scouting to security, drone use will become more omnipresent on large and small-scale farms in the near future. The data supplied by drones on farms is frequently used to better inform important decisions and is part of a technique referred to as ‘precision agriculture.’

Here are eight ways that drones are being used on the farm right now:

1.) Livestock Monitoring – The incredible thing about drones is the birds eye view that they can provide. If you have never seen your farm from 300 feet up, it is quite an experience and can offer valuable insight into your business. Using a drone with a thermal sensor can let you pop your drone up in the middle of the night and count your cows in the dark. Once they are all accounted for and you can have a good night’s sleep.

2.) Farm Security – Whether you have a large farm or a small ranch you are always on the look out for predators. By sending your drone on patrol it’s possible to see if there are visitors (human or animal) on your property that are not supposed to be there. By using your drone as security, you keep yourself out of trouble allowing you to call the authorities if you spot an intruder. Some drones even have speakers to broadcast your voice to anyone in the vicinity.

3.) Condition Monitoring –When conditions are wet and muddy, no one wants to take the giant sprayer or tractor out to potentially get stuck in the mud, destroying crops that don’t need to be destroyed. Drones are a cheap and efficient way for you to monitor your field conditions



and gauge the condition of the land avoiding hazardous or costly errors.

4.) Beneficial Bugs - Between new regulations and insect resistance, ensuring the crop is safe from damage can be difficult and stressful. Beneficial insects seem like a good idea, but the cost and labor management involved makes them less appealing. How do you deliver these needed insects to fight infestations and keep your crops healthy? Drones to the rescue! Companies like Parabug can cover as much as 300-500 acres in a day with the added benefit being able to access fields in wet conditions as well as providing more uniform coverage than traditional hand applications.

5.) Cross Pollination- Working with hybrid corn can be tricky. The usual way to maximize yield is to plant one row of male corn and three or four rows of female corn. The farmer relies on the wind to blow and assist with the pollination. Because there is a limited window of time this can happen, hoping that the wind will blow can be very stressful. By utilizing a larger drone with a large amount of downward thrust, a farmer can fly low over his field creating his own wind and helping to reduce the reliance on mother nature.

6.) Mapping – Digital mapping gives you better insight into your crops from above and serves as the foundation for your groundwork. RGB maps are regular color maps (think highly detailed google maps). Thermal maps give you accurate temperature readings of the crops, and multi spectral imaging allows detection of subtle variations in plant health before visible symptoms appear. A grower can spot a small reduction in a plant’s chlorophyll con-



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tent before the leaves start to turn yellow.

7.) Seeding – As bigger and more versatile drones make their way on to the consumer market, tasks like seeding fields are being handed to drones. Hard to reach fields, muddy conditions, or rough terrain can be easily seeded and fertilized quickly and efficiently. The DJI Agras T30 can spread solid dry particles with a diameter of 0.5-5 mm to a width of up to seven meters, and an hourly spreading capacity of one ton. These drones not only can provide seeding services but can be easily adapted to spraying as well.

8.) Spraying - The ability to automate the dispersal of agrochemicals with a high degree of accuracy is a huge step in digitizing agriculture and smarter farming. The latest drones offer a 40kg capacity with a 50kg per minute flow rate. That equates to potential coverage of 40 acres per hour, and an enormous productivity boost for a usually manual task that demands fast and accurate distribution.

One important aspect to note is this type of drone application of pesticides requires a 14 CFR Part 137, which is a specialized FAA certification dealing specifically with agricultural aircraft operations. According to pilotinstitute.com, as of February 2021, only 37 companies in the US have received Part 137 certification.

Certification

A farmer looking to use a drone for their farming operations or any business related work must have a Part 107 license. The FAA Part 107 is a set of rules for operating drones for any sort of monetary gain, direct or indirect. Drone application of pesticides requires a 14 CFR Part 137, which is a specialized FAA certification dealing specifically with agricultural aircraft operations. According to pilotinstitute.com, as of February 2021, only 37 companies in the US have received Part 137 certification. For those looking to dive deeply into the world of agriculture drones, please visit the FAA website for more information.

The Future

In Japan, scientists have designed insect-size drones capable of pollinating flowers in the same manner as bees. The drones use GPS to select the optimal flight path for pollinating nearby plants.

In Canada, drones using a pressurized air cannon and small seed pods, have been used for planting trees. The group predicts a single operator would be able to plant 100,000 seed pods per day.

The agricultural world is just scratching the surface of what drones can offer. As research continues and engineers find new ways to incorporate aerial data collection into farming operations, we are likely to see considerable advances in crop production.

With low barriers to entry, and the promise of greater efficiencies, it will soon be difficult to imagine successful operations without drones.

USDA to invest \$15M in Climate-Smart Agriculture, Urban Ag, More

USDA
WASHINGTON — In August, the USDA announced it will invest \$15 million this year for the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Classic program. Through CIG, grantees work to address our nation’s water quality, water quantity, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, all while supporting agricultural production. This year’s funding priorities are climate-smart agriculture, addressing invasive species and conservation in urban agricultural systems.

For the fiscal 2022 award process, at least 10% of the total funds available are set aside for proposals that entirely benefit historically underserved (HU) producers. This HU set-aside will ensure that equity is incorporated in the planning and deliv-

ery of CIG projects to align with NRCS’s Justice 40 goals. HU applicants can also waive the non-Federal match requirements.

Applications are being accepted now through Oct. 11, 2022. Private entities whose primary business is related to agriculture, nongovernmental organizations with experience working with agricultural producers and non-federal government agencies are eligible to apply. For more information and to apply, visit grants.gov.

About CIG

The national CIG program has two parts: CIG Classic and CIG On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials. Through CIG Classic, grantees develop new tools, technologies and strategies to

support next-generation conservation efforts on working lands and develop market-based solutions to resource challenges. CIG On-Farm Trials support more widespread adoption and evaluation of innovative conservation approaches in partnership with agricultural producers. Incentive payments are provided to producers to offset the risk of implementing innovative approaches.

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Additional details about the Conservation Innovation Grants program can be found at the NRCS website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>



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Third AFBF Survey Reveals Stark Reality of Western Drought

AFBF

Persistent drought continues to hammer farmers and ranchers in Western, Central and Southern Plains states, with far-reaching implications for not only farmers' and ranchers' bottom lines, but also food availability and affordability. The third edition of AFBF's Assessing Western Drought Conditions survey illustrates many ground-level drought impacts, including expected reduction in yields, removing or destroying orchard trees or multi-year crops, and selling off portions of herds and flocks.

The survey, which was also conducted in June 2021 and October 2021, included more than 600 responses from county and state Farm Bureau leaders, staff and members in 15 states from Texas to North Dakota to California. Together, these states contribute nearly half of the U.S.'s agricultural production by value.

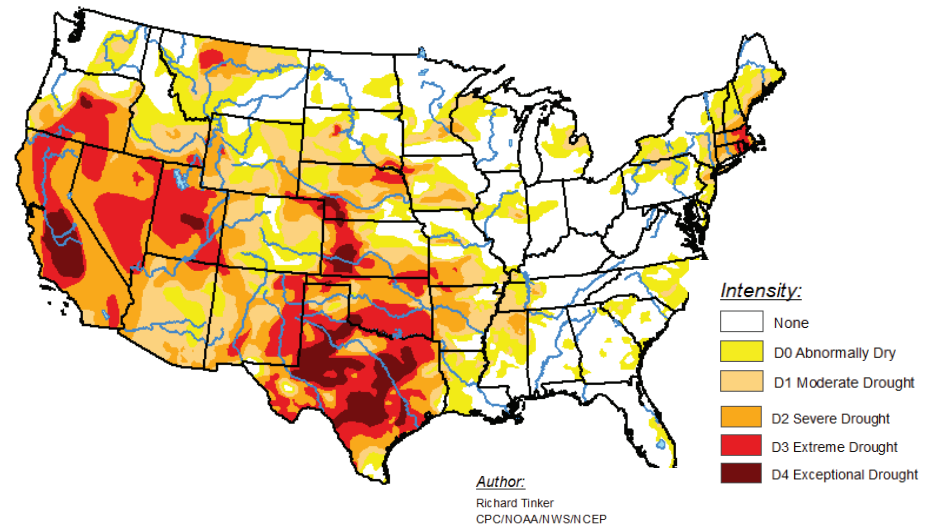
Nearly three out of four respondents rated a reduction in harvest yields as prevalent or higher, while two out of three respondents reported prevalence of selling off portions of herds or flocks.

"We have sold half our herd and may not be able to feed the remaining," said a Texas producer in the open-ended question portion of the survey. "The ones we sold only brought 60-70 percent of what we bought them for in 2021."

Across the surveyed region, respondents expected average crop yields to be down 38% this year because of drought conditions. One Arizona farmer commented, "Many of the fields near us are now fallow. Cropland is being converted to housing developments at an alarming rate. Over 10,000 new homes are expected within a 10-mile radius of my house—most within a 5-mile radius, all on cropland or former dairies. It is frustrating and alarming. Where will the food come from if we grow houses instead of food?"

AFBF President Zippy Duvall reacted, "The effects of this drought will be felt for years to come, not just by farmers and ranchers but also by consumers. Many farmers have had to make the devastating decision to sell off livestock they have spent years raising or destroy orchard trees that have grown for decades. Long-term solutions to drought mitigation must be discussed and implemented to ensure farmers in drought-prone regions can continue to provide safe, affordable and abundant food for their states and the rest of the country."

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State Awarded more than \$100K for Farm-to-School Program

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New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball recently announced that the Department of Agriculture and Markets has been awarded a \$110,000 USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) grant to grow its Farm-to-School program. The grant will support producer readiness trainings that will help New York’s farmers access the farm-to-school market, and provide the tools, resources, and connections needed to sell their farm products to schools across the State.

The project will deliver the USDA Farm-to-School Producer Training, Bringing the Farm to School, piloted for 50 farmers across the state. The comprehensive training curriculum offers producers a well-planned program delivered with a multi-pronged approach of experiential, peer-led, and action-oriented learning. The program aims to serve New York’s diverse and underserved agricultural communities while strengthening regional partnerships and establishing connections with New York producers. Trainings provide interested farmers and producers with the tools to access school markets and to help them develop plans to bring their goals to life. Training will also provide a pathway for New York farmers and producers to understand how collaborative efforts between school districts and producers generate new partnerships, revenue streams



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and local, sustainable food systems.

Additionally, the project offers a pathway for farmers to understand how collaborative efforts between schools and producers generate not only partnerships and new revenue streams, but also the opportunity to create sustainable food systems and strong communities. Connecting the dots between farmers and schools supports local procurement efforts in USDA Child Nutrition Programs, addresses barriers identified by schools working to procure local and regionally produced food, and equips farmers with a pathway to sell to new markets.

The project will be administered the Department with trainings delivered by American Farmland Trust and Cornell University.

About the Program

The New York State Farm-to-School Program launched in 2015 to increase

the purchase of local food by school districts and individual schools. It has grown from a \$325,000 program in 2015 to \$1.5 million in 2022. A total of 57 school districts or not-for-profit organizations working with schools and farms have received over \$6.3 million dollars since 2015 to support farm-to-school efforts across New York State.

Farm-to-school is also key component of the State’s No Student Goes Hungry initiative and the State’s 30% NYS initiative. To incentivize school districts to use more New York farm products, the initiative increases the school lunch reimbursement from \$0.059 per meal to \$0.25 per meal for any district that purchases at least 30% of ingredients for their lunch program from New York farms.

FOR MORE INFO:

Find out more about the program and how to apply at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/30-percent-initiative>.

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Houlton, Dean of Cornell’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Robert Duffy, former New York Lieutenant Governor and CEO of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce; Chris Laughton, Director of Farm Credit East’s Knowledge Exchange and keynote speaker, Brett Sciotto, CEO of Aimpoint Research. Attendees will include farmers, agricultural policy leaders and agribusiness professionals from across the Northeast.

The cost to attend is \$150 for NYFB members (\$175 for non-members) and includes registration, lunch and dinner reception. Reduced rate hotel rooms are available.

The NY Farm Bureau Business Session will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 7 . Delegates are invited to attend the dinner reception Tuesday evening and then meet to conduct the business of the organization on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

There will be a membership breakfast, business session and the awards luncheon. County Farm Bureau voting delegates will be able to attend the full Tuesday conference with a reduced registration.

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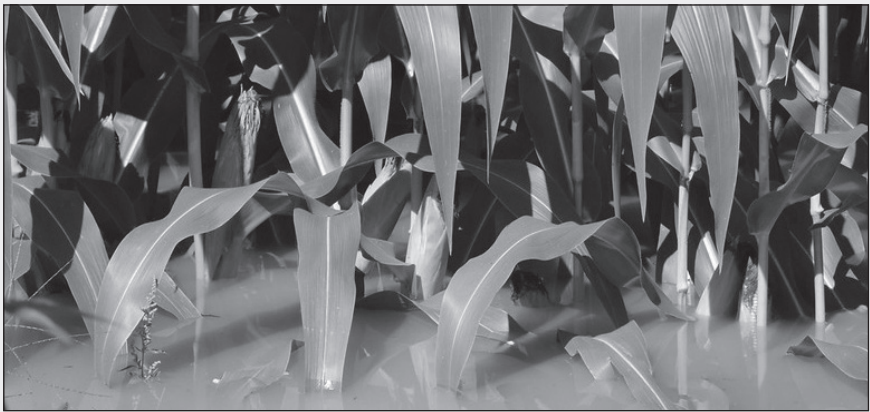


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Deadline Extended and More Pre-Filled Forms Available For 2020 and 2021 Disasters

The USDA has announced that it will indefinitely extend the deadline for producers to return the pre-filled applications for Phase One of the Emergency Relief Program (ERP). A new deadline will be announced after the last Phase One applications are mailed and provide at least 30 days following the mailing. Continuing to build on the initial mailing of pre-filled applications in May, USDA will continue using existing information in USDA and crop insurance files to send additional pre-filled applications starting this week for potentially eligible Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) participants.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now mailing pre-filled applications to NAP producers

through ERP to offset crop yield and value losses. To receive a relief payment, producers should complete and return the applications by announced deadlines. Producers are expected to receive assistance direct deposited into their bank account within three business days after they sign and return the prefilled application to the FSA county office and the county offices enters the application into the system. For more information on ERP eligibility, program provisions for socially disadvantaged or historically underserved producers as well as Frequently Asked Questions, NAP applicants can visit FSA's webpage at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-relief/index>.

EIDL Loan Deferment Extended

Due to the continued adverse effects of the COVID-19 emergency, the Small Business Administration (SBA) is extending the previous deferments granted to COVID EIDL Borrowers to provide an additional six-month deferment of principal and interest payments on their COVID EIDLs. This deferment extension is effective for all COVID EIDLs approved in calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022. COVID EIDLs have a total deferment of 30 months from the date of the Note.

COVID-EIDL Borrowers should be advised that:

- Interest will continue to accrue on the loans during the deferment.
- Partial or full payments may be made (recommended to use www.pay.gov) during the deferment but are not required.
- SBA will not be sending monthly SBA Form 1201 payment notices (although SBA will send regular payment reminders).
- Account balances and payment due dates are accessible in the SBA Capital Access Financial System (CAFS). Borrowers may learn how to set up an accounting the CAFS sys-

tem by logging in at https://caweb.sba.gov/cls/dsp_login.cfm.

- Deferments may result in balloon payments.
- The deferment will not stop any established Preauthorized Debit (PAD) or recurring payments on the loan. COVID EIDL Borrowers with an SBA established PAD must contact their SBA servicing center to stop recurring payments during the extended deferment period. COVID EIDL Borrowers that have established a PAD through www.pay.gov or any other bill pay service are responsible for terminating recurring payments during the extended deferment period.

After the deferment period ends, COVID EIDL Borrowers will be required to make regular principal and interest payments beginning 30 months from the date of the Note.

USDA Publishes Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards Proposed Rule

The USDA has released its proposed rule on the Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS), which proposes requirements for organic poultry and livestock living conditions, care, transport, and

slaughter. The proposed changes would address a range of topics related to the care of organic livestock, including:

- **Livestock health care practices**—the proposed rule would specify which physical alteration procedures are prohibited or restricted for use on organic livestock. The proposed livestock health care practice standards include requirements for euthanasia to reduce suffering of any sick or disabled livestock;
- **Living conditions**—this proposed rule would set separate standards for mammalian and avian livestock living conditions to better reflect the needs and behaviors of the different species, as well as related consumer expectations. The proposed mammalian livestock standards would cover both ruminants and swine. The proposed avian livestock living standards would set maximum indoor and outdoor stocking densities to ensure the birds have sufficient space to engage in natural behaviors;
- **Transport of animals**—this proposed rule would add new requirements on the transport of organic livestock to sale or slaughter;
- **Slaughter**—this proposed rule would add a new section to clarify how organic slaughter facility practices and USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations work together to support animal welfare."

A copy of the entire rule can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/lp-standards>.

The public comment period will be open until Oct. 11, 2022. NYFB is reviewing the rule and is planning to send feedback to USDA on the proposed rule.

Deadline Extended and More Pre-Filled Forms For 2020 and 2021 Disasters

The USDA has announced that it will indefinitely extend the deadline for producers to return the pre-filled applications for Phase One of the Emergency Relief Program (ERP). A new deadline will be announced after the last Phase One applications are mailed and provide at least 30 days following the mailing. Continuing to build on the initial mailing of pre-filled applications in May, USDA will continue using existing information in USDA and crop insurance files to send additional pre-filled applications starting this week for potentially eligible Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) participants.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now mailing pre-filled applications to NAP producers through ERP to offset crop yield and value losses. To receive a relief payment, producers should complete and return the applications by announced deadlines. Producers are expected to receive assistance direct deposited into their bank account within three business days after they sign and return the prefilled application to the FSA county office and the county offices enters the application into the system. For more information on ERP eligibility, program provisions for socially disadvantaged or

historically underserved producers as well as Frequently Asked Questions, NAP applicants can visit FSA's webpage at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-relief/index>.

Canada to Launch Softwood Lumber Case

Canada intends to launch another dispute under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) over U.S. antidumping and countervailing duties on softwood lumber. Canada has previously brought challenges under USMCA against the increased duties on Canadian softwood lumber imports. The U.S. Commerce Department in November 2021 increased the anti-dumping and countervailing duties to 17.9 percent from 9 percent. Based on Commerce's latest review of the duties, the AD/CVD rate on softwood lumber will be lowered to 8.59 percent.

Canada has been in discussion with the Administration about the duties.

The U.S. - Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement expired in October 2016. After no further agreement was concluded the U.S. acted to impose duties. The heart of the issue is subsidies (timber harvest/stumpage fees set by the Canadian federal and provincial governments, versus the commercial market as in the U.S.) benefitting the Canadian lumber industry. The subsidies have been the subject of a dispute over the last three decades. The U.S. imposed countervailing duties against Canada before the two countries announced in 2006 that they had reached an agreement (the Softwood Lumber Agreement) to end the dispute. Under the softwood lumber agreement, the U.S. agreed to lift its countervailing duties if Canadian lumber prices stayed above a certain level. Canada agreed to tax lumber bound for the U.S. or change its pricing system. In 2020 a World Trade Organization dispute settlement panel ruled that the U.S. inappropriately applied countervailing duties on Canadian softwood lumber imports. No further WTO action has been taken due to the Appellate Body being inactive for a lack of necessary members. Farm Bureau policy supports a revised U.S.-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement.

Funds Available to Expand Meat Processing Capacity

New York's meat processors are reminded of critical funding that is available to the industry through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA is offering \$1 billion in grant and loan funding to these businesses to support the expansion of existing facilities or establish new ones, with the goal of increasing capacity and addressing the nationwide shortage of affordable meat available to consumers. AGM is also launching a \$5 million meat processing expansion grant program later this year.

The USDA has four grant opportunities open currently, and an ad-

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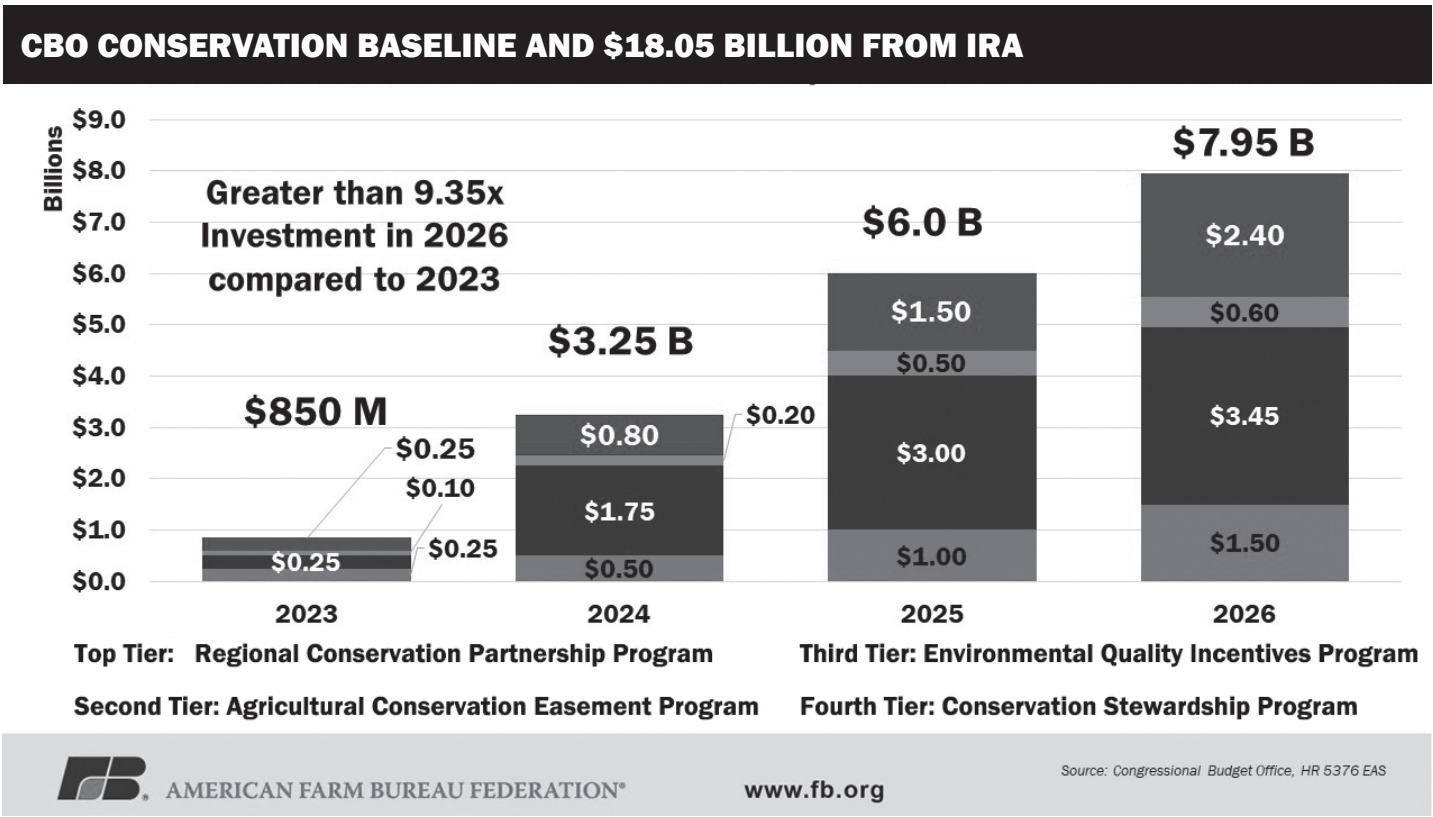
ditional four funding programs will be launched in the coming weeks. All grant opportunities are listed at <https://www.usda.gov/meat>. Currently available programs include:

- Meat and Poultry Processing Technical Assistance (MPPTA) program ensures that participants in USDA’s Meat and Poultry Supply Chain initiatives have access to a full range of technical assistance to support their project development and success. USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is investing up to \$25 million to establish a nationwide MPPTA network of support in four key areas: federal grant application management, business development and financial planning, meat and poultry processing technical and operation support, and supply chain development.
- Meat and Poultry Processing Workforce Development Program has made available \$20 million for Agricultural Workforce Training available to qualified community colleges to support meat and poultry processing workforce development programs. The deadline to apply is September 22, 2022.
- Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program uses \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding to make approximately \$1.4 billion in guaranteed loans. Applications for these guaranteed loans – up to \$40 million – will be accepted until all program funds are expended.
- Reduce Overtime and Holiday Inspection Costs for Small and Very Small Processing program provides \$100 million to help small and very small processing plants.

These programs are in addition to five programs that the USDA has already announced. Four additional funding programs are expected to launch soon. This funding will support early-stage projects (\$225 million), improve access to capital (\$75 million), finance start-up or expansion projects (\$125 million), and promote innovation through research and development to expand existing processing capacity (\$25 million).

New York State \$5 Million Meat Processing Program Funding

In addition to the USDA funding, AGM will also be launching its own \$5 million meat processing program to assist with the expansion or modernization of meat processing facilities in New York and to encourage custom slaughterhouses to work on improving their facilities to receive a USDA federal grant of inspection. The \$5 Million Meat Processing Program will build on existing programs administered by ESD that are targeted toward assisting agribusinesses. To learn more about these funding opportunities to assist with the expansion or modernization of meat and/or poultry processing facilities or build a new meat or poultry processing facility in New York State, visit <https://esd.ny.gov/industries/agribusiness> or contact Allison Argust at Allison.Argust@esd.ny.gov



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passed unchanged from the Senate version of the bill. President Biden signed the bill into law on Aug. 16.

The bill raises roughly \$740 billion through tax increases and Medicare spending reductions and takes that revenue and spends it on renewable energy and climate programs, Affordable Care Act subsidies, and deficit reduction. There were no tax initiatives included that will directly impact farmers like estate tax, capital gains tax, or elimination of stepped-up basis.

The final bill includes nearly \$40 billion for agriculture, forestry, and rural development. This includes \$20 billion in funding for Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

In addition, it includes \$14 billion for rural development to support the development of renewable energy and investments in biofuels infrastructure. The bill also provides \$4 billion to mitigate the impacts of drought in the western Reclamation states, with priority given to the Colorado River Basin and other basins experiencing comparable levels of long-term drought.

Specific agriculture provisions include the following:

- Contains around \$18 billion for four conservation programs, starting in fiscal year 2023, with USDA told to prioritize projects that “mitigate or address climate change through the management of agricultural production.” The Environmental Quality Incentives Program would get \$8.45 billion, starting with \$250 million in FY 2023, which begins Oct. 1. The Regional Conservation Partnership Program would receive \$4.95 billion. Another \$3.25 billion would go to the Conservation Stewardship Program, and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

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would get \$1.4 billion. Under the budget reconciliation rules, all of the funding authorized by the bill must be spent before the fiscal year 2032.

- **Implementation:** \$1 billion would be provided to USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service for conservation technical assistance and \$300 million is allocated to USDA for measuring the impact of agricultural practices on greenhouse gas emissions.
- The \$1-a-gallon tax credit for biomass-based diesel would be extended through 2024 and then replaced by the clean fuels tax credit that would vary according to the biofuel’s carbon rating. A temporary \$1.25 per gallon tax credit would be created for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) to serve as a bridge to the implementation of the clean fuels credit in 2025. The new clean fuels credit would be in effect through 2027.
- **Infrastructure:** \$500 million for blender pumps and other biofuel infrastructure.
- Roughly \$2 billion for USDA’s Rural Energy for America Program, which funds renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

- \$9.7 billion in assistance to rural electric cooperatives for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects and another \$1 billion in loans for renewable energy projects in rural areas.
 - Rural electric cooperatives would get direct payments for the benefit of renewable energy tax credits. Electric co-ops now have to work with third parties to get such benefits.
 - **Forests:** Over \$5 billion for wildfire prevention and climate resiliency projects on public and private forests.
 - **Farm debt relief:** \$3.1 billion in assistance to “distressed” borrowers who hold direct or guaranteed farm loans and \$2.2 billion in payments to farmers who had experienced discrimination in USDA loan programs. Payments would be capped at \$500,000 per producer. The debt relief provisions would be paid for by repealing a debt relief program authorized by the American Rescue Plan in 2021 and later blocked by the courts.
- As implementation of the bill is rolled out, NYFB will provide further details and any potential sign-up opportunities.

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- Not be used for for-hire motor carrier operations, exclusive of operation by a tenant pursuant to a crop share agreement to transport the landlord's crop; and
- Not be used to transport hazardous materials.

Where can a covered farm vehicle be operated?

A single or combination covered farm vehicle weighing over 26,000 pounds may only be operated in New York State and within 150 air miles of your farm or ranch.

A covered farm vehicle weighing 26,000 pounds or less may be operated anywhere within New York State and in any other state as long as the state honors the Covered Farm Vehicle designation. Please note: If your vehicle displays a "FARM" plate, it may only be operated within 25 miles of the farm.

Farm Plates and Ag Plates

The Farm Plate Law provides farmers the opportunity to register and maintain a vehicle, intended for agricultural use, at a minimum cost. The Farm Plate Law covers motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers operated within NYS on public highways connecting a farm or farms, and municipal sanitary landfills.

Farm Plate Vehicles are to be operated in the most direct route, but in no event further than 25 miles (one way) from the vehicle's registration address (farm):

- between fields, buildings, and facilities managed or operated as part of a single farm in connection with the production and marketing of crops and livestock or livestock products on that farm; or
- for the purpose of transporting materials from a farm to the nearest municipal sanitary landfill; or
- to travel on public highways to and from a licensed motor vehicle repair shop for the purpose of repair or adjustment of equipment subject to the below restrictions.

All restrictions for farm plated vehicles must be followed. The farm truck must only follow the routes filed with the Farm Truck registration.

Farm plated vehicles may not be transported to or from licensed repair shops:

- if the farm plated vehicle has been placed out-of-service or contains defects in load securement, brake systems, steering components, or coupling devices that render them out- of-service;
- on limited access highways at any time; or
- on a public highway during the period of one (1) hour before sunset to one (1) hour after sunrise.

The registration fee for Farm Plated Trucks is one dollar. Note that registrants located in the Metropolitan area, including Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties are subject to additional fee of \$25 per annum for each (or portion of year) that the registration is valid. The Farm Plate Law requires that the vehicle carry automobile liability insurance.

A vehicle with an Agricultural Truck Plate shall be owned by a person engaged in production by means of:

- the planting, cultivation, and harvesting of agricultural, vegetable, and

food products of the soil, including horticultural specialties such as nursery stock, ornamental trees, and flowers;

- the raising, feeding, and care of livestock, bees, or poultry; or
- dairy farming.

An Agricultural Plated Truck shall be used only for the transportation of a farmer's own agricultural commodities, supplies, or for personal passenger use, or used in conjunction with lumbering operations connected with (but only incidental to) the operation of a farm.

A vehicle registered with an Agricultural Truck Plate must display the plate. The DMV created the license plate design to assist law enforcement officers to more easily identify Agricultural Trucks.

A vehicle with an Agricultural Truck Plate is not subject to any travel distance restrictions in NYS. The registration fee for a vehicle with an Agricultural Truck Plate is \$2.51 per each 500 lbs. of their maximum gross weight, or fraction thereof. Note that registrants located in the Metropolitan area, including Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties are subject to additional fee of \$25 per annum for each (or portion of year) that the registration is valid.

Much more information about truck regulations may be found in NYFB's Farmer's Guide to Truck & Farm Implement Laws and Regulations, 5th Ed. Copies may be purchased from the Legal Affairs portion of our website, by calling our Member Advocacy Team at 1-800-342-4143, filling out and mailing the order form below or at our website at www.nyfb.org/truckbook.

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Membership in National FFA Organization Reaches Record High Number

INDIANAPOLIS — As the importance of agriculture continues to be a focus throughout the world, students around the country understand the vital role it plays in everyday life. No more is this more evident than in the growth of membership in the National FFA Organization.

Today, the National FFA Organization announced a record-high student membership number of 850,823, an increase of 15% from last year. In addition, chapter numbers increased by 178, resulting in 8,995 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Interest in FFA and agricultural education continues to grow as membership and the number of chapters increase. The top five student membership states are Texas, California, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

This year, the organization has more than 132,700 Latino members, more than 47,000 Black members and more than 13,000 American Indian and Alaska Native members.

Forty-three percent of the membership is female, and 50% is male, with .5% reporting as nonbinary, 4.7% undisclosed, and 1.2% unreported.

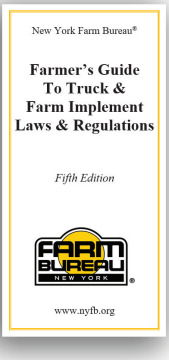
The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 850,000 student members as part of 8,995 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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