



**New York Farm Bureau**

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## **MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT**

**Assembly Bill 1363-A (Assemblymember Woerner)**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE**

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation would establish a youth development agriculture technology challenge administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets. The Department would work in conjunction with local Cornell Cooperative Extensions, the State Fair and local school districts to establish a challenge for youth to develop solutions to technological problems faced by farmers and food producers.

Farmers today rely heavily on different types of technology to run their farms and this is a great opportunity to engage a younger generation in developing new and innovative ways to assist with everyday challenges for farmers. These young innovators could also find solutions to issues such as the impact of climate change on agriculture. This program would also connect more youth with agriculture, especially youth in underserved rural and urban communities.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.