In 2014, there were 35,537 farms in New York State, and 7,183,576 acres in farmland.

**The value of agricultural production in NYS in 2015 was $6.36 billion.**

**New York's National Rankings**

1. Yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream
2. Apples, cabbage, snap peas, maple syrup
3. Dairy cows, milk production, grapes
4. Squash, pears, calves
5. Tart cherries, onions, corn silage, sweet corn

**Top 10 NYS Agricultural Products**

1. Milk
2. Corn for grain
3. Hay
4. Cattle and calves
5. Apples
6. Floriculture
7. Cabbage
8. Sweet corn
9. Potatoes
10. Tomatoes

***Dairy and milk production accounts for nearly 26,000 jobs in NYS.***

Grain and oilseed farming employs nearly 15,500 jobs.

Veggie and melon farming is responsible for 7,750 jobs.

All sectors of agriculture in NYS are responsible for 197,745 jobs.

* Statistics courtesy: USDA, NASS  ** Statistics courtesy: NYSDAM  *** Statistics courtesy: Farm Credit East
• Strongly oppose any minimum wage increase or unworkable employer mandates.

• Support critical funding for agricultural animal health, promotion and research in the final 2016/2017 state budget, including:
  • New funding for a FFA Start-Up program and funding for secondary agricultural education programs, including BOCES
  • New funding for a local fair infrastructure initiative
  • Increased funding for the Environmental Protection Fund, including the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution program and Soil and Water Conservation Districts to meet the water quality requirements of the new CAFO permit and water quality compliance requirements across the state, such as Chesapeake Bay regulations.

• Transfer farm assessment functions from the Department of Taxation and Finance to the Department of Agriculture and Markets

• Ensure parity for road and bridge funding between upstate and downstate New York

• Ensure a fair and effective implementation of the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) process
New York Farm Bureau announces award recipients at the end of each year and presents the award to legislators at our annual Lobby Day in Albany.