



New York Farm Bureau

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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 6808-A (Senator Hinchey)/ Assembly Bill 8665-A (Assemblymember Lupardo)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE FINANCE LAW, IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING
PROCUREMENT GOALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW YORK STATE FOOD
PRODUCTS BY STATE AGENCIES**

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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 procurement goals for the purchase of New York food products by state agencies.

This legislation sets percentage goals for New York state food products purchased yearly by state agencies that annually spend over \$50,000 on food products. Also, if a state agency spends more than \$2 million annually on food products, by the fourth year, at least 25% of all the food products purchased shall be New York products. This legislation would allow New York food products to be given procurement preference if provided that the cost included in the bid of New York state food products is not more than 10% greater than the cost included in a bid that is not for New York state food products. Eliminating this barrier is crucial to supporting the purchase of more New York food products. These changes will incentivize the purchase of more New York farm products by state agencies which will support New York's farmers and the state's agricultural economy.

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