



## 2025 Legislative Priorities

- ◆ Support critical funding for agricultural animal health (such as the Avian Disease Program), promotion, research and environmental programs in the final FY 25/26 state budget.
  - ◆ Support a significant funding investment in the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Science to forward its mission of collegiate agricultural education, research, and extension. This includes necessary funding to replace teaching resources, capital investment across the college, Cornell University Research Center, the Agricultural Experiment Station and other research facilities across the state.
  - ◆ Increase funding for the NYS Homes and Community Renewal's Farmworker Housing Program revolving loan fund and increase the per-project cap from \$200,000 to \$400,000.
  - ◆ Allow construction costs for farmworker housing to be included in the ongoing refundable investment tax credit for agriculture and provide reimbursement for all incurred expenses in a more timely manner.
  - ◆ Increase and extend the farm workforce retention credit.
  - ◆ Expand the state's 10-year real property tax exemption for farm buildings to include farm buildings used for the processing or marketing of agricultural products.
  - ◆ Support funding for the NY Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health to do research and promote education on temperature-related working conditions before any legislation (such as the Temperature Extreme Mitigation Program Act) is passed.
  - ◆ Allow farm breweries, cideries and distilleries to sell products at roadside farm markets, like farm wineries.
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- ◆ Support legislation that would define agribusiness in New York State law.
- ◆ Support renewable energy policies that incorporate common-sense timeframes for adoption based upon grid capacity and the practical realities of electrification of New York State.
- ◆ Support legislation that would develop a Low Carbon Fuel Standard.
- ◆ Support addressing transportation issues to facilitate the shipment of food products and farm equipment in New York State, including addressing issues related to workforce development.
- ◆ Establish a New York State Equine Advisory Board to promote the horse industry in New York State.
- ◆ Support DEC's regulatory authority over pesticide registration in accordance with sound science, and oppose legislation that prohibits the use of agricultural chemical protectants.
- ◆ Oppose Extended Producer Responsibility legislation that does not require consumer responsibility for packaging they receive and that unduly burdens New York's food and farm beverage manufacturing businesses.



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