



2026 Legislative Priorities

- ◆ Support critical funding for current agricultural animal health, promotion, research, and environmental programs in the final FY 26/27 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.
- ◆ Extend the refundable investment tax credit and allow construction costs for farmworker housing to be eligible for the tax credit.
- ◆ Move the administration of product marketing and research orders from Empire State Development to the Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- ◆ Remove the requirement for overtime payment on the weekly consecutive 24-hour rest period when total work hours are still below the overtime threshold.
- ◆ Support legislation that would develop a Clean Fuel Standard.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Support the exemption of agricultural businesses from Extended Producer Responsibility legislation until a cost-effective and practical agricultural recycling program is established and funded by the state.
- ◆ Support mandating that fire, rescue, library, and other ad valorem taxing districts use agricultural assessment values when calculating property taxes.
- ◆ Support renewable energy policies that incorporate common-sense timeframes for adoption based upon grid capacity and support for the use of other energy sources including nuclear. Strongly oppose all-electric mandates and bans on the use of propane, wood burning, oil, or natural gas appliances.



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