

2018 STATE PRIORITIES



NEW YORK FARM BUREAU

There are **35,500** farms in
New York State and **7,300,000** acres of
farmland.

The value of agricultural production in
New York State in 2016 was \$5.05 billion.
In 2014 it was \$6.3 billion.

New York's National Rankings

1st lowfat cottage cheese, creamed cottage cheese, sour
cream, yogurt

2nd maple syrup, apples, snap beans

3rd grapes, cabbage, milk, total Italian cheese

4th corn silage, total cheese

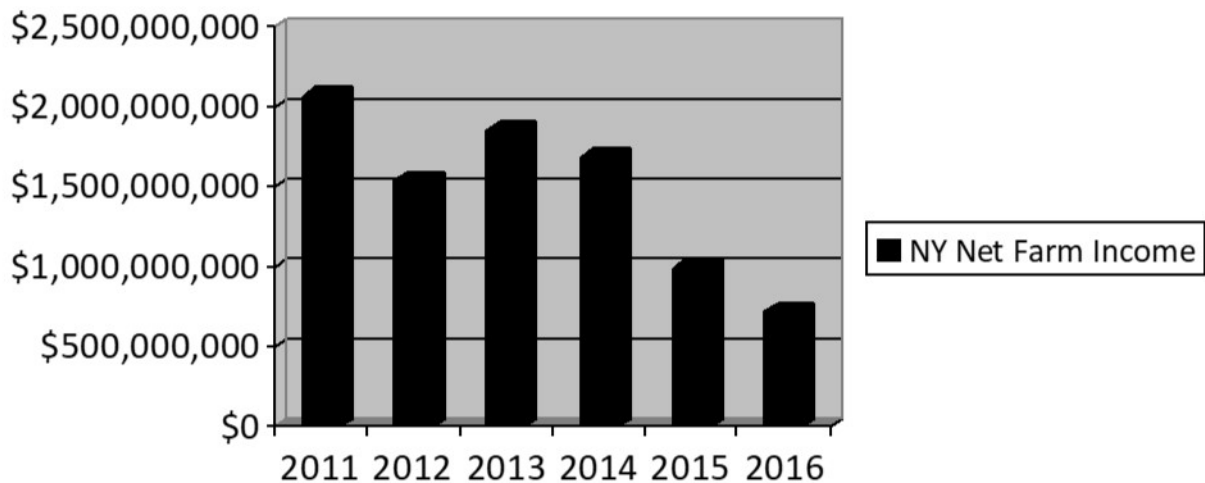
5th tart cherries, calves



Top Cash Receipts in New York

1. Dairy Products, Milk- \$2.50 billion
2. Apples- \$317 million
3. Corn- \$292 million
4. Cattle & Calves- \$283 million
5. Poultry & Eggs- \$141 million

Net Farm Income



According to the United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (USDA ERS), the 2016 net farm income in New York was \$723,476,000

Top 5 Production Expenses

- Feed- \$775,457,000
- Hired Labor- \$711,648,000
- Miscellaneous- \$638,424,000
- Capital Consumption- \$617,151,000
- Repair and Maintenance- \$371,549,000

Statistics courtesy USDA, NASS

2018 State Priority Issues

I. Support funding for critical food safety, animal health and agricultural promotion and economic development programs in the Agriculture and Markets budget

II. Double the minimum wage tax credit for farmers starting in 2018

Increasing the agricultural minimum wage tax credit will help offset increased labor costs on farms and help them better compete with farms in neighboring states

<i>taxable year</i>	<i>current tax credit/employee</i>	<i>proposed tax credit for FY 18-19</i>
2018	\$300	\$600
2019	\$500	\$800
2020	\$400	\$1,000
2021	\$600	\$1,200

III. Support for funding of Environmental Protection Fund programs that provide cost-sharing of critical farm water quality and farmland protection projects that allow farms to reinvest in their farm business

IV. Cornell CALS Faculty Seed Fund (\$2 million)

Seed funding will help to pave the way to attract much needed faculty and research at CALS

V. Cornell CALS Capital Fund (\$3 million)

This funding will provide the opportunity to update critical infrastructure at CALS to ensure continuing research and extension work vital to New York's agricultural products

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VI. Oppose unworkable farm labor mandates and make much needed updates and reforms to New York State labor laws and regulations.

- a. Oppose the farm worker labor omnibus legislation and components thereof*
- b. Update housing payroll allowances and peg annual increases to inflation*
- c. Remove the requirement that farm employers pay unemployment insurance on H2A workers*
- d. Extend the time for responding to unemployment insurance requests for information from 7 to 14 days*

VII. Transfer farm tax assessment functions from the Department of Taxation and Finance to the Department of Agriculture and Markets

VIII. Increase school meal reimbursements to incentivize the purchase of fresh and minimally processed local food

IX. Allow for the registration of UTV's for legal travel on roads from farm to field

X. Increase funding for tick-borne disease enhanced detections and vaccine development

XI. Support the removal of an acreage requirement for farms in the agricultural assessment program as long as they meet income eligibility requirements

Circle of Friends Award

New York Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that does not endorse candidates. In order to recognize our legislative supporters, we have a Circle of Friends program that is awarded at the end of every legislative session. This award is given to state legislators who have a superior voting record on issues of importance to New York agriculture.

While the Circle of Friends award is not an official endorsement, it allows Farm Bureau to publicly thank specific legislators for their dedication and hard work on behalf of agriculture. During each session, New York Farm Bureau's Public Policy Division issues position statements on various bills relating to agricultural issues and our state policy.

The Circle of Friends award is distributed on the basis of a legislator's voting record and sponsorship of bills that Farm Bureau has either supported or opposed throughout the course of the legislative session. Only bills of statewide importance to farmers will be included within the Circle of Friends program.

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.

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