



2023 New York State Legislative and Budget Priorities

Farm Labor Specialist

State support has allowed for a professional farm business / human resources cooperative extension specialist to provide timely, valuable information and guidance to farmer employers throughout the state. Recent increases in state investment have allowed the program to expand career growth and services for the Hispanic farm workforce, to improve farm employee housing management, and to improve employee training and workforce availability in New York agriculture.

NEAFA supports the Executive's proposed appropriation of \$202,000 and requests a restoration of \$199,000 to maintain the support for the Spanish speaking farm workforce

NY Farm Viability Institute

The 302 projects that this program has supported have returned nearly seven dollars to the State's economy for every dollar invested, and farm profitability has been enhanced by approximately \$149 million. Projects have included the development of IPM practices in onions, reduced tillage on vegetable farms, biological controls for pest management, and the use of profitable winter forages as cover crops. They are growing to include climate change and green operations.

NEAFA supports the Executive's proposed appropriation of \$1 million and requests an additional appropriation of \$1.5 million

New York State Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH)

NYCAMH through its nine member centers, serves as an essential resource for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of occupational disease and other work-related injuries and illnesses. Funding has been flat, at \$9.56 million for more than a decade and as a result, the NYCAMH member centers are now forced to consider implementing cuts to some of their vital programs and services.

NEAFA requests an additional appropriation of \$10 million for this program



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Dairy Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub

The dairy entrepreneurship and innovation hub will help develop the next generation of dairy products and processing. This would drive success for New York's farmers and strengthen the industry.

NEAFA requests \$500,000 to support the establishment of a dairy entrepreneurship and innovation hub

Climate Adaptive Research Farms: Applied Infrastructure & Demonstration Projects

\$5M in capital funding has been provided in recent years to support a series of practices and technologies designed to showcase agro-ecological approaches to managing climate adaptation, sequestering carbon, and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on NYS-owned research farms including Cornell CALS dairy teaching and research farm.

NEAFA requests an additional \$5 million capital investment

PRO-DAIRY

Pro-Dairy Core Program: Through PRO-DAIRY's core program, New York's dairy farmers are better prepared to implement business management, agronomic, environmental, herd health, nutrient management, and forage systems. The core program's funding, continues the 32-year tradition of essential programming to ensure New York's dairy farmers remain economically competitive.

Additional investments in recent years have allowed the program to provide more support to New York's dairy farms in achieving NY's ambitious goal of a 15 percent reduction in GHG emissions from agriculture by 2030. Investments in on-farm research in GHG emissions reduction and improving stewardship and collaboration will be critical as the state moves towards a net-zero economy.

NEAFA requests maintenance of the Executive's proposed appropriation of \$1.213 million and restoration of \$250,000 included in the 2023 Enacted Budget

Dairy Profit Teams: Dairy Profit Teams have assisted over 250 dairy farms with strategic business planning to improve operational efficiencies to support the next generation on the farm. This program continues to serve an important need of the dairy industry.

NEAFA supports the Executive's proposed appropriation of \$370,000



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Dairy Advancement Program: The Dairy Advancement Program (DAP) has provided assistance to over 400 small to mid-sized dairy farms with environmental planning. The cost associated with professional planning is a barrier for many dairies, particularly those with fewer than 300 cows. The DAP helps farms engage the services of business and environmental planning professionals.

NEAFA supports the Executive's proposed appropriation of \$700,000

NY FarmNet

This network of 46 consultants across the state are in place to respond to farmers' requests for assistance. Professional financial and mental health consultants help farm families and businesses deal with the financial and emotional issues characteristic of an industry under severe stress. In 2021, FarmNet professionals worked with over 729 farmers on issues ranging from economic and mental health to business and estate planning.

NEAFA supports the Executive's proposed \$1.4 million appropriation

Agricultural Education and Outreach Programs

These programs, including Future Farmers of America (FFA), Agriculture in the Classroom, and Agricultural educators create a pipeline for the next generation of farmers, agribusinesses, food companies, and industry leaders. Significant private industry support is leveraged with public funds to maximize the success of these programs.

NEAFA supports the Executive's proposed appropriations totaling \$2 million; \$1 million for FFA, \$500,000 for Agriculture in the Classroom and \$500,000 for Agricultural Educators

Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Control

This program provides essential funding for assisting New York's animal agriculture industry facing costly water quality regulations prescribed by DEC and EPA. Farmers are stewards of soil and water resources, yet comprehensive nutrient management plans can require more than what a farm business can reasonably afford.

NEAFA supports the Executive's Appropriation of \$20 million for this program



Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

For over 32 years, this nationally-recognized program has provided the research and education necessary to develop and employ a “toolbox” of options that provide effective pest control in dairy barns, crop fields, orchards, vineyards, greenhouses, farmsteads, golf courses, and gardens. Reducing pest threats, protecting the environment, and protecting New Yorkers are part of the IPM Program’s mission.

NEAFA supports the Executive’s proposed appropriations for IPM; \$2 million for agricultural nonpoint and \$1 million for community nonpoint

Investment Tax Credit for Farmers

The Executive Budget Proposal would make the investment tax credit (ITC) fully refundable for eligible farmers through December 31, 2027 and assist farmers with investments in their agri-enterprises. Additional changes would allow eligible farmers to receive relief that would enable them to continue to update, modernize, and invest in their farming operations.

NEAFA supports the Executive’s proposal to modify the investment tax credit

Bolster Demand for NYS Farm Products

The Executive budget proposal would amend State Finance Law regarding purchase contracts for New York State grown, harvested, or produced food. This proposal would increase the number of New York State producers that public entities could buy from and eliminate burdensome State Finance Law procurement requirements to make it easier to purchase these products.

NEAFA supports the Executive’s proposal to encourage the purchase of more New York State agricultural products