

Talking Points

NEAFA Legislative Meetings

March 15, 2023

Farm Labor Specialist

- Provides professional farm business / human resources guidance to farmer employers throughout the state
- Funded at \$202,000 in the Executive budget
- Requesting a restoration of \$199,000
 - This funding was included in the 2023 enacted budget
 - This funding allows the program to provide dedicated services to the Hispanic farm workforce

NY Farm Viability Institute

- This program has supported 302 programs to improve farm profitability
- Profitability has been increased by \$149 million
- Funded at \$1 million in the Executive budget
- Requesting an increase of \$1.5 million in the final budget

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

- Nine member centers statewide provide prevention, diagnosis and treatment of occupational disease and work related illness
- This program has been flat funded for more than a decade
- This program is funded at \$9.56 million in the Executive budget
- Requesting an increase of \$10 million to maintain and expand the program

Dairy Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub

- This would be a new investment to develop the next generation of dairy products and processing
- Requesting a new investment of \$500,000

Climate Adaptive Research Farms: Applied Infrastructure and & Demonstration Projects

- Capital investments in agro-ecological approaches to managing climate adaptation
- Programs also focus on reducing GHG emissions on NYS farms
- Requesting a capital allocation of \$5 million to continue supporting these programs

Pro-Dairy

- Core program
 - Investments in business management, agronomic, environmental and heard health
 - This is a 32 year program that has helped ensure that New York's dairy farms remain competitive
 - The Executive budget includes \$1.213 million for this program
 - Requesting a \$250,000 restoration in the final budget
- Dairy Profit Teams – Executive budget includes \$370,000
- Dairy Advancement Program - \$700,000

Additional NEAFA Supported Executive Appropriations

- FarmNet - \$1.4 million
- Agricultural Education
 - FFA - \$1 million
 - Agriculture in the Classroom - \$500,000
 - Agricultural Educators - \$500,000
- Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Control - \$20 million
- Integrated Pest Management
 - Agricultural nonpoint - \$2 million
 - Community nonpoint - \$1 million

Bolster Demand for NYS Farm Products

- NEAFA supports the Executive Proposal to promote the purchase of NYS agricultural products
- Alleviating municipal procurement burdens if local governments choose to buy local will help encourage more NYS agriculture purchases

Investment Tax Credit for Farmers

- NEAFA supports the Executive proposal to make the investment tax credit fully refundable for eligible farmers through December 31, 2027