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A Brighter Future for Family Farms: Key Investments in Agriculture

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An abundance of fresh, quality food and farm products is not only good for our families -it's also great for New York's economy. In the 2015-16 State Budget, the Senate Republican Majority has once again led the way in supporting New York's vital agriculture industry by providing record levels of funding for key research, marketing and education programs.

The 2015-2016 State Budget includes:

• \$7.5 million - Agribusiness Children Development Centers;

- \$750,000 Apple Growers Association;
- \$500,000 Apple Research and Development Board;
- \$1 million Beginning Farmers Grant Program;
- \$320,000 Berry Growers Association;
- \$125,000 Christmas Tree Growers;
- \$75,000 Corn and Soybean Growers Association;
- \$5.4 million Cornell Diagnostic Lab;
- \$50,000 Cornell Honeybee Research and Extension;
- \$125,000 Cornell Maple Research;
- \$50,000 Cornell Onion Research;
- \$1.2 million Cornell Pro-Dairy;
- \$220,000 Dairy Profit Teams at Farm Viability;
- \$250,000 Dairy Quality Assurance and Control Program;
- \$200,000 Deer Fence Matching Grants;
- \$175,000 Eastern Equine Encephalitis/Mosquito Control;
- \$250,000 Farm-to-School Program;
- \$1.9 million Farm Viability Institute;
- \$800,000 Farm Family Services;
- \$500,000 Farmers Market Subsidies for Seniors;
- \$392,000 Future Farmers of America;

- \$100,000 Genesee Agriculture Academy;
- \$100,000 Grown on Long Island;
- \$200,000 Hops and Barley Research at Cornell;
- \$20,000 Island Harvest;
- \$160,000 Local Fairs;
- \$25,000 Low-Cost Vaccine Program;
- \$213,000 Maple Producers Association;
- \$600,000 Northern NY Agriculture Development Program;
- \$100,000 Precision Agriculture Studies;
- \$610,000 Rabies Programs at Cornell;
- \$1 million Regional Food Hub Development;
- \$1.1 million Taste NY;
- \$250,000 Tractor Rollover Prevention program;
- \$150,000 Turfgrass Association;
- \$100,000 Vegetable Growers Association;
- \$1.1 million Wine and Grape Foundation; and
- \$100,000 Wood Products Council