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## Grown in New York: Keeping NY's farmers competitive

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**Albany, N.Y., March 5**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and his Senate Republican colleagues today unveiled “Jobs & Progress--Grown in New York,” a comprehensive economic development strategy for agriculture that they believe can help keep New York State’s leading industry competitive for the next generation.

“We need to keep taking actions that keep our farmers competitive for the long haul. We can’t risk New York State’s farmers being taxed, regulated and priced out of business. The ‘Grown in New York’ plan is a bold, common sense blueprint to keep New York a proud and strong agricultural state,” said O’Mara, who also serves as one of 10 members on the Legislature’s joint, bipartisan Commission on Rural Resources. “Farming has been a mainstay of upstate New York’s culture and economy for centuries, and it remains the backbone of many of our communities. But the challenges and the competition are tougher than ever.”

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