



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Rachel May

## Senator Rachel May hosts first-of-its-kind fair highlighting New York's rural resources

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Senate chair of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources, Senator Rachel May, and the Commission's chair in the Assembly, Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, invited more than 20 rural interest groups from around the state to Albany on March 29 for a first-of-its-kind rural resources fair.

Each group hosted a booth to interact with attendees on various rural topics, including agriculture, water, health, aging, housing, workforce, veterinary science, law, the opioid crisis, and many more.

#### Groups in Attendance:

Rural Health Association

Rural Electric Co-op (NYSRECA)

CNY Lyme Alliance

Hudson Valley Textile Project

Betterbee

NY Farm Bureau

NOFA

Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue (NYSVARA)

NYS Grange

AARP

ACE NY

SUNY Cobleskill (Institute of Rural Vitality)

SUNY Morrisville

Rural Housing

Hudson Mohawk AHEC (Rural Communities Opioid Response Program) Cornell College of

Veterinary Medicine and Animal Health Diagnostic Center Cornell Small Farms Program

Cornell Agriculture Workforce Program

Cornell Cooperative Extension Farm2School Program

Rural Law Center

New York Rural Water Association

Manufacturers' Association of CNY (MACNY)

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\*The bipartisan Legislative Commission on Rural Resources is comprised of Senate and Assembly members. It is Albany's only independent body focused on the needs of rural New York; its goal is to promote and protect the state's rural resources by making recommendations to the legislature on policies and programs.