



Having been a dairy farmer, Chris Tague knows that with no farms, we have no food. Our farmers work hard every day to keep us nourished, yet in these unprecedented times, running a small farm has become more difficult than ever. Chris has listened to and fought for our farmers, and will always fight to preserve the agricultural heritage of upstate New York. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Chris led the way, bringing attention to milk dumping and calling for a solution that connected food banks in need to farmers with excess product. Chris has also hosted legislators of both parties from throughout the state on a tour of upstate farms, showing them what it takes to put food on our plates and the challenges farmers face every day in what has become an annual event. Chris knows there is still much to be done for farmers, and will continue to be their voice in our state Legislature.

Chris is fighting for our farmers by:

- Promoting legislation that mandates only dairy products from a lactating mammal can be labeled as "milk" (A.08144-A)
- Sponsoring legislation that allows agricultural fairs to be reimbursed for fair premiums or prizes during 2021 fairs based on 2019 data to give financial relief to organizations unable to hold fairs during 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic (A.10663)
- Working to allow semitrailers to register as agricultural trailers (A.09766)
- Advocating to make it easier for farms to allow students to work as interns to complete degree requirements by lifting benefit requirements for these student interns (A.09726)
- Fighting to affirm the rights of farmers participating in farmland preservation agreements (A.7845-B)
- Calling for the creation of a New York food supply chain working group to prepare New York state for future emergencies and more effectively get farmers' products into the hands of those who need them (A.10607A)

