

New York State Assembly Albany, NY 12248 PRSRT STD. US Postage PAID Albany, NY Permit No. 75

REMEMBER: NO FARMS, NO FOOD!



From his childhood growing up in Schoharie County to when he owned his first dairy farm, and his current occupation as our Assemblyman, Chris continues to be well aware of the role agriculture plays in our history and economy. Throughout his time in the Assembly serving as the Ranking Minority Member of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, Chris has been a dependable defender of the rural character of our communities and farming as we know it, standing up against attempts to set the industry back and proposing policies to help move it forward.

CHRIS IS FIGHTING FOR FARMERS BY:

- Introducing The Food Insecurity, Farm Resiliency, and Rural Poverty Initiative to "connect the dots" between farmers and food banks to ensure every family in our state can count on having food on their tables (A.6391).
- Vocally opposing a proposal to lower the farm laborer overtime threshold from 60 hours to 40, which Farm Credit East¹ has stated could drive up farmers' labor costs 40%², jeopardizing the viability of small and family farms.
- Advancing a bill that will put New York State-produced whole and 2% milk back in New York's school cafeterias (A.9990).
- Sponsoring a bill that will create a veterans in agriculture assistance and outreach program to help integrate military veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture (A.10341).
- Championing a bill that will establish a curriculum to teach students about agriculture and where their food comes from in schools (A.10134).

(1) https://www.farmcrediteast.com/knowledge-exchange/Reports/ the-economic-impact-of-overtime-nys 2) Over 5 years, according to the Farm Credit East report.

