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GROWING NEW YORK FARMS

Assemblyman WILL BARCLAY

AGRICULTURAL BUDGET VICTORIES



Assemblyman Will Barclay made sure the voices of Central New York's farmers were heard loud and clear during this year's New York State budget negotiations. The 2014-2015 Enacted State Budget includes the following provisions for our agricultural community:

INCREASED AGRICULTURAL LOCAL ASSISTANCE

\$27.1 million for Agricultural Local Assistance Programs, a \$6.1 million increase from last year's budget. Maple syrup producers and apple growers are some of the producers benefiting under the local assistance program.

NYS YOUNG FARMERS LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Creates ten, \$10,000 grants for young, full-time operators of farms to defray their student loan payments. Applicants must be graduates of a SUNY college or university.

BEGINNING FARMERS NY FUND

This pool of grant funds was created to support the careers of emerging farmers who employ innovative agricultural techniques. Maximum grants of \$50,000 are available for forward thinking, small farms on less than 150 acres.

ESTATE TAX REFORM

Central New York farmers can pass their farms from generation to generation rather than being forced to sell them due to burdensome taxation. A provision in this year's budget gradually increases the estate tax exclusion threshold to the federal level by 2019.

LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS

Assemblyman Barclay supports the following bills to promote agriculture:

A.6024

Reduces taxes, fees and regulations on family farms.

A.7002-B

Seeks to identify surplus state land and other fertile plots that would be suitable for new family farms.

A.5564

Establishes the "Grow: Pride of New York" program, a marketing campaign for horticultural nurseries.

A.5583

Creates farm saving account plans for farmers.

DAIRY BY THE NUMBERS



\$2.56 billion- Revenue generated by New York State milk sales last year.

741 million- Pounds of yogurt produced last year in New York State.

\$416 million- Recently estimated yearly economic impact of the dairy industry on Jefferson, Onondaga and Oswego Counties.

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New jobs planned for the Lysander Fruit Plant