



NYSAC
NEW YORK STATE
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

2017

Budget Priority

AGRICULTURE LOCAL ASSISTANCE

PROBLEM

Funding to Agriculture Local Assistance Programs help local farmers in many ways. They provide farmers with research, information, technical expertise, training and support to ensure their farms stay viable. Local assistance programs bring in much-needed grant money to aid local economies. These programs are extremely important and effective in keeping New York farms in business. While the proposed budget holds steady funding for several agriculture local assistance programs, it also eliminates a significant number of grants to specific organizations. Cutting local assistance programs jeopardizes our farm economy.

2017 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Executive Budget proposal included \$21,459,000 in funding for certain agricultural local assistance programs. The proposal recommends the elimination of \$9.5 million in local assistance programs initiated by the Legislature.

2017 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS

Both the Assembly and Senate have increased funding for agricultural local assistance programs.

| Agriculture Grant Programs | 2017/18 Proposed Budget | 2017/18 Senate Proposal | 2017/18 Assembly Proposal |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ag. Child Care (Migrant) | \$8,275,000.00 | \$8,275,000.00 | \$9,275,000.00 |
| Core Diagnostic Lab | \$4,425,000.00 | \$5,425,000.00 | \$4,925,000.00 |
| Quality Milk (Mastitis) | \$1,174,000.00 | \$1,174,000.00 | \$1,174,000.00 |
| NYS Cattle Health Assurance | \$360,000.00 | \$360,000.00 | \$360,000.00 |
| Johnes Disease | \$480,000.00 | \$480,000.00 | \$480,000.00 |
| Rabies Prevention | \$50,000.00 | \$610,000.00 | \$250,000.00 |
| Avian Disease | \$252,000.00 | \$252,000.00 | \$252,000.00 |
| Farm Family Assistance | \$384,000.00 | \$800,000.00 | \$800,000.00 |
| Geneva Experiment Station – Seed Inspection Program | | | |
| Geneva Experiment Station – Hop Testing | \$40,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$40,000.00 |
| Golden Nematode | \$62,000.00 | \$62,000.00 | \$62,000.00 |
| Future Farmers of America | \$542,000.00 | \$542,000.00 | \$542,000.00 |
| Ag in Classroom | \$380,000.00 | \$380,000.00 | \$80,000.00 |
| Ass'n of Ag Educators | \$416,000.00 | \$416,000.00 | \$416,000.00 |
| Beginner Farmer Grants | | \$1,000,000.00 | |
| NYS Apple Growers Association | \$206,000.00 | \$750,000.00 | \$478,000.00 |
| Wine / Grape Foundation | \$713,000.00 | \$1,020,000.00 | \$763,000.00 |
| Farm Viability Institute | \$400,000.00 | \$1,900,000.00 | \$1,500,000.00 |
| Pro Dairy | \$972,000.00 | \$1,088,000.00 | \$822,000.00 |
| Agriculture Domestic Arts | \$340,000.00 | \$500,000.00 | \$420,000.00 |
| Agriculture Readiness Marketing Camps | | \$250,000.00 | |
| Dairy Excellence Programs (Dairy Profit Teams) | | \$150,000.00 | \$150,000.00 |
| TASTENY Program | \$1,100,000.00 | | \$100,000.00 |
| School Local Food Program Competitive Fund | \$750,000.00 | \$750,000.00 | \$750,000.00 |
| Maple Producers Association | | \$215,000.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| Tractor Rollover Program | | \$250,000.00 | \$125,000.00 |
| NYS Apple Research and Development Program | | | |
| Cornell Maple Research | | \$125,000.00 | \$50,000.00 |
| FVI Berry Industry Programs | | \$60,000.00 | |
| Christmas Tree Farmers Assn | | \$125,000.00 | |
| NY Corn and Soybean Growers | | \$75,000.00 | |
| Cornell Honeybee Research | | \$50,000.00 | |
| Cornell Onion Research | | \$50,000.00 | |
| Cornell Vegetable Research | | \$100,000.00 | |
| Cornell Salmonella | | | |
| Cornell Veterans to Farms | | \$115,000.00 | |
| Cornell Berry Research | | \$260,000.00 | |
| Cornell Jefferson County Cooperative | | \$600,000.00 | |
| Long Island Deer Fence Grants | | \$200,000.00 | |
| Eastern Equine Encephalitis | | \$175,000.00 | |
| FVI – Dairy Profit Teams | | \$220,000.00 | |
| Fresh Connect | | | \$625,000.00 |
| Genesee Livingston Steuben Wyoming Ag. Academy | | \$100,000.00 | |
| Long Island Farm Bureau | | \$100,000.00 | |
| Island Harvest | | \$20,000.00 | |
| North Country Vaccine Prog. | | \$25,000.00 | |
| North Country Ag Academy | | \$200,000.00 | |
| Northern NY Ag Development | | \$300,000.00 | \$300,000.00 |
| Seeds of Success | | \$200,000.00 | |
| Farm to Table Trail | | | |
| Cornell Farm Labor Specialist | | \$500,000.00 | |
| Agriculture One-Stop Shop | | | |
| Precision Agriculture Study | | | |
| Quality Assurance and Control | | | |
| Organic Certification | | \$450,000.00 | |
| NYS Turfgrass Assn. | | \$150,000.00 | |
| Wood Products Council | | \$100,000.00 | |
| Farmers Market Federation | \$138,000.00 | \$138,000.00 | \$138,000.00 |
| Senior Farmers Market Nutrition | | \$500,000.00 | |
| Apple Research and Development | | \$500,000.00 | |
| Regional Food Hubs | | | |
| Farm Drain Tile Revolving Loan Fund | | \$100,000.00 | |
| NYC Animal Control and Shelters (Mobile Adoption) | | | |
| Pest Management | | | |
| Total | \$21,459,000.00 | \$33,487,000.00 | \$24,952,000.00 |

COUNTY SOLUTION

NYSAC supports funding for a wide variety of agricultural assistance programs. We strongly encourage the Legislature to restore full funding for these many important agriculture assistance programs.

For more information on the county position regarding this issue, visit www.nysac.org/agriculture or call 518-465-1473 to speak to Kate Hohman, Program Specialist.