

New York Food Supply Working Group

Improving New York's Food Supply Resilience and Self-Reliance

Thank you for your interest in sharing your insights relating to farm and food resiliency in New York State. This form consists of a short series of questions related to demographic information and two general prompts for you to provide input on improvements to the state's food supply chain. Once you begin the form, you must complete it in its entirety. The form can only be completed one time.

I. Demographic Questions

The short series of questions below collects some basic demographic information. This information is meant to inform us of characteristics of respondents and help to highlight patterns in responses. This information will not be shared.

1. Please provide your full name

2. Please provide your email address

3. What is the name of the business, non-profit, or other entity that you represent? If you are commenting as an interested individual please write 'individual.'

4. What gender do you identify as?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

5. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 35 years of age
- ☐ 36-64
- ☐ 65 and older

6. Please specify your ethnicity. You can select as many options as apply to you.

- ☐ African American
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Caucasian
- ☐ Latino or Hispanic
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other/Unknown
- ☐ Prefer not to say

7. Please indicate which role(s) of the food supply chain you or your business most directly associates with. You can select as many options as apply to you or your business.
- MWBE-owned, small, or family-owned business or farm
 - Organic farmer
 - Conventional Farmer
 - Food processor (including but not limited to dairy, produce, meat, and beverage)
 - Retail food business (including but not limited to retail food stores and direct farm-consumer businesses)
 - Food service industry – restaurant or institutional food service
 - Food wholesaler and/or distributor
 - Food transporter (including but not limited to direct to consumer transporters serving retail food stores, foodservice, and farmers)
 - Emergency food provider (including but not limited to food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens)
 - Academic expert in food production, marketing, distribution, food safety, and consumers
 - Local, state, or federal agency with responsibility for food production, processing, marketing, and safety
 - Other representative of agriculture, the food industry, or economic development
 - Interested citizen not associated with agriculture, the food industry, or economic development
8. Are you or your business located within New York State?
- Yes, I am, or my entire business is, located within New York State.
 - Yes, I am, or some of my business is, located within New York State
 - Neither I nor my business are located in New York State
9. If you answered 'Neither I nor my business are located in New York State' to question 8 please skip this question and proceed to the comments section. What region(s) of New York are you or your business predominantly located in?

- Capital Region (Albany, Columbia, Greene, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Warren, Washington)
- Central New York (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego)
- Finger Lakes (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates)
- Long Island (Nassau, Suffolk)
- Mid-Hudson (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester)
- Mohawk Valley (Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Schoharie)
- New York City (Bronx, Kings, New York, Richmond, Queens)
- North Country (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence)
- Southern Tier (Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins)
- Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara)
- All of the above (Statewide)

II. Food Supply Chain Comments

Please give your comments related to the topics below. Comments are welcome on one, or both, of the topics. The information provided will be used to refine the recommendations in our final report. There is an 800-word limit per question.

1. What observations and impacts did your business, non-profit or other entity experience as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

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2. The COVID-19 pandemic temporarily resulted in food shortages, food waste, and the inability to get New York farm goods to markets. Please use the

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4. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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