



## Agriculture and Markets

The industry specific guidance below was developed by the Department in response to the pandemic and is no longer mandatory. These archived documents are made available as a public reference and resource only.

Industry partners should refer to [New York Forward Guidance](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19. For more information, please visit <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>.



## Interim Guidance for Local Agricultural Demonstrations and Exhibitions

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Agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions shall include efforts by county Cooperative Extension, 4H, local FFA chapters, county soil and water districts, local agricultural businesses, clubs, organizations and others to:

- educate or train agricultural producers, youth, community and residents of the region on agricultural production, technology and animal husbandry and training; and
- evaluate and judge individual or group performance in the breeding, raising and or handling/ use of animals (including bees, equine and companion) and in the productivity and quality of crops, plants, flowers, trees and other agricultural commodities.

Participants in the agricultural demonstration or exhibition must come from the region in which the demonstration or exhibition will take place or a directly adjoining county located in an open region.

Organizers conducting such activities must:

1. Comply with all NY Forward, Phase One: Agriculture Guidance, including “Non-food Related Agriculture Summary Guidelines”, available at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NonFoodAgriShortGuidelines.pdf>.
2. Read and affirm the detailed guidelines for non-food agriculture, available at <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase#phase-one--agriculture--forestry--fishing---hunting>.
3. Develop and implement a business safety plan, available at [https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYS\\_BusinessReopeningSafetyPlanTemplate.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYS_BusinessReopeningSafetyPlanTemplate.pdf).

Demonstrations and exhibitions must be spaced out so that there are groups of no more than 10 people at any one time, including those conducting the demonstration or exhibition. Anytime individuals are in close proximity to each other, face masks must be worn by all individuals in accordance with NYS guidance.