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**A CATALOG OF
NEW YORK
STATE'S
SUPPORT FOR
NEW YORK'S
DAIRY INDUSTRY**



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Agriculture Environmental Management Addresses environmental issues on farms, using progressive tiered planning and a strategic implementation approach, while maintaining economic viability of farms. https://agriculture.ny.gov/soil-and-water/agricultural-environmental-management	AGM	Yes	Technical Assistance	No, open to all	N/A	N/A	Continuous, through County Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Agriculture Non-point Source Abatement and Control Program Helps prevent water pollution from agricultural activities through planning and implementation grants to construct or apply on-farm best management practices. https://agriculture.ny.gov/soil-and-water/agricultural-non-point-source-abatement-and-control	AGM	Yes	Grants in conjunction with AEM	Yes	Up to 87.5%	No limits	Annually, through County Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Cattle Health Assurance Program Assists dairy and beef producers in implementing best management practices on the farm to increase profitability and productivity by addressing cattle health, comfort, and welfare. https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/cattle-bison-other-bovidae	AGM	No	Technical Assistance	No, open to all	N/A	N/A	Continuous
Climate Resilient Farming Program Helps farms reduce impact of agriculture on climate change (mitigation) and increase resiliency in the face of a changing climate (adaptation). https://agriculture.ny.gov/soil-and-water/climate-resilient-farming	AGM	Yes	Grants in conjunction with AEM	Yes	Up to 80%	No limits	Annually, through Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Dairy Advancement Program Provides funding to assist New York dairy farmers to address specific business needs necessary for expansion and growth. https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/dairy-advancement-program	AGM	Yes	Grants	No	80%	\$5,000	Continuous, through Cornell Cooperative Extension
Excelsior Jobs Program Provides tax credits for businesses that create jobs or make significant capital investments. https://esd.ny.gov/excelsior-jobs-program	ESD	No	Tax Credits	N/A	N/A	N/A	Continuous



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Farmland Protection Planning Grants Supports municipalities, land trusts, and local conservation districts that develop agricultural and farmland protection plans. https://agriculture.ny.gov/land-and-water/farmland-protection-planning-grants-program	AGM	Yes	Grants	No	Towns 75% Counties 50%	Towns \$25,000 Counties \$50,000	Continuous
Farmland Protection Implementation Grants Assists municipalities, land trusts, and local conservation districts in purchasing the development rights on viable agricultural lands that are facing significant development pressure and that serve as buffers to significant natural public resources. https://agriculture.ny.gov/land-and-water/farmland-protection-implementation-grants-program	AGM	Yes	Grants <i>(only to counties, municipalities, soil and water conservation districts, or not-for-profit conservation organizations)</i>	No	Up to 87.5%	Maximum \$2,000,000	Biennial
Farm-to-School Program Provides technical and promotional assistance to schools, farms, distributors, and other supporting organizations to bring more local, nutritious, seasonally-varied meals to New York students and support the 30% Initiative. https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/farm-school	AGM	No	Funding provided directly to schools and non-profits that qualify	Yes	Up to 100%	Maximum \$100,000	Annually
New York State Grown & Certified Infrastructure, Technology, Research, and Development Grant Program Provides funding to agricultural entities to invest in farm infrastructure, purchase new technology and equipment, and conduct research to aid in the development of new products to be marketed under the NYS Grown & Certified Program. https://agriculture.ny.gov/	AGM	Yes	Grants	Yes	90%	Maximum \$250,000, capital projects Maximum \$50,000, research and development projects	Through Regional Administrators
Nourish New York Initiative Allows New York farmers, suppliers, and processors to share information about available surplus products so food banks across the state can find New York agricultural food products to purchase and distribute to communities in need. https://agriculture.ny.gov/NourishNY	AGM	Yes	Funding provided directly to regional foodbanks and emergency food providers	No	N/A	N/A	Continuous



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Source Water Buffer Program Helps protect active sources of public drinking water through the purchase of conservation easements on agricultural lands that establish and/or protect riparian buffer areas. https://agriculture.ny.gov/soil-and-water/source-water-buffer-program	AGM	Yes	Grants	No	Up to 75%	No	Continuous
Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Farmers Grant Program Assists farmers who face disproportionate social or economic barriers to success. https://agriculture.ny.gov/news/state-agriculture-department-announces-program-administrators-chosen-two-new-grant-programs	AGM	Yes	Grants	Yes	Up to 95%	Maximum \$250,000	Annually
Beginning Farmers Grant Program Assists beginning farmers to start or expand operations, provide worker training, or purchase land, infrastructure or livestock. https://agriculture.ny.gov/news/state-agriculture-department-announces-program-administrators-chosen-two-new-grant-programs	AGM	Yes	Grants	Yes	Up to 95%	Maximum \$250,000	Annually
Linked Deposit Program Provides existing businesses with reduced interest rates (up to 2-3 percentage points) on loans from banks and credit unions for projects that improve their market access, develop new products, modernize equipment, expand production or capabilities, introduce new technologies, transition ownership, and create or retain jobs. https://esd.ny.gov/linked-deposit-program	ESD	No	Bank and credit union loans at lower interest rates	N/A	N/A	Maximum \$2,000 loan Maximum lifetime assistance \$2 million	Continuous
New York State Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program Provides loan forgiveness awards to individuals who obtain an undergraduate degree from an approved NYS college or university and agree to operate a farm in NYS, on a full-time basis, for five years. https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/new-york-state-young-farmers-loan-forgiveness-incentive-program.html	HESC	Yes	Loan Forgiveness	N/A	N/A	Maximum lifetime award is \$50,000, or the applicant's actual eligible student loan indebtedness at the time eligibility is established	Annually



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<p>Expansion Power & Replacement Power Programs (Western NY Hydropower)</p> <p>Entities that are within the 30-mile radius of NYPA's Niagara facility are eligible for low-cost electric power. Entities must create new jobs, be expanding or new to the area, and be adding new electric load of at least 100 kW. Apply directly with NYPA by contacting poweringbusiness@nypa.gov www.nypa.gov/services</p>	NYPA	No	Low-cost power contract	Yes	N/A	Up to 100% of power requirement on new load	As power is available
<p>Preservation Power Program</p> <p>Entities that are located within the counties surrounding NYPA's St. Lawrence—FDR Hydropower facility (Jefferson, St. Lawrence, and Franklin Counties) are eligible for low-cost electric power. Entities must create new jobs, be expanding or new to the area, and be adding new electric load of at least 100 kW. Apply directly with NYPA by contacting poweringbusiness@nypa.gov www.nypa.gov/services</p>	NYPA	No	Low-cost power contract	Yes	N/A	Up to 100% of power requirement on new load	As power is available
<p>ReCharge NY</p> <p>Through the state-wide CFA process, entities are eligible for power allocations through the Recharge NY program. Available for existing entities to serve their current operations, or for expansion purposes. www.nypa.gov/services</p>	NYPA	No	Low-cost power contract	Yes	N/A	Up to 50% of existing load, or 70% of new load	As power is available
<p>Agriculture Energy Audit Program</p> <p>Farms and on-farm producers that are customers of a New York State investor-owned electric utility are eligible to receive free technical assistance to identify energy efficiency measures. Greenhouse producers may be eligible to receive a free benchmarking report. NYSERDA will assign a consultant to perform the energy audits for eligible farms and the greenhouse benchmarking. https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Agriculture-Energy-Audit</p>	NYSERDA	Yes	Technical Assistance	No	N/A	N/A	Continuous
<p>Agriculture Energy-Related Best Practices</p> <p>Information and resources that guide farms in energy efficiency projects. https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Energy-Best-Practices-for-Agriculture</p>	NYSERDA	Yes	Technical Assistance	No	N/A	N/A	Continuous



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FlexTech Assistance Program Technical assistance funding for C&I, including food processors, that pay electric Systems Benefits Charge. https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/FlexTech-Program	NYSERDA	All commercial and industrial (C&I), including food processors	Cost Share	No, First come first served	Up to 50% for eligible measures	Maximum up to \$500,000 or 10% of annual energy expenditure, whichever is less	December 31, 2025, or until funds expended
Tax Basics for Farmers Farmers and others in the agricultural industry may qualify for certain tax incentives, including a variety of farm and agricultural tax credits and tax exemptions. https://www.tax.ny.gov/help/taxpayer-education/tax-basics-farmers.htm	Taxation & Finance	Yes	Tax incentives	No	N/A	N/A	Continuous
Cornell Pro-Dairy Program For 23 years, Pro-Dairy has linked New York's dairy farmers and agribusiness professionals to critical research and resources, giving them the information needed to build and manage robust businesses. Pro-Dairy's contributions to educational programming and applied research have helped New York continue to grow its milk production and remain among the top dairy states in the U.S. http://pro dairy.cals.cornell.edu/	N/A State Budget	Yes	Technical Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	Technical assistance available year-round
Cornell Cooperative Extension The Cornell Cooperative Extension Education System extends Cornell University's land-grant programs to citizens all across New York State. With a presence in every county, including New York City, CCE puts research into practice by providing high value educational programs and university-backed resources that help solve real-life problems, transforming and improving New York families, farms, businesses, and communities. http://www.cce.cornell.edu/Pages/Default.aspx	N/A State Budget	N/A	Technical Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	Technical assistance available year-round
Farm Net Provides farmers and their families with a network of contacts and support services to help them develop skills for dealing with life challenges and transitions, through personalized education, confidential consulting, and referrals. https://www.nyfarmnet.org/	N/A State Budget	Yes	Technical Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	Technical assistance available year-round



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NY Farm Viability Institute Provides funding for agricultural research and education projects to help farmers become more profitable and improve the long-term economic viability and sustainability of NY farms. http://www.nyfi.org/	N/A State Budget	Yes	Grants	Yes	N/A	Yes, program specific	Annually
NYS Agriculture Mediation Program Provides mediation, conciliation, facilitation, and conflict coaching services to the agricultural community. https://www.nysamp.com/	N/A State Budget	Yes	Technical Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	Technical assistance available year-round
Environmental Quality Incentives Program USDA-funded program providing financial and technical assistance. https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/apply-for-environmental-quality-incentives-program-egip	N/A USDA	Yes	Financial and technical assistance	Yes	Payment rates established by USDA	Federally funded	Year-round
Conservation Stewardship Program USDA-funded program providing technical and financial assistance to farmers' existing conservation efforts. https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/progr/ams-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program	N/A USDA	Yes	Financial and technical assistance	Yes	Payment rates established by USDA	Federally funded	Year-round
Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program USDA-funded grant opportunity announced in 2023 to fund infrastructure projects that expand capacity, create new markets for the state's producers and food processors, and strengthen the New York food system. https://agriculture.ny.gov/news/state-agriculture-department-announces-193-million-funding-available-new-york-state-through	N/A USDA	Yes	Grants	Yes	Up to 75%	Up to \$18.3 million	New program; grant availability to be announced on AGM website
Northeast USDA Regional Food Business Center A new regional center will support producers by providing localized assistance and technical assistance. https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/rfbcp	N/A USDA	Yes	Grants and technical assistance	Yes	N/A	Up to \$30 million	New program; more information to be announced on Northeast Regional Food Business Center - NASDA website
Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center Funds the development of direct technical assistance, contracts, and grants that benefit dairy businesses. https://nedairyinnovation.com/	N/A USDA	Yes	Grants and technical assistance	Yes	Up to 75%	Varies based on grant program	See Funding Calendar



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<p>Catalog of New York State Workforce Development Pipelines for Dairy Industry Contains information about dairy and agriculture-related workforce development programs, opportunities, and funding streams in the State. https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/06/dairyworkforcecatalog.pdf</p>	N/A	Yes	Information on funding opportunities and general guidance	No	N/A	N/A	See Catalog
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