

Agriculture and Markets, Department of

Mission

The Department of Agriculture and Markets is charged with fostering a competitive and safe New York food and agricultural industry for the benefit of producers and consumers. The Department encourages the growth and economic health of the State's agricultural and food industry and conducts various inspections and testing programs to enforce laws on food safety, animal and plant health, and accuracy of labeling. The Department also preserves agricultural resources, improves soil and water quality, and operates the annual State Fair near Syracuse.

Organization and Staffing

The Department of Agriculture and Markets will have a workforce of 483 positions for FY 2019. The Department is run by a Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Department is headquartered in Albany and maintains six regional offices in Brooklyn, Buffalo, Hauppauge, Poughkeepsie, Rochester and Syracuse.

The Department of Agriculture and Markets' operating programs are funded by tax dollars from the General Fund, fees, federal grants and other funds.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2019 Executive Budget recommends \$162 million All Funds for the Department of Agriculture and Markets. This is a decrease of \$67 million from the FY 2018 budget. The change primarily reflects the discontinuation of one-time appropriations for local initiatives and State Fair capital.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 483 FTEs for the Department, unchanged from FY 2018 levels.

Major budget actions include:

- \$3.5 million in annual capital funding to address critical capital needs at the New York State Fair, including roof and façade replacement and other infrastructure improvements;
- \$1.1 million for the "Taste NY" program, which promotes locally grown or produced food and beverages by making them readily available across the State at high traffic retail venues located at rest areas, airports and train stations. In addition to this innovative retail concept, Taste NY also fosters increased demand for these products via strategic branding and marketing efforts;
- \$625,000 in funding for the FreshConnect farmers' market program, which benefits farmers and consumers alike by awarding competitive grants to create and expand farmers' markets in underserved communities throughout New York;
- \$1.5 million, including \$750,000 suballocated from the State Education Department, for the Farm to School program, which promotes the purchasing of food from local farmers by school districts, while expanding access to healthy foods for students;
- \$40,000 to evaluate and test hop varieties in New York for the purpose of increasing the availability of locally grown hops for the State's growing craft brew industry;
- \$19.5 million for various programs that provide critical support to New York's agricultural industry, including: the Migrant Childcare, Pro-Dairy, and Cornell Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory programs, among others; and
- \$50 million in reappropriated funds to complete a new 136,000 square foot exposition center at the State Fair in Syracuse, as part of the plan to upgrade and modernize the fairgrounds.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

Program Highlights

The **Agricultural Business Services** program promotes the agricultural economy of the State and fosters the responsible use of resources to preserve agricultural land and the environment. These programs are carried out through six divisions which:

- Support and serve the State's food and agricultural industry in the areas of market development and promotion, food and nutrition, and business development and support - including the Taste NY program

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and the NY Grown & Certified program;

- Inspect and test livestock, poultry, and plants to control and eradicate diseases that can both cause severe economic losses for farmers and present a public health hazard;
- Oversee the activities of county soil and water conservation districts, direct the agricultural non-point source pollution control and farmland preservation grant programs, establish agricultural districts, administer agricultural product market orders and the Federal Farmers Market Nutrition Program for low-income families, and collect and disseminate statistical agricultural information; and
- Exercise a variety of statutorily required activities involving the pricing and marketing of milk and milk products, and the licensing and bonding of milk and farm products dealers.

The **Consumer Food Services** program ensures that wholesome food products are sold to the consumer and that the industry and the public are protected from fraud, adulteration, or malpractice in the production, processing, transportation, and retailing of food and gasoline, and in the use of measuring devices. In carrying out these purposes, the program:

- Licenses and inspects more than 35,000 businesses that produce, process, manufacture, or distribute food products, registers food represented as kosher, and grades farm products;
- Inspects and tests dairy products to enforce laws pertaining to milk and milk product sanitation, and guards against harmful or misrepresented food; and
- Certifies and calibrates weighing and measuring devices and oversees the testing of motor fuels under the Motor Fuel Quality and Clean Air programs.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2018	Appropriations Recommended FY 2019	Change From FY 2018	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2019
State Operations	109,597,000	114,372,000	4,775,000	111,565,000
Aid To Localities	52,899,000	41,421,000	(11,478,000)	89,837,000
Capital Projects	66,215,000	6,215,000	(60,000,000)	68,458,000
Total	228,711,000	162,008,000	(66,703,000)	269,860,000

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2018 Estimated FTEs 03/31/18	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	72	72	0
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	125	125	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14	14	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14	14	0
Fiduciary Funds	3	3	0
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	160	160	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21	21	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	29	29	0
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	45	45	0
Total	483	483	0

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	34,794,000	38,569,000	3,775,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	29,922,000	30,922,000	1,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	21,784,000	21,784,000	0
Enterprise Funds	21,261,000	21,261,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
Total	109,597,000	114,372,000	4,775,000

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Administration			
General Fund	7,595,000	7,595,000	0
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	14,028,000	15,203,000	1,175,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21,919,000	21,919,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	12,236,000	12,236,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	13,171,000	15,771,000	2,600,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8,003,000	9,003,000	1,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	9,548,000	9,548,000	0
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	21,261,000	21,261,000	0
Total	109,597,000	114,372,000	4,775,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	5,240,000	0	5,135,000	0
Agricultural Business Services	11,625,000	900,000	10,967,000	900,000
Consumer Food Services	12,316,000	0	11,468,000	0
Total	29,181,000	900,000	27,570,000	900,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	60,000	0	45,000	0
Agricultural Business Services	598,000	0	60,000	0
Consumer Food Services	296,000	0	552,000	0
Total	954,000	0	657,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	2,355,000	0	136,000	0
Agricultural Business Services	3,578,000	275,000	637,000	0
Consumer Food Services	3,455,000	2,600,000	324,000	0
Total	9,388,000	2,875,000	1,097,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	207,000	0	1,974,000	0
Agricultural Business Services	175,000	0	2,747,000	275,000
Consumer Food Services	240,000	0	2,885,000	2,600,000
Total	622,000	0	7,606,000	2,875,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	38,000	0
Agricultural Business Services	19,000	0
Consumer Food Services	6,000	0
Total	63,000	0

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	35,991,000	0	4,237,000	0
Consumer Food Services	18,551,000	1,000,000	7,780,000	0
State Fair	21,261,000	0	6,768,000	0
Total	75,803,000	1,000,000	18,785,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	31,754,000	0
Consumer Food Services	10,771,000	1,000,000
State Fair	14,493,000	0
Total	57,018,000	1,000,000

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	32,899,000	21,421,000	(11,478,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
Total	52,899,000	41,421,000	(11,478,000)

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	32,899,000	21,421,000	(11,478,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
Total	52,899,000	41,421,000	(11,478,000)

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CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change	Reappropriations FY 2019
New Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	43,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	10,000,000	0	(10,000,000)	14,489,000
New York Works				
Capital Projects Fund	3,100,000	3,100,000	0	1,707,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	50,115,000	115,000	(50,000,000)	50,034,000
State Fair				
Capital Projects Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	185,000
Misc. Capital Projects	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Total	66,215,000	6,215,000	(60,000,000)	68,458,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2018