

## Agriculture and Markets, Department of

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### 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 512 positions for FY 2020. 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 the General Fund, fees, federal grants and other funds.

### Budget Highlights

The FY 2020 Executive Budget recommends \$175.1 million All Funds for the Department of Agriculture and Markets, which is a decrease of \$11.7 million from the FY 2019 Enacted Budget. This change primarily reflects the elimination of one-time legislative adds and capital projects.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 512 FTEs for the Department, an increase of 29 from FY 2019 levels.

Major budget actions include:

- An increase of \$2.5 million in capital appropriations to continue the on-going repair and rehabilitation of the Fair's facilities and transformation of the State Fair into a year-round attraction.
- An increase of \$8 million in Aid to Localities appropriations to fund programs that provide the specialized technical assistance, industry promotion, and research investments to reduce farms' exposure to economic and climate inconsistency statewide.
- An increase of \$1.8 million in State Operations appropriations that will allow the Department to add 29 new food safety inspectors which are needed to meet the growing number of annually required food safety inspections.
- \$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;

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### Program Highlights

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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 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,

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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 2019	Appropriations Recommended FY 2020	Change From FY 2019	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2020
State Operations	115,405,000	116,138,000	733,000	160,963,000
Aid To Localities	54,435,000	49,508,000	(4,927,000)	101,493,500
Capital Projects	16,915,000	9,415,000	(7,500,000)	36,482,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,755,000</b>	<b>175,061,000</b>	<b>(11,694,000)</b>	<b>298,938,500</b>

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

Program	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	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	3	3	0
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	160	189	29
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21	21	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	29	29	0
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	45	45	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>29</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
Enterprise Funds	21,261,000	21,261,000	0
Fiduciary	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
General Fund	39,602,000	41,388,000	1,786,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	30,922,000	30,922,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	21,784,000	20,731,000	(1,053,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,405,000</b>	<b>116,138,000</b>	<b>733,000</b>

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

Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
Administration			
General Fund	7,595,000	7,595,000	0
Agricultural Business Services			
Fiduciary	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
General Fund	16,236,000	16,236,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21,919,000	21,919,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	12,236,000	11,183,000	(1,053,000)
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	15,771,000	17,557,000	1,786,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	9,003,000	9,003,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	9,548,000	9,548,000	0
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	21,261,000	21,261,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,405,000</b>	<b>116,138,000</b>	<b>733,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2020 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	12,658,000	0	12,000,000	0
Consumer Food Services	13,927,000	1,611,000	13,079,000	1,611,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,825,000</b>	<b>1,611,000</b>	<b>30,214,000</b>	<b>1,611,000</b>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	60,000	0	45,000	45,000
Agricultural Business Services	598,000	0	60,000	25,000
Consumer Food Services	296,000	0	552,000	544,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>954,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>657,000</b>	<b>614,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2020 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	0	637,000	0
Consumer Food Services	3,630,000	175,000	499,000	175,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,563,000</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>1,272,000</b>	<b>175,000</b>

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	0
Consumer Food Services	240,000	0	2,885,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>622,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,606,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2020 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	34,938,000	(1,053,000)	3,861,000	(376,000)
Consumer Food Services	18,551,000	0	7,474,000	(306,000)
State Fair	21,261,000	0	6,768,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,750,000</b>	<b>(1,053,000)</b>	<b>18,103,000</b>	<b>(682,000)</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	31,077,000	(677,000)
Consumer Food Services	11,077,000	306,000
State Fair	14,493,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,647,000</b>	<b>(371,000)</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
General Fund	34,435,000	29,508,000	(4,927,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,435,000</b>	<b>49,508,000</b>	<b>(4,927,000)</b>

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

Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	34,435,000	29,508,000	(4,927,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,435,000</b>	<b>49,508,000</b>	<b>(4,927,000)</b>

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change	Reappropriations FY 2020
<b>New Facilities</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	10,000,000	0	(10,000,000)	22,621,000
<b>New York Works</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	3,100,000	5,600,000	2,500,000	3,088,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	115,000	115,000	0	5,616,000
<b>State Fair</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	1,700,000	1,700,000	0	1,157,000
Misc. Capital Projects	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	4,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,915,000</b>	<b>9,415,000</b>	<b>(7,500,000)</b>	<b>36,482,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 1/15/2019