



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
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ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
FARMLAND PROTECTION  
ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON MICRO BUSINESS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Oversight of the SFY 2021-2022 State Budget as it relates to assisting small- and medium-sized farms and related small businesses to compete in the state, national and international marketplace

**PURPOSE:** To review the impact and implementation of the State Budget for agriculture

Tuesday, November 16th, 2021  
10:00 A.M.  
Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building, Albany

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

The SFY 2021-2022 Department of Agriculture and Markets budget included \$55.8 million for local assistance, an increase of \$4.8 million from the prior year, \$121.8 million for State operations and \$14.4 million for capital projects. New York State's agriculture, food, animal protection, and other regulatory programs and budgets are administered by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, providing assistance for research, marketing, promotion and consumer protection. The State's economic development entities and programs interact with and provide support for small businesses, including those in the agricultural and food industry. The agriculture industry in New York, including food processing, forestry and fishing, is one of the largest with almost \$50 billion in economic output and nearly 200,000 jobs. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the impact and implementation of the 2021-2022 State budget for small- and medium-sized farms that are facing challenges similar to other small businesses in today's economy, competing against larger national and international businesses.

The Committees are interested in the efficacy of current investments in agriculture and related small businesses, such as food and beverage processing, to sustain the long-term economic viability of small- and medium-sized farms and small businesses; protect and enhance natural resources, including the use of emerging technologies, that support farming such as healthy soils; and, support new and beginning farmers, especially those that have been historically underrepresented and underserved.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees and Task Force at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing on the SFY 2021-2022 State Budget as it relates to assisting small- and medium-sized farms. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise.

I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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