

Agriculture and Markets, Department of

Mission

The Department of Agriculture and Markets' mission is to promote New York State agriculture and its high-quality and diverse products, foster agricultural environmental stewardship, and safeguard the state's food supply, land, and livestock to ensure the viability and growth of New York's agriculture industries. The Department also operates The Great New York State Fair each year near Syracuse.

Organization and Staffing

The Department of Agriculture and Markets will have a workforce of 552 positions for FY 2021. 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 2021 Executive Budget recommends \$190.1 million All Funds for the Department of Agriculture and Markets, which is an increase of \$297,000 from the FY 2020 Enacted Budget. This change reflects the elimination of one-time legislative adds, increases for agency staff and various capital projects.

Major budget actions include:

- Capital appropriations remain flat at \$19.4 million due to offsetting reductions in one-time legislative adds and new appropriations to make electrical upgrades to temporary structures, as well as various other improvements and expansions at the State Fairgrounds.
- A decrease of \$5.8 million in Aid to Localities primarily due to the elimination of one-time legislative adds and the consolidation of Taste NY appropriations at Empire State Development.
- An increase of \$1.9 million in State Operations appropriations that will allow the Department to add seven hemp-related staff, eight dairy inspectors and four lab technicians. The State Operations appropriations also include an elimination of the \$1.1 million Taste NY appropriation, which is being transferred to Empire State Development.
- The Executive Budget includes an additional \$5.4 million in State Operations appropriations to extend the State Fair by five days and to add 21 State Fair staff. The extended State Fair will include an additional weekend and new programming, including a motor show held in the Expo Center and sensory friendly days.

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 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

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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 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
State Operations	117,191,000	123,323,000	6,132,000	129,621,000
Aid To Localities	53,243,000	47,408,000	(5,835,000)	79,417,000
Capital Projects	19,415,000	19,415,000	0	40,974,000
Total	189,849,000	190,146,000	297,000	250,012,000

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

Program	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	72	73	1
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	14	14
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	189	193	4
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21	21	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	29	29	0
State Fair			
General Fund	0	7	7
Enterprise Funds	45	59	14
Total	512	552	40

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Enterprise Funds	21,261,000	26,630,000	5,369,000
Fiduciary	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
General Fund	41,388,000	41,310,000	(78,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	30,922,000	30,922,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	21,784,000	22,625,000	841,000
Total	117,191,000	123,323,000	6,132,000

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

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Administration			
General Fund	7,595,000	8,335,000	740,000
Agricultural Business Services			
Fiduciary	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
General Fund	16,236,000	15,111,000	(1,125,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21,919,000	21,919,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	12,236,000	13,077,000	841,000
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	17,557,000	17,864,000	307,000
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	26,630,000	5,369,000
Total	117,191,000	123,323,000	6,132,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	5,890,000	650,000	5,785,000	650,000
Agricultural Business Services	12,658,000	0	12,000,000	0
Consumer Food Services	14,194,000	267,000	13,346,000	267,000
Total	32,742,000	917,000	31,131,000	917,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	60,000	0	45,000	43,000
Agricultural Business Services	598,000	0	60,000	34,000
Consumer Food Services	296,000	0	552,000	549,000
Total	954,000	0	657,000	626,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	2,445,000	90,000	186,000	50,000
Agricultural Business Services	2,453,000	(1,125,000)	637,000	0
Consumer Food Services	3,670,000	40,000	539,000	40,000
Total	8,568,000	(995,000)	1,362,000	90,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	247,000	40,000	1,974,000	0
Agricultural Business Services	175,000	0	1,622,000	(1,125,000)
Consumer Food Services	240,000	0	2,885,000	0
Total	662,000	40,000	6,481,000	(1,125,000)

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 2021 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	36,832,000	841,000	4,698,000	461,000
Consumer Food Services	18,551,000	0	7,474,000	0
State Fair	26,630,000	5,369,000	9,613,000	2,845,000
Total	82,013,000	6,210,000	21,785,000	3,306,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	32,134,000	380,000
Consumer Food Services	11,077,000	0
State Fair	17,017,000	2,524,000
Total	60,228,000	2,904,000

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	33,243,000	27,408,000	(5,835,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
Total	53,243,000	47,408,000	(5,835,000)

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

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	33,243,000	27,408,000	(5,835,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
Total	53,243,000	47,408,000	(5,835,000)

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change	Reappropriations FY 2021
New Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	10,000,000	0	(10,000,000)	28,767,000
New York Works				
Capital Projects Fund	5,600,000	600,000	(5,000,000)	5,244,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	115,000	15,115,000	15,000,000	608,000
State Fair				
Capital Projects Fund	1,700,000	1,700,000	0	355,000
Misc. Capital Projects	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	6,000,000
Total	19,415,000	19,415,000	0	40,974,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/29/2020