



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Oversight of the SFY 2015-2016 State Budget for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

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

Albany, New York
Tuesday
November 24, 2015
12:00 PM
Roosevelt Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor
Albany, New York

The Assembly Standing Committee on Agriculture oversees New York State's agriculture, food, animal protection, and other regulatory programs administered by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets. In the SFY 2015-2016 Department of Agriculture and Markets budget, the Legislature included an estimated \$51 million for local assistance, \$120 million for State operations, and \$5.5 million for capital projects at the New York State Fair. The State budget also included a Special Infrastructure Account, which appropriated \$50 million for improvements to the State Fair, \$30 million for the Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program, and \$20 million for the Hudson Valley Agricultural Enhancement Program. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the overall impact and implementation of the 2015-2016 budget, and assess the impact and effectiveness of New York's agricultural programs. This hearing will also examine the agricultural industry's economic significance to New York State and challenges that agricultural producers are facing in bringing their products to market.

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Member of Assembly
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