

FIGHTING

for

OUR FARMS AND AGRICULTURE ON THE EAST END



Assemblywoman Giglio at agriculture hearing

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INVESTING IN AGRICULTURE = PRESERVING OUR WAY OF LIFE

“Every farm on Long Island’s East End tells a story. This is why making sure our local farmers have the tools they need to thrive is critical. I’m very concerned about our farms because if there are no farms, there is no food.”

-Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio

Assemblywoman Giglio at the East End Farmers Meeting with New York State Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball



HERE ARE THE FACTS:

- ◆ Total sales: Farms on Long Island generated nearly \$373 million in agricultural sales in 2022, a 64% increase since 2017.¹
- ◆ Direct sales: Suffolk County farms lead the state in sales directly to consumers, local retailers, and local food processors, generating over \$268 million in 2022.²
- ◆ Growth: Long Island was the only region in New York to see an increase in both farms and farmland between 2017 and 2022. Suffolk County added 18 farms, while the number of farms statewide declined by over 8%.³
- ◆ Per-acre farmland market values on Long Island are much higher and increasing at a faster rate than the state average.⁴
- ◆ East End Food Institute was one of two recipients of the second round of New York’s Regional School Food Infrastructure (RSFI) Grant Program and is using the funding to continue work on its Food Hub, which is positioned to serve as a centralized hub for food aggregation, processing, and distribution in the Long Island Region.

Despite all this, costs continue to rise for farms on Long Island. Property taxes rose nearly 51% between 2017 and 2022, about twice the state average.⁷ Labor expenses also jumped, up 131% in Nassau County and 52% in Suffolk County.⁸ As a member of the Agriculture Committee, I will work tirelessly to make sure our farmers get the support they need.

THIS IS HOW I PLAN TO PROTECT OUR FARMERS AND SUPPORT FOOD INITIATIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY:

A thriving agricultural world means stronger rural communities. This is why I’m working to:

- ◆ Advocate for Deer Population Control on the North Fork to help protect against crop loss and tick-borne illnesses.⁵
- ◆ Continue to fight to preserve significant acreage of farmland and open space on the East End.⁶



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