



Northeast  
Agribusiness  
& Feed Alliance

# NEW YORK LEGISLATIVE UPDATE





# AGENDA

## ***NEAFA's "New" Advocacy in New York***

- ***How NEAFA is working to elevate its advocacy and profile.***
- ***Our work in 2023 and 2024.***
- ***The road ahead.***



***“The mission of the  
Northeast  
Agribusiness and  
Feed Alliance is to  
support and grow a  
sustainable  
agribusiness  
industry in the  
Northeast.”***

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## NEAFA Value Statements

- Integrity/Trust
- Sustainability
- Cooperation
- Leadership
- Credibility
- Diversity and Inclusion





# New(er) Legislative Leadership

- M.A. Donna Lupardo (D-Binghamton) – Assembly Agriculture Committee chair
- Sen. Michele Hinchey (D-Kingston) – Senate Agriculture Committee chair
- M.A. Anna Kelles (D-Ithaca) - Assembly Agricultural Production & Technology Subcommittee chair
- M.A. Billy Jones (D-Plattsburgh) – Assembly Agriculture Economic Development and Farmland Protection chair
- M.A. Michaelle C. Solages (D- Valley Stream) NYS Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus chair
- Assembly Task Force on Food, Farm & Nutrition Policy



Cornell **CALS**  
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# Major Issues in 2023

Significant issues of interest to  
NEAFA in 2023.

- **Neonics Ban**
- **Agrivoltaics in Farming**
- **Privacy - Employee Login and Personal Account Information**
- **Agriculture Technology Challenge**
- **FreshConnect Program**
- **“Human Grade” Pet Food**
- **Wage Payment Protections**
- **Wetlands Management**





# 2024 Budget Priorities

- **ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTED IN FINAL BUDGET**

- \$250,000 increase for Pro-Dairy Core Program
- \$100,000 Increase for FarmNet
- \$500,000 for the Dairy Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub

- **NEW FUNDING PROPOSED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

- **Supported by NEAFA**

- \$300,000 additional funding for Cornell's Farm Labor Specialist
- \$1 million in additional funding for NYCAMH
- \$24 million in Capital for the Dairy Farm Good and Growth fund
- \$250,000 for the Agricultural Youth Leadership Conference
- \$2.25 million for Cornell's IPM program

- **ARTICLE VII PROPOSALS**

- Support repeal of COVID-19 leave
- Oppose expansion of the "Deceptive" Practices Act

# The Road Ahead



## FUTURE ISSUES & CHALLENGES

- Climate Change & Environment
- Chemicals of Concern (e.g., neonics, PFAS, ingredients, labeling).
- Economy & Agribusiness
- Labor Standards
- Privacy
- Transportation

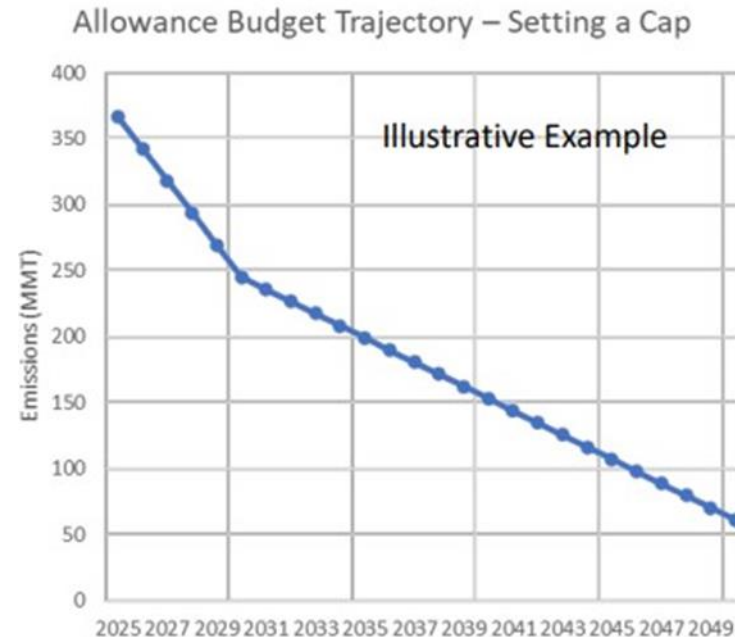
# Cap-and-Invest

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- DEC and NYSERDA working on regulations to create an economy-wide Cap-and-Invest regulatory scheme, utilizing already existing authority granted in the CLCPA.
  - Cap-and-Invest was recommended by the Climate Action Council's (CAC) final Scoping Plan as a method to ensure the state reaches its emissions reduction mandates by 2030 and beyond.
  - The program is projected to raise \$3 billion per year which is required to be invested in specific ways.

# Achieving the Emissions Limits

The program will set an annual cap on the amount of greenhouse gas pollution that is permitted to be emitted in New York.

The declining cap ensures annual emissions are reduced, setting the state on a trajectory to meet GHG emissions reduction requirements of 40% by 2030, and at least 85% from 1990 levels by 2050, as mandated by the CLCPA.



# How It Will Work

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The cap will be set initially and will lower each year.

Large-scale GHG emissions sources and distributors of heating and transportation fuels will be required to purchase allowances at auction for each ton of GHG emissions they produce.

Proceeds from the auctions will mitigate consumer costs and support investments in areas like climate mitigation, energy efficiency, and clean transportation.

Certain Sectors will receive consigned allowances (Energy-Intensive-Trade Exposed Industries)