

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF BROOME COUNTY AGRICULTURE



Each year, New York's agricultural businesses and farms generate over \$5.4 billion into the economy. Broome County's agricultural businesses and farms generate \$30.7 million in sales annually and over \$100 million in business investments.

In 2012, there were over 35,537 agricultural businesses and farms throughout New York, comprising nearly 7.2 million acres or 30% of the state. Today, Broome County has 563 farms on 79,676 acres of farmland, and 29% of Broome County is in an Agricultural District.

Broome County's farmers and agricultural producers:

- Generate over \$30.7 million annually in sales.
- Generate over \$100 million annually in business investments.
- Pay \$2.5 million in property taxes, \$2.7 million in labor wages, \$9 million in feed costs and \$6.7 million in other products and services, accounting for \$20.9 million of Broome County's economy.
- Consistently demonstrate a higher economic multiplier than any other sector of the county's economy.
- Are experiencing rapid growth in fruits, vegetables, farmers' markets and direct marketing.
- Have 5,000 dairy cows, producing nearly \$21 million of milk and other dairy products.
- Have a market value of \$4.5 million in nursery, greenhouses, maple syrup, Christmas trees, floriculture, vegetables and fruits.
- Have 100 direct agriculture/farm producers including meat, fiber, fruits and vegetables.
- Have 15,116 cattle/calves with a market value of nearly \$4 million.
- Have 1,151 hogs and sheep, grow nearly 25,000 acres of hay, and harvest 6,428 acres of corn.
- Purchase \$1 million of electricity, \$2.3 million of gasoline, fuels and oils, and \$3.4 million in repairs.
- Support wildlife such as deer, turkeys and small game, and thereby help sustain hunting as a source of tourism. Deer hunting accounts for over \$8 million to Broome County's economy.



- Help preserve and enhance Broome County's environment and quality of life.
- Contribute to Broome County's rural character and protect open spaces essential to residents and visitors.
- Supply six farmers' markets and six well-established farm stands. A year-round farmers' market is planned to open in Binghamton.
- Support five "farm-to-glass" breweries/wineries in Broome County.

