

# Robert Smullen:

## Supporting New York's Farms And Agriculture



*“As a member of the New York State Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, I understand how important our farms and agricultural industry are for New York residents. I have and will continue to work hard to strengthen that industry and our relationship with local farmers so future generations can enjoy healthy, nutritious foods.”*

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# Improving the agricultural industry in our state is essential

To ensure our farming communities remain strong for years to come, we must promote education on sustainable farming practices, stress the importance of farm-to-table foods and maintain proper funding for the distribution of agricultural products to communities, businesses and schools.

## To do this, I supported proposals that will:

- ✿ **REQUIRE** public schools to provide a flavored milk option during meals so students have access to nutritional milk products, which will, in turn, support our children's health and our dairy industry (A.3143);
- ✿ **REQUIRE** all schools that receive funding from New York state to provide instruction on the study of agriculture (A.4161) and **EMPOWER** our students by ensuring they receive education on where food comes from and the importance of agriculture (A.4209);
- ✿ **ESTABLISH** the New York Food Insecurity, Farm Resiliency and Rural Poverty Initiative to provide financial assistance to those in need (A.5708); and
- ✿ **SUPPORT** our local farms and rural communities through the establishment of the Rural Equity Assistance Program (A.8136).

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