

NEW YORK STATE GRANGE  
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES—2010

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Strongly supports (1) funding for dairy assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (2) increase in loan guarantees to dairy operators through U.S. Department of Agriculture (3) Class I base floor price of \$18 (eighteen) dollars per hundredweight (cwt) (4) a marketing order program that prices milk for both domestic and international markets and (5) a milk supply management program endorsed by dairy producer groups.

Urges federal legislation that would amend the regulations of the Clean Water Act, to limit the powers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Protection Agency over inland waters and wetland, thus preserving States and individual rights.

Supports funding be secured for the Recycling Agricultural Plastics Project (RAPP) through the Department of Agriculture and Markets Fund.

Urges that any health care reform legislation addresses needs of rural areas, including the shortage of doctors and professional nurses and affordable prescription medications.

Opposes all mandates placed on public schools and local governments without adequate funding.

Supports several initiatives for property tax relief in funding of public schools.

Seeks legislation that would consolidate regulations of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) oversight of food and drugs for human consumption and consider reassignment of some of these responsibilities to either Department of Agriculture or Health and Homeland Security, for example.

Encourages the research and development of safe, economical, and environmentally friendly alternative energy sources.

Seeks legislation for statewide efforts in developing and promoting recycling practices including citizen awareness of the wide range of materials that can be recycled and provide collaboration between all levels of governments to achieve successful recycling endeavors.

Supports tax break incentives for only those companies who keep all jobs within United States and that the production business remains physically in the United States.