

Funds May Be Used To:

- Hire a qualified farm business consultant to analyze feasibility for growth.
- Develop an initial combined evaluation of farm financial and environmental needs.
- Develop a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP).
- Update a CNMP with the assistance of an AEM certified planner.
- Develop design plans for new construction or to remodel facilities to support production growth.
- Create a farmstead development plan.



The Dairy Acceleration Program is an initiative of Governor Cuomo,

in partnership with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The program is designed to enhance profitability of New York dairy farms and to maintain a commitment to environmentally responsible growth.

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Dairy Acceleration Program

*Plan for profitable and
environmentally
responsible growth*



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Dairy Acceleration Program

Eligible projects assist New York dairy farmers to develop business plans for successful and environmentally responsible growth. Funds may be used for creation of strategic business plans focusing on growth, design of new or remodeled facilities, and/or development of environmental and farmstead plans. Farms must have lactating dairy cattle.

Eligibility

- ◆ Must be a dairy cattle farm.
- ◆ Must have complete financial records for business planning.
- ◆ Preference is given to farms under 300 cows.
- ◆ Must complete and submit application.

Program Funding

Dairy Acceleration Program funding covers 80% of a project's cost. The farm is responsible for 20% of the project cost, which is paid directly to the service provider, including any in excess of established limits.

Payments may include:

- ◆ **Up to \$5,000 per farm to write a business plan or to develop a combination of a business and facility growth plan.**
- ◆ **Up to \$6,000 to develop a new Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) for farms under 300 cows.**
- ◆ **Up to \$4,500 to update an existing CNMP for farms under 300 cows.**
- ◆ **Up to \$3,600 for an initial and combined evaluation of financial and environmental needs of the farm for farms under 300 cows.**

Develop Plans

Business Planning

- ◆ Financial Analysis
- ◆ Farmstead Development Planning
- ◆ Facility Planning
- ◆ Capital Investment Planning for Increased Milk Per Cow

Business & Environmental

- ◆ Combined evaluation of financial and environmental needs of the farm (for farms under 300 cows).

Environmental Planning* (for farms under 300 cows)

- ◆ Update a CNMP
 - ◆ Hire an AEM certified planner to develop a new CNMP
- * Funding for environmental planning provided through the Environmental Protection Fund.*

