



## WE SUPPORT

### The Working Farm Protection Act – Bill A10301

**The Working Farm Protection Act—introduced by Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D) AD-106—would add a proven tool to New York’s farmland protection toolbox to keep working farmers on the land.**

**New York farmers age 65 and older own or manage nearly thirty percent of New York farms. Most do not have a farm operator under the age of 45 working alongside them<sup>1</sup>.**

**Two million acres—or nearly one third—of New York farmland is, or will soon be, transitioning to new ownership.** This is a critical moment of risk when non-farming buyers can outbid working farmers for available land.

**Working farm easements address this threat.** The Working Farm Protection Act would strengthen the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program by funding conservation easements that protect the long-term affordability of farmland for working farmers.



<sup>1</sup> American Farmland Trust, “Gaining Insights, Gaining Access,” March 2016, [https://4aa2dc132bb150caf1aa-7bb737f4349b47aa42dce777a72d5264.ssl.cf5.rackcdn.com/AFT\\_NY\\_FS\\_GainingInsights\\_GainingAccess.pdf](https://4aa2dc132bb150caf1aa-7bb737f4349b47aa42dce777a72d5264.ssl.cf5.rackcdn.com/AFT_NY_FS_GainingInsights_GainingAccess.pdf).

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