



Northern New York Agricultural Development Program
*Practical Research & Results for Clinton, Essex,
Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence Counties*

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Why a Northern New York Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP)?

The NNYADP was established to meet the unique agricultural needs created by Northern NY's climate and microclimates in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The New York State Legislature has recognized the revenues and benefits that could be possible with state funding to support research, technical assistance and outreach. That research has improved region-specific plant genetics, crop selection, agronomic practices, market development, and agricultural environmental management to protect Northern New York's water, air and soil resources.

What types of projects are conducted by the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program?

NNYADP projects address NY's diverse agricultural sectors from dairy, livestock and crops to regional foods, fruit, vegetable, and maple production. The projects focus on production and profitability practices, season extension, value-added enterprise opportunities, business planning/analysis & marketing, environmental stewardship, crop variety trials, and other areas of interest and need to NNY farmers. See vignettes on various sectors elsewhere in this impact statement.

Who guides the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program?

Farmer representatives from each of the region's 6 counties identify and prioritize the challenges and opportunities that face Northern NY's agricultural sector and select and oversee research, education and technical assistance projects that are practically applied for the benefit of farms across the region.

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