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Northern New York Agricultural Development Program Announces 2014 Farm Research Projects

Northern New York – The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program has announced 27 farm research projects underway in 2014. The projects serve the diverse interests of the agricultural industry of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

Nearly 100 farmers participate as advisory committee members or commodity-focused subcommittee members with the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program.

The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP) received \$500,000 in funding in the 2013-2014 state budget through the New York State Senate with the support of NYS Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Betty Little, and Senator Joe Griffo. State legislators are currently considering a request for NNYADP funding in the 2014-2015 budget.

“The state funding supports the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program research projects that connect farmers with the best academic and field experience in support of the dairy industry and crops, livestock, fresh produce and maple production,” says NNYADP Co-Chair Jon Greenwood of Madrid, St. Lawrence County.

“Every bit of last year’s funding has been to good use in support of Northern New York Agricultural Development Program-selected research that advances our industry with innovative production efficiencies, cost-saving practices, and the latest information on coping with pest, disease and climate challenges,” says NNYADP Co-Chair Joe Giroux of Plattsburgh, Clinton County.

The heralded success of the NNYADP project that has developed a low-cost, easy-to-implement, on-farm solution for managing the highly destructive alfalfa snout beetle now appears to have potential benefits for fruit growers and other agricultural producers not only in Northern New York but statewide.

“The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program has a proven track record of cost-effective research that has underpinned the sustainability of farms across the region and allowed for the growth of new agricultural enterprises,” says recently-named NNYADP Co-Chair Jon Rulfs of Peru, Clinton County.

The Northern New York agricultural industry contributes nearly \$600 million in agricultural product value annually with a nearly \$53 million farm employee payroll. More information about the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program is online at www.nnyagdev.org.