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**Farm Bill Opportunities to Connect Nutrition Security and Agricultural Capacity in New York State
Recommendations from the New York State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**

The New York State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (NYSAND), an affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, serves over 5,000 Registered Dietitian Nutritionists and Dietetic Technicians, Registered, across New York State. These nutrition professionals serve New York residents in many ways, including work in public health, clinical care, public policy, food service management and education, and empower residents to improve health and obtain higher quality of life through nutrition care and education.

NYSAND members are committed to promoting New York State's rich agricultural industry and strengthening residents' access and intake of locally produced fruits, vegetables, dairy products and other agricultural products.

Reflecting the Academy's recommendations, NYSAND supports strengthening the 2018 Farm Bill to:

Ensure that quality nutrition services and appropriate nutrition education are integral components included in nutrition assistance programs. Registered Dietitian Nutritionists offer New York residents effective nutrition education through SNAP-Ed, WIC, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Just Say Yes to Fruits and Veggies programs. Ensuring these resources have increased funding to sustain and improve programs that serve low income New York residents, including families and older New Yorkers, can reduce risk for obesity, diabetes, heart disease and malnutrition.

Support innovative nutrition assistance programs to improve access to healthful, affordable and safe foods. In New York, examples include Farm to School and Farm to Pantry programs, reducing waste and developing stronger food distribution networks and food hubs.

Support policies and programs to ensure our 36,000 New York farmers and future farmers have access to land, skills and incentives to grow healthful food. Continually develop capacity to improve and protect the land and resources needed to innovate and increase production and access to those healthful foods.

The New York State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is committed to strengthening the health and well-being of New York residents through nutrition care and education, and will continue to promote strong Farm Bill funding for current and innovative food and nutrition programs serving the full diversity of New York State residents.

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