

# Dairy Acceleration Program

The Dairy Acceleration Program, under Governor Cuomo's leadership, and in partnership with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation facilitates long term viability of New York dairy farms while maintaining a commitment to environmental stewardship.

Eligible projects assist New York dairy farmers to position their farm for the future. Funds are used to engage professionals for financial analysis and benchmarking, the creation of business plans, design of new or remodeled facilities, farmstead plans and/or development of environmental plans including design of BMPs identified in the farm CNMP.

The Dairy Acceleration Program is administered through the PRO-DAIRY Program at Cornell University with support from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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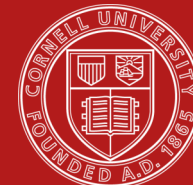
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*Plan for the future of your dairy.*



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# Program Funding

*Dairy Acceleration Program funds may be used to engage the services of a dairy farm professional for the following:*

- ◆ Up to \$5,000 to develop a business plan for long term viability of the dairy.
- ◆ Up to \$2,500 for previously awarded farms to continue working with their farm business consultant in a subsequent year to refine and/or implement their business plan.
- ◆ Up to \$1,000 to prepare farm financial records and benchmark current financial status.
- ◆ Up to \$6,000 for an AEM Certified Planner to develop a new Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) for farms under 300 cows.

## Program funding (cont.)

- ◆ Up to \$4,500 to update an existing CNMP for farms under 300 cows.
- ◆ Up to \$5,000 for an engineer to design a single best management practice (BMP) or up to \$10,000 to design a combination of BMP's, identified in the farm CNMP, for farms under 700 cows.
- ◆ Up to \$2,500 to evaluate an existing storage for farms under 700 cows.

*Dairy Acceleration Program funding covers 80% of a project's cost. The farm is responsible for 20% of the project cost, including any in excess of the value of the award. Awarded funds are disbursed to the service provider through Cornell University.*

## Eligibility

- ◆ Must be a dairy cattle farm shipping milk or dairy heifer boarding facility located in NY state.
- ◆ Must have complete financial records for business planning.
- ◆ Must complete and submit an application.

# Eligible Projects

## Business Planning

*(preference for farms under 300 cows)*

- ◆ Financial analysis of options for enhancing profitability of the dairy
- ◆ Benchmarking current financial status of the dairy
- ◆ Farmstead development planning
- ◆ Facility planning
- ◆ Capital investment planning for increased milk per cow

## Environmental Planning

*(for farms under 300 cows)*

- ◆ Update a CNMP
- ◆ Develop a new CNMP

## Design of BMP's

*(for farms under 700 cows)*

- ◆ Design a single best management practice (BMP) or combination of BMPs identified in farm CNMP.
- ◆ Evaluate a manure storage

