

## Overview of Grant Programs Available to Farmers

### Watershed Agricultural Council:

- 1.) **Business Plan Reimbursement Program-** Support the development of professional economic viability business plans for NYC West of Hudson Watershed farm or forestry businesses in order to better position these businesses for improved economic profitability and sustainability. **Open year round** (\$2,000.00 per applicant per fiscal year) <https://www.nycwatershed.org/economic-viability/business-planning/>
- 2.) **Micro Grants Program-** Encourage the implementation of activities that can enhance the economic viability of farm and forest businesses in the NYC West of Hudson Watershed. **Open once a year(closed February 29, 2024)** (\$5,000.00 in one category) <https://www.nycwatershed.org/economic-viability/micro-grants-program/>
- 3.) **Farms & Forest in Transition Reimbursement Program-** Support farm operations with property inside the NYC West of Hudson Watershed seeking professional services in transition, estate planning or succession planning. **Open Yearly**(\$5,000.00 per applicant per fiscal year) <https://www.nycwatershed.org/economic-viability/farms-forests-in-transition/>

### USDA Rural Development:

- 1.) **Value Added Producer Grant-** The Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. **(Closes 4/16/24)** *Planning amount \$75,000.00 Working Capital Grants \$250,000.00* <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants/ny#overview>

### NY Farm Viability Institute:

- 1.) **New York State Grown & Certified ITRD Grant Program-** Grants will be available for infrastructure and technology projects as well as research and development. Many capital costs will be allowed. Grant sizes range from \$20,000.00-\$250,000.00 for infrastructure and technology projects, and \$10,000.00-\$50,000.00 for product research and development projects. A 10% match will be required for all projects. **(Not Open Yet)** <https://nyfvi.org/nys-growncertified-itrd-grant-program/>
- 2.) **Beginning Farmer and Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Farmer Grant Program-** For both grant opportunities eligible projects may include: Startup, improvement or expansion farm operation. Worker or apprenticeship training, marketing activities, purchase of agricultural land and physical structures, purchase of machinery, equipment or livestock and construction or improvement of physical structures, including semi-permanent structures. **(Not Yet Open; Any day now)**

## **Northeast Dairy Business Innovation-**

- 1.) **Goat & Sheep Dairy Development Grant-** Projects are expected to enhance the growth and viability of individual small ruminant businesses, as well as address gaps in technical assistance, improved supply chain partnerships, market access and growth, and long-term business viability. See further details with link. Individual business grants will range from \$15,000.00-\$25,000.00 w/ a 25% cash or in-kind match commitment. Supply Chain projects will range from \$25,000.00-\$75,000.00 with a 25% cash and/or in-kind match commitment. **Open February 1- June 6, 2024 @2pm.** <https://nedairyinnovation.com/grants/goat-sheep-dairy-development/>
- 2.) **Dairy Farm Improvement & Modernization Grant-** Dairy Farmers that produce milk within the Northeast and are licensed dairy operations in compliance with all state/federal standards. Producers associations that represents, supports or promotes dairy products. Technical service providers, and milk buyers/ processors are eligible to apply if; the farm focuses on-farm milk production and/or increases the efficiencies of milk pickup and hauling, etc... (see link for more information) **(Opens again in November 2024) \$15,00000-\$100,000.00 with a 25% in-kind match/and or cash contribution)** <https://nedairyinnovation.com/grants/farm-improvement-modernization/>

**Farm Workforce Retention Credit-**You are entitled to this refundable credit for tax years beginning on or after **January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2026**, if you: are a farm employer or an owner of a farm employer and have and eligible farm employee(employed at least 500 hours) See link for more information. [https://www.tax.ny.gov/bus/ct/farm\\_workforce\\_ret\\_credit.htm](https://www.tax.ny.gov/bus/ct/farm_workforce_ret_credit.htm)

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**Thank you.**