STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 1, 2018

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioner of agriculture and markets to conduct a "women in farming" study

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The commissioner of agriculture and markets is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a "women in farming" study on women who are farm operators in New York state. Special attention in such study shall be given to: the impediments and barriers to growing existing women-operated farm businesses, the impediments for women seeking to pursue farming careers, the factors contributing to a growing number of women choosing to become farm operators and any recommendations for legislation and administrative programs to support and encourage women farmers.

§ 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act the commissioner of agriculture and markets shall deliver a report of his or her findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. The report shall describe with particularity how any recommendations for legislation and administrative programs to support and encourage women farmers made by the study can be implemented in New York state.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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