

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 1, 2018

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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:

- 1 Section 1. The commissioner of agriculture and markets is hereby  
2 authorized and directed to conduct a "women in farming" study on women  
3 who are farm operators in New York state. Special attention in such  
4 study shall be given to: the impediments and barriers to growing exist-  
5 ing women-operated farm businesses, the impediments for women seeking to  
6 pursue farming careers, the factors contributing to a growing number of  
7 women choosing to become farm operators and any recommendations for  
8 legislation and administrative programs to support and encourage women  
9 farmers.
- 10 § 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act the commission-  
11 er of agriculture and markets shall deliver a report of his or her find-  
12 ings and recommendations, including proposed legislation to the gover-  
13 nor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the  
14 assembly. The report shall describe with particularity how any recommen-  
15 dations for legislation and administrative programs to support and  
16 encourage women farmers made by the study can be implemented in New York  
17 state.
- 18 § 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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