



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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JOB CREATION, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS
ASSEMBLY TASK FORCE ON FOOD, FARM AND NUTRITION POLICY**

NOTICE OF ONLINE VIDEO PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Oversight of the SFY 2020-2021 State Budget as it relates to supporting the New York State agricultural industry through the Department of Agriculture and Markets and Department of Economic Development/Empire State Development

PURPOSE: To review the impact and implementation of the State Budget for agriculture and the food industry.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020
10:30 A.M.

Web Link: <https://www.nyassembly.gov/av/live/>

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

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