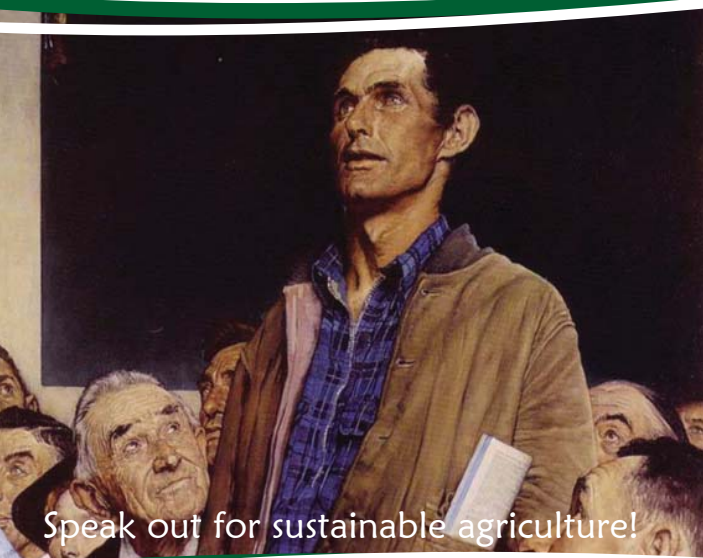


## Join Us in Advocating Solutions!

The Campaign for Our Farming Future coalition advocates for sensible and sustainable agriculture policies to keep farmers farming while preserving our essential right to clean water and safe, quality food.



Recent appellate court decisions, state and federal appropriations and regulations present an unprecedented opportunity to help shape a more environmentally and economically sustainable agriculture future for New York. CAFOs are now expected to take appropriate actions to manage manure effectively in order to protect our nation's water quality.

Concerned citizens, farmers, environmental groups, and anyone interested in building sustainable agriculture should join the Campaign for Our Farming Future.

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# Campaign for Our Farming Future



Supporting Clean  
Water and Sustainable  
Agriculture in New York



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Agriculture sustains our communities, our bodies, and our environment. Over the last 200 years, agrarian practices have changed drastically with the shift from small local farms to centralized large-scale industrial agriculture. The trend toward industrial agriculture raises a number of environmental and public health concerns, particularly for farms that raise animals.

## Supporting Sustainable Farming

Farming is an essential fabric of our landscape. When our local farms are lost, more energy is needed to ship food to people, exacerbating our nation's dependence on fossil fuels while amplifying greenhouse gas emissions.

## Sustainable Living & Eating

Put your money where your mouth is.



### What is a CAFO?

Concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), produce waste that, if not properly managed, can contaminate drinking water, lead to massive fish kills, and threaten public health by tainting receiving rivers and lakes.



The large concentration of animals, animal waste and dead animals in a confined space poses adverse environmental and public health impacts. Feed is brought to the animals rather than the animals grazing or otherwise seeking feed in pastures. Animal waste and wastewater can enter water bodies from spills or breaks of waste storage structures. As CAFOs grow larger, so do concerns about air pollution and ground water contamination.

Some farmers are choosing to sell their land to private developers. This results in the loss of valuable open space to impervious rooftops, driveways, and roads. Lands that once absorbed and filtered storm water now quickly channel polluted runoff to watershed tributaries. Collectively, we must work with our farmers and the public to protect water quality and local safe food production.



- Buy Local and Organic: Eating chemical-free produce is healthier for you and our earth. Help support local farmers by shopping at farmers' markets and farm stands or choosing local farm produce at the grocery store.
- Join a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program: Buy fresh produce directly from your local farmer. Reducing your "foodshed," the overall distance your food travels, reduces energy use and keeps your dollars close to home. Find your local CSA program at: [www.localharvest.org/csa](http://www.localharvest.org/csa).
- Be Green, Eat Green: Eating or freezing seasonal produce requires less energy than transporting produce from different climates. When buying milk, eggs, or meat, look for organic, grass-fed, and free-range labels. Eat foods lower on the food chain, remembering that food with roots requires less energy to produce than food with legs.

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