



Farmland

for a New Generation

NEW YORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST

FARMLAND FOR A NEW GENERATION NEW YORK (FNG-NY) supports farmers in English and Spanish who are seeking access to land—new and beginning farmers and younger generations of farm families—as well as retiring farmers and other farmland owners who want to see their land remain in farming. FNG-NY maintains the New York Farmland Finder website (nyfarmlandfinder.org) and coordinates a network of 38 agricultural service provider organizations, or Regional Navigators, who provide one-on-one assistance to farmers and farmland owners as they navigate the process of accessing or transitioning farmland in New York state.

A Growing Need and Opportunity for the Future of New York Agriculture

- The average age of a farmer in New York is **56.7 years of age**.
- New York saw a **loss of 2,788 farms** and **363,885 acres of farmland** between 2017 and 2022, according to the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture.
- Without intervention, New York could lose **642,200 acres of farmland** to development by 2040, according to *Farms Under Threat 2040*.
- Protecting farmland can stimulate local economies. A study in Pennsylvania found that **every dollar invested in farmland protection programs recirculates \$1.62 to \$2.00** within the local economy (PA Farmland Preservation Economic Impact.pdf).
- Over **200 farm seekers** and **over 12,000 acres of farmland for sale or lease** are listed on the New York Farmland Finder.



Regional Navigators have unmet funding needs to support:

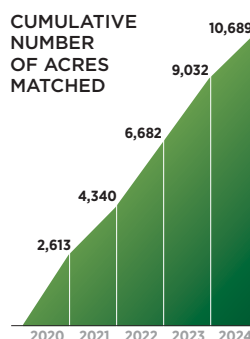
- Historically and currently marginalized farmers to gain secure and equitable access to land
- Retiring farmers to create farm transition plans
- Non-operating farmland owners to make their land available to new and beginning farmers

“The challenge with leasing land is obviously long-term investments. Investing in soil value and infrastructure will help you have a more profitable, viable business, but if you don’t have long-term security, it’s difficult to justify.” — **SAM ROSE**, FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY FARM



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MATCHES OF FARMERS WITH FARMLAND



Farmland for a New Generation New York Program Impact

- **211 matches of farmers to 10,689 acres of land**; plus 26 matches in progress through 2024
- Over **297,646 visits to NYFarmlandFinder.org** to view listings, farm jobs, resources, and events through 2024
- **1,009 landowners and land seekers** received one-on-one guidance from Regional Navigators and American Farmland Trust in 2024
- **12 Spanish-speaking farmers** supported in 2024
- **5 written resources** translated to Spanish in 2024

