NYS Grown & Certified Celebrates a Decade of Success and Collaboration!

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the NYS Grown & Certified program at Indian Ladder Farms! We had a blast celebrating with all our partners and agricultural businesses who have been instrumental in growing the program over the years.

Since the program began, NYS Grown & Certified has proudly dedicated more than $34 million in support of its participating producers and retailers, including Indian Ladder Farms, with funding supporting farm infrastructure upgrades and on-farm environmental stewardship and food safety efforts.

The celebration also marked 10 years of Indian Ladder Farms' flagship NYS Grown & Certified craft cider, making it the perfect place to celebrate both milestones. During the event, guests were able to sample the craft cider, along with products from several other NYS Grown & Certified farms and businesses.

Commissioner Ball shared a few words, along with Indian Ladder Farms Owner Laura Ten Eyck, Co-Owner and Head Brewer Dietrich Gehring, State Senator Patricia Fahy, Northeast Shared Services Manager of Marketing Strategy, Tyler Blance and Stewart's Shops Public Relations

Manager Robin Cooper, to commemorate the program. Commissioner Ball also joined Ten Eyck and Gehring in a toast celebrating the people and businesses that have made the program a success.

For the past decade, NYS Grown & Certified has helped connect consumers with New York Grown products, while providing new opportunities for agricultural development in New York State. With thousands of farms participating, millions of dollars dedicated, and countless consumers touched, NYS Grown & Certified is spreading the word that New York has some of the best food grown right, right here in the State.

A special thanks to all the New York State Grown & Certified agri-businesses who took part in the celebration including:

- **Argyle Cheese Farmer**, Hudson Falls, NY
- **Beth's Farm Kitchen**, Old Chatham, NY
- **Black Squirrel Farms**, Penn Yan, NY
- **Ghost Light Farm**, Cambridge, NY
- Members of the **Long Island Oyster Growers Association**
- **Reeves Farms**, Baldwinsville, NY
- **Sugar Oak Farms**, Malta, NY
- **Sun Mountain Apiary**, Delanson, NY

In addition, check out the video below from producers and partners who have helped make the past 10 years possible. Read more about the festivities **here**.

We can’t wait to celebrate 10 more years of success!

Reminder: $1.3 Million Available to New York State Grown & Certified Farmers for Research and Development

More than $1.3 million in funding is available through the New York State Grown & Certified Research and Development Grant. This funding, which is being administered by the New York Farm Viability Institute, is specifically dedicated to research and development to help our NYS Grown & Certified agricultural producers, processors, and distributors launch new products or even increase distribution of existing products.

The grant is available to businesses currently enrolled in the program and making edible products. Applications that meet all technical requirements will be awarded funding on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Grants will range from $10,000 to $50,000.

The Request for Applications (RFA), details on Technical Requirements, and webinar recordings can be found **here** on the NYFVI website. Questions can be emailed to **nysgcgrants@nyfvi.org**.

This funding opportunity builds on the **$8.5 million in funding** awarded to NYS Grown & Certified participants this past fall for infrastructure and technology projects. Learn more about this opportunity **here**.

Welcome All Around!

We welcome our newest participants to the program. From craft beverages to fiber to vegetables and fruits, beef, poultry, maple, and grains, and more, we thank our newest farms below for joining New York State Grown & Certified in the month of September/early October. Welcome!

- Cook Family Enterprises/The Cook Farm, Owl's Head, NY
- Never Done Farm, Granville, NY
- Sacandaga Sap Co., Northville, NY
- Flat 12 Mushrooms, Buffalo, NY
- Farmer T's Pickles/Greenfield Forever LLC, Greenfield Center, NY
- Fossil Stone Vineyards LLC., Greenfield Center, NY
- Zook's Fruit Farm, Sprakers, NY
- Michael Fisher Family Farm, Sprakers, NY

Help Us Celebrate!

We are still celebrating NYS Grown & Certified's 10th anniversary through the end of the year and want to share the good news far and wide! While we shared all the entries we have received so far in the special video presentation linked above, we are still accepting short video messages to add to the current video.

So, we are inviting all program participants to join us in the celebration by sending us a short video message, wishing the program a "Happy 10th!" or

“Happy Anniversary!” and welcome video clips with any additional thoughts about the program. Also, if you attended the celebration at Indian Ladder Farms and took photos or videos you can send those as well. To submit a video or photo, or if you have any questions, please email **Julia.Mason@agriculture.ny.gov**.

We've already received some really excellent video congratulations, so thank you to all of those who have submitted a video so far! Our goal is to highlight as many producers from across the state, in all commodities, and shine a spotlight on New York’s diverse and thriving agricultural community. We hope you’ll join in the celebration!

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