



## AGENCY COMPARISON FOR USDA CONTRACT

	NYS Education Dept	NYS Dept of Agriculture & Markets
Administration of Child Nutrition Program	✓	✓
Conduct Administrative Reviews ( <i>as per USDA contract</i> )	✓	✓
Provide Nutrition Education: Agriculture in the Classroom	✓	✓
Provide Technical Assistance: training for school districts	✓	✓
Provide Technical Assistance: training for farmers, produces, growers		✓
Ability to prioritize Child Nutrition Program within state agency		✓
Priority on Food Delivery & Procurement ( <i>food creation in New York</i> )		✓
Provide Resources: Network of Food Contacts ( <i>distributors, farmers, direct relationship with USDA</i> )		✓
Provide Resources: Making connections between producers and schools		✓
Program Participant Efficiency: <i>Consolidation to a single website to house resources for schools regarding food, distribution, procurement</i>		✓
Funding Opportunities: Farm to School Grants		✓
Lead Coordinator: NYS Farm to School Coordinating Committee		✓
Lead Coordinator: NYS School Milk Task Force		✓
Lead Coordinator: NY Council on Hunger and Food Policy		✓
Economic Development Impact - <i>uses network of growers and producers to develop new products to sell to schools</i>		✓
Agriculture Programs: NY Grown & Certified Program		✓
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Federal Funds: Ability to use the indirect costs from USDA contract to align with direct interests that benefit school meal programs		✓
Agency Mission: Familiarity with the farm-side of school food service programs		✓
Agency Mission: Extensive knowledge of federal and state agrarian landscapes		✓
Promotion of Food Safety		✓

# AGENCY WEBSITES AND INFORMATION REGARDING PRIORITIES

## NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

(<https://agriculture.ny.gov/>)

**Our mission** is to promote New York State agriculture and its high-quality and diverse products, foster agricultural environmental stewardship, and safeguard the state's **food** supply, land, and livestock to ensure the viability and growth of New York's agriculture industries.

Working together, our Divisions: promote New York's agricultural producers and products and the state's **food** and beverage companies; connect the New York's farmers to new markets to grow the agricultural economy; improve access to fresh, local **foods** to consumers across New York through farmers' markets and farm-to-school programs; protect and enhance New York State's natural resources and working landscapes; maintain plant health by detecting and preventing the spread of diseases and harmful invasive species, promoting integrated pest management, regulating the sale of seed and fertilizers, and ensuring the health of honey bees; promote sustainable animal production agriculture; protect the safety of the animal origin **food** supply; inspect companion animal shelters; protect the safety of the **food** supply in New York State from the producer to the consumer through inspection and testing; and assure measurement accuracy of scales and gas pumps, as well as thousands of different packaged commodities for a fair and equitable commercial marketplace.

**IT'S SIMPLE!**

**Let's put our school meal programs with the agency focused on **FOOD!****

## NYS Education Department

(<http://www.nysed.gov/>)

**Our mission** is to raise the knowledge, skill, and opportunity of all the people in New York. Our vision is to provide leadership for a system that yields the best educated people in the world.

The State Education Department has the following main branches, each under the direction of the Commissioner of Education:

### **Office of P-12 Education (P-12)**

*The Office of P-12 Education oversees pre-K through 12th grade programs. The Office of P-12 Education has diverse responsibilities carried out by the P-12 Program Offices.*

### **Office of Higher Education (OHE)**

*This division oversees colleges, universities and proprietary schools; is responsible for the certification of teachers and other school professionals; and oversees programs to improve teacher preparation and recruitment.*

### **Office of Cultural Education (OCE)**

*OCE includes the State Archives, the State Library, the State Museum, Office of Public Broadcasting Office and the Summer School of the Arts. These institutions are responsible for increasing the knowledge and information resources of State and local government, businesses, and individuals. The Office supports research, operates programs, and develops collections that serve the long-term interests of the institutions and residents of New York and support arts education for high-school students.*

### **Office of Performance Improvement and Management Services (PIMS)**

*PIMS includes the offices of Information Technology, Facilities and Business Services, State Review Office and External Audits.*

### **Chief Financial Office (CFO)**

*CFO includes the offices of Human Resources, Fiscal Services, Budget Coordination, Education Finance, Internal Audit and Internal Controls.*

### **Office of Counsel**

### **Office of the Professions (OP)**

*Since 1891, the Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department have overseen the preparation, licensure, and practice of the professions. Currently, the Office regulates forty-eight professions defined in Title VIII of the Education Law.*

### **Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES)**

*The Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES) focuses on the education and employment needs of New York State's adults: Vocational Rehabilitation (including Independent Living Administration), Adult Education, High School Equivalency (HSE/TASC™), and Career Schools.*