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The New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association (NYCSGA) is a grassroots organization representing corn and soybean producers' interests.

The Association works to develop and expand markets, educate members and consumers, and enhance public policy for corn and soybean growers in the Empire State. We also sponsor research on corn and soybean production, utilization and marketing and host educational programs on management, production, and marketing. The Association is a Qualified State Soybean Board (QSSB) and administers New York's soybean checkoff.

NYCSGA has served as the QSSB for New York farmers as part of the national soy checkoff program since 2010. The farmer-driven board oversees and manages New York's share of funds received from the checkoff program.

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Tom Corcoran, President
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's hard to believe spring is right around the corner. I don't know about you, but I have some unfinished projects I need to complete soon.

Speaking of unfinished business, your New York Corn & Soybean Growers Association (NYCSGA) has been working hard on your behalf in many areas. Our advocacy team is always on top of the issues facing our members. They may not win every battle, but they certainly leave a lasting and respected impact in Washington, D.C. and Albany fighting diligently on our behalf. Thank you Ostroff Associates, National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), and the American Soybean Association (ASA) for everything you do!

Some of our board members and Executive Director just returned from the Commodity Classic in Houston, TX. For those who are not familiar with this meeting, this is where the NCGA, ASA, United Soybean Board (USB), and other organizations hold meetings that set policies for 2024 and beyond and provide educational opportunities for attendees. As a voting delegate for NCGA, I have the privilege to participate in these discussions to help shape the future of the corn industry. NCGA is working on many projects that will benefit American growers. Thank you for letting us represent you in Houston!

For all those who attended our 2024 Winter Expo, thank you for your support. It was great to see you all, and we hope you'll join us on August 8, 2024 at Rodman Lott & Son Farms in Seneca Falls for our 2024 Summer Crop Tour!

In closing, I would just like to wish you all a safe and productive planting season!

Your president,
Tom Corcoran



NEW YORK CORN & SOYBEAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets *For the Years Ended September 30, 2023*

Total Revenue	\$719,222
Net Assessment Revenues	\$535,411
Assessment revenues collected from first purchasers	\$533,255
Assessment revenues collected from other QSSBs**	\$557,042
Less assessment revenues remitted to other QSSBs	(\$120)
Less assessment revenues remitted to USB***	(\$554,766)
Grant Income	\$7,500
Membership Income	\$38,995
Event and Sponsorship Income	\$115,914
Miscellaneous Income	\$21,402
Total Expenses	\$655,851
Administration	\$456,611
Promotion	\$18,707
Information and Communication	\$122,361
Research	\$58,172
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions — End of Year	\$557,098
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions — Beginning of Year	\$493,727
Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	\$63,371

*Full audited financials available upon request

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CHECKOFFS

GENERATING DEMAND. BUILDING MARKETS. SUPPORTING FARMERS.

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and promotion programs



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commodity producers
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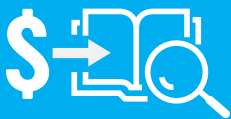


Funds raised go toward
research, promotion and
education initiatives, all
aimed at driving demand for
U.S. agricultural products



There are currently
more than 20 commodity
checkoffs from beef to dairy
to pears, including soy

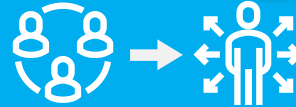
THE BENEFITS OF CHECKOFFS



Checkoffs fund research that helps
commodities uncover production
efficiencies, nutrition benefits,
new usages and new markets.



Checkoffs help growers of all sizes
pool resources to market and promote
their commodities to consumers, food
manufacturers, menu developers and
other purchase decision makers.



This research and promotion helps build
and maintain demand for the commodity,
which, in turn, brings ROI to the farmer,
who then is better able to support their
family, employees and surrounding rural
communities.



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ASSOCIATION**

ARE ALSO PART OF THE UNITED SOYBEAN BOARD AND
STATE CHECKOFFS

THE SOY CHECKOFF WORKS TO

**CREATE DEMAND FOR FARMERS
SELLING TO ANIMAL AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS**

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adhesives and turf



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and shoes



Biodiesel
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and versatile supply of ingredients,
reducing companies' need for
petroleum-based compounds in
commercial and industrial products.



Soybeans help manufacturers
replace possible carcinogens and
meet demand for more sustainable,
environmentally friendly products.



MEETING THE DEMANDS OF A GROWING WORLD

The American Soybean Association represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. While ASA works in conjunction with USB, its direct congressional and regulatory advocacy efforts are not funded by the checkoff.

ASA is a resource for information on the soy checkoff and also soy priorities such as trade, transportation and infrastructure, farm policy, biodiesel, biotechnology, sustainability and conservation, and other issues affecting agriculture.



3 SNEAKY SIGNS YOU'RE NOT EATING ENOUGH FIBER AND HOW SOY CAN HELP

BY CHELSEA LEBLANC, RDN, LD

SOY

What if you heard there's a nutrient that curbs cravings and leaves you feeling full and content after every meal? What if that same nutrient can also help reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease and boost gut health?

What is this special nutrient? It's fiber. The craziest part is only 7 percent of adults are eating enough of it!

Though the symptoms of having too little are not always easy to spot, here are three signs to look for and some easy tips to help you eat more fiber with soy.

1. You're hungry shortly after eating.

Fiber has the fantastic ability to keep you feeling full and

satisfied after meals because it takes longer for your body to digest fiber-rich foods. If you're including other filling foods like protein and healthy fat at meals, but you're still raiding the fridge soon after, you're likely missing the fiber.

2. You're going to the bathroom too much, or not enough.

Let's talk about that taboo topic — bathroom breaks. If you're making too many trips or not enough, your fiber intake might need a little boost. Fiber works wonders for your digestive system by regulating bowel movements, ensuring everything moves along smoothly. It's like your body's natural plumber, keeping things flowing just right.

Fiber helps slow gastrointestinal transit time (helping with diarrhea) and stimulate gastrointestinal motility (helping with constipation).

On top of all this, eating more fiber can help strengthen the lining of your colon. Researchers believe this might be why diets rich in fiber are linked to a lower risk of colon cancer.

3. You have high cholesterol.

Another one of fiber's superpowers is its ability to bind to cholesterol in our bloodstream and move it out, preventing plaque build up in our arteries. In fact, a large study published in *Nutrients* showed that for every 7 grams of fiber eaten daily,



your risk of heart disease drops by 9 percent!

Now that you're convinced that you need to eat more fiber, you might be asking yourself — how? It's easier than you think. Foods like whole grains, fruits, veggies, nuts, beans, seeds, and soy are all sources of fiber.

How much do you need?

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans suggests the following amounts of fiber:

- **Women under 50:** 25 to 28 grams per day
- **Men under 50:** 31 to 34 grams per day
- **Women 51 and older:** 22 grams per day
- **Men 51 and older:** 28 grams per day

Soy fiber content

While many are aware of the impressive nutritional benefits of soy, like being a complete plant-based protein, having heart-healthy fats and essential vitamins and minerals, it's often overlooked that soy is also a source of dietary fiber.

One-half cup of soybeans provides approximately 5-6 grams of dietary fiber. It's important to note that not all soy foods have equal amounts of fiber. Tofu and soymilk, for example, contain very little fiber. On the other hand, soy foods that use the whole bean, such as tempeh, edamame, and textured vegetable protein (TVP), have more.

- **Tempeh:** ½ cup = 5 grams of fiber
- **Edamame:** ½ cup = 4 grams of fiber
- **TVP:** ½ cup = 6 grams of fiber ■



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2024 WINTER EXPO

BY COLLEEN KLEIN, Executive Director
New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association

The New York Corn & Soybean Growers Association held its annual Winter Expo on January 16, 2024 at Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, New York. We were excited to welcome back Dr. David Kohl, a favorite keynote of the organization, to present Mega Trends — 2024 and Beyond! Dr. Kohl's infectious energy is always a crowd favorite, and he did not disappoint.

The group was also joined by Robert White, Vice President of Industry Relations at the Renewable Fuels Association, who spoke to the group about the upcoming opportunities for utilization of renewable fuels. Western New York Energy was on-hand with their new Flex Fuel PHEV, an excellent example of a combination of low-carbon technologies to reduce emissions today!

Alan Martinez of the Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability led a panel discussion on the implementation of the New York Outcomes Fund, an initiative endorsed by NYCSGA to reward farmers for their conservation practices.

The afternoon sessions were all about the economy and the group was graced with two great minds: Scott Gerlt, Chief Economist for the American Soybean Association, and Ryan Olson, Industry Affairs Manager at the U. S. Soybean Export Council. Together they discussed policy issues facing the soybean industry and global market access and preference for U.S. soy.

The day ended with the awarding of the yield contest top honors. Jake Dates of Red Creek, New York walked away as champion in both the corn and soybean contests. Jake and his family won a complimentary trip to Commodity Classic in Houston, TX. The full results are listed on the following pages.

2024 Summer Crop Tour

Save the date! Our annual Summer Crop Tour will be on August, 8, 2024 at Rodman Lott & Son Farm in Seneca Falls. We hope to see you there! ■





SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Summer Crop Tour

August 8, 2024
Rodman Lott & Son Farm
Seneca Falls, NY



PHOTOS BY KATIE BECKER

2023 CORN YIELD CONTEST RESULTS

New York State Winners

Rank	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Jake Dates	Red Creek	Wayne	Pioneer	P9998	290.49
2	Jeff Bridge	Elba	Genesee	DEKALB	DKC59-82	272.47
3	Ben Austic	Interlaken	Seneca	Channel	203-70	271.31

West Regional Winners

Rank	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Jeff Bridge	Elba	Genesee	DEKALB	DKC59-82	272.47
2	Dan Pettit	Medina	Orleans	DEKALB	DKC48-68	270.99
3	Andy McIlroy	Pavilion	Wyoming	DEKALB	DKC105-35	262.89

Finger Lakes State Winners

Rank	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Jake Dates	Red Creek	Wayne	Pioneer	P9998	290.49
2	Ben Austic	Interlaken	Seneca	Channel	203-70	271.31
3	Eric Lyon	Lyons	Seneca	Pioneer	P0487Q	268.17

Central Regional Winners

Rank	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Zane Keith	Waterville	Oneida	Pioneer	P00075	257.50
2	Dave Fedor	Whitesboro	Oneida	DEKALB	DKC52-34	255.55
3	Bernie Townsend Jr.	Canastota	Madison	Pioneer	P0035AM	251.95

North Regional Winners

Rank	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Lance Rovers	Chazy	Clinton	Pioneer	P0487Q	263.39
2	Harold Nohle	Mannsville	Jefferson	DEKALB	DKC45-74	254.95
3	Jeff Sullivan	Carthage	Jefferson	DEKALB	DKC47-27	235.36

East Regional Winners

Rank	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Mike Ellers	Schodak	Rensselaer	Pioneer	P0732	252.27
2	Brian Ford Sr.	Westtown	Orange	Pioneer	P1089AM	238.89
3	Kenneth Adams	Amsterdam	Montgomery	Seedway	SW0035	237.79

2023 SOYBEAN YIELD CONTEST RESULTS

New York State Winners

Rank	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Jake Dates	Red Creek	Wayne	Pioneer	P24A46PR	83.79
2	Bob Thompson	Interlaken	Seneca	Pioneer	P25A16E	82.80
*	Bob Thompson	Interlaken	Seneca	Pioneer	P28A42X	81.88
3	Blodgett Brothers	Lima	Livingston	Seedway	SG 1432XTF	81.39

West Regional Winners

Group	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
0	John Macauley	Mt. Morris	Livingston	AgriGold	G0854X	57.48
1	Blodgett Brothers	Lima	Livingston	Seedway	SG 1432XTF	81.39
2	Dan Stein	Leister	Livingston	Seedway	SG 2852XTF	78.40

Finger Lakes State Winners

Group	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
0	Mark Lott	Waterloo	Seneca	Asgrow	AG09XF3	61.57
1	Pit Farms Inc.	Clyde	Wayne	Seedway	SG 1922E3	75.28
2	Jake Dates	Red Creek	Wayne	Pioneer	P24A46PR	83.79

Central Regional Winners

Group	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
0	Jim Collins	Blossvale	Oneida	Pioneer	P07A18X	58.39
1	Jim Collins	Blossvale	Oneida	Pioneer	P16A84X	73.00
2	Joe VanLieshout	Verona	Oneida	Pioneer	P21A53E	76.09

North Regional Winners

Group	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
0	Brian Zumbach	Henderson	Jefferson	Seedway	SG 0720XT	57.48
1	Brian Zumbach	Henderson	Jefferson	Seedway	SG 1432	74.35

East Regional Winners

Group	Entrant Name	Town	County	Brand	Number	Yield
1	Wayne Conard	Sharon Springs	Montgomery	Pioneer	P16A84X	73.65
2	Mike Ellers	Stuyvesant	Columbia	Hubner	H29-19R2X	67.12
3	Mike Ellers	Stuyvesant	Columbia	Chemgro	3354ET	62.21

**If group is not listed, no final entries in this maturity group.*

PAST YIELD CONTEST WINNERS

2022

Corn: Ryan Swede (282.18)
Soybeans: Scott Swartz (100.12)

2021

Corn: Logan Beck (302.32)
Soybeans: Robert Thompson (82.61)

2020

Corn: Henry Everman (298.95)
Soybeans: Pit Farms (91.22)

2019

Corn: Adam Kirby (277.44)
Soybeans: Root Brothers (80.56)

2018

Corn: Henry Everman (273.06)
Soybeans: John Zittel (87.99)

2017

Corn: Henry Everman (319.45)
Soybeans: John Zittel (78.0)

2016

Corn: Charlie Bares (273.30)
Soybeans: Scott Arliss (87.41)

2015

Corn: Kludt Brothers (319.74)
Soybeans: Kevin Witkop (78.10)

2014

Corn: Matt Kludt (282.35)
Soybeans: John Mizro (83.3)

2013

Corn: Henry Everman (297.69)
Soybeans: Brad Macauley (77.21)

2012

Corn: Matt Kludt (278.73)
Soybeans: Myron Brady (85.02)

2011

Corn: Randy Brouillette (225.39)
Soybeans: Scott Arliss (67.08)

2010

Soybeans: Matt Kludt (275.61)

2009

Soybeans: Matt Kludt (308.95)

2008

Soybeans: Ryan Swede (261.33)

2007

Soybeans: Jason Swede (264.85)



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BY BROOKE S. APPLETON, Vice President of Public Policy
National Corn Growers Association

AS SPRING ARRIVES, WASHINGTON POLICYMAKERS AND CORN GROWER LEADERS PREPARE FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

March is an important month in Washington. It's the month that cherry blossoms bloom to the delight of city residents and tourists alike, and many outdoor activities, such as marathons, take off, shutting down city streets on the weekends.

This month is also a time when congressional and administration officials begin to unveil their plans for the year ahead. We saw the beginning of this on March 7, when President Biden gave his State of the Union speech. The president released his proposed federal budget for FY 2025 several days later, even as Congress and the administration are at an impasse on parts of this fiscal year's budget.

If the tone and tenor of the president's address and the Republican response to that address are any indication of what we should expect in the year ahead, we should all

fasten our seatbelts because it is going to be a bumpy ride.

The president, who has trailed in polls against his opponent, former President Donald J. Trump, gave nothing short of a campaign-style speech designed to rally his base and win over independents. Conspicuously absent were the usual olive branches or allusions to working together.

The speech was a reminder that we're not just in an ordinary election year; we're in an election year that will be unusually divisive. I have written at length in previous columns about how the divisions in this city are presenting all kinds of impediments to advancing legislation. We can expect those challenges to grow exponentially in 2024.

This is a concern for farmers, who have numerous priorities before Congress, including farm bill

reauthorization, passage of legislation ensuring year-round access to higher blends of ethanol during the summer months, and advancement of the Next Generation Fuels Act.

To penetrate all the noise in the air in Washington, corn advocates are using ingenuity. Just as the president and members of Congress are setting their agenda for the year ahead, we're reminding these policymakers of our objectives for 2024.

Here is a sampling of our activities:

Meeting with Key Leaders

Numerous corn growers from states in the heartland have visited Washington to meet with their state's delegations to emphasize corn grower priorities. NCGA board members, who will soon be in town for a scheduled meeting, also plan to meet with leaders in



the administration and on Capitol Hill to drive home the importance of corn grower priorities.

Launching Media Campaigns

To keep our messages front-and-center when we're not meeting with key decision-makers, NCGA and state partners are running targeted ads in the D.C. metro area on important corn-centric issues. This includes the environmental and economic benefits of ethanol, our farm bill priorities, and the innovative spirit of farmers and the role they play in environmental sustainability and the economy of rural America. Media campaigns like these round out a broader strategy to keep decision-makers engaged with corn grower priorities.

Interacting with Congressional Candidates

Hopeful Congress-bound candidates flock to D.C. to meet with stakeholders and interest groups to garner support ahead of their intended placement in an office on Capitol Hill. Because of our robust political action committee — Corn PAC — we have the resources to meet with potential partners and champions for our top priorities right here in the town they are striving to work in or stay in. This allows us to prime the pipes of

policy-making to help ensure our members' voices are heard and policy needs are met.

While the next several months will be full of challenges, thanks to the fact that it is a particularly divisive election year, corn grower leaders continue to work hard to advance legislation

that is important to rural economies.

We will keep you posted on developments in these efforts. So, stay tuned!

Here's to March, spring, and an election year full of twists and turns! ■



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SOYBEAN GROWERS CAN MANAGE FOR SCN, MAINTAINING HIGHER YIELDS

BY SARAH HILL

Soybean Research and Information Network

Here's a riddle: name the pest that persists in the soil forever, cannot be eliminated, shows no symptoms on the plants, can reduce soybean yields, and lowers soybean growers' profitability? You guessed it — soybean cyst nematode (SCN).

Microscopic nematodes are more commonly known as roundworms, and according to Erik Smith, Area Field Crop Specialist at Cornell Cooperative Extension, they're everywhere.

"In the scientific community, roundworms are considered the most abundant organism on the planet," he said. "They're in the soil, found in vertebrates, plants, animals, and free living in the environment."

However, Smith clarified that nematodes can be host-specific. For example, plant parasitic nematodes only feed on plants. SCN can infect agricultural crops including soybeans and clovers.

This pervasive organism can also occur in conjunction with several fungal pathogens, including white mold. When present together, SCN and white mold can reduce yields even further than only one of the pathogens by itself.

An Invisible Problem

"The most concerning quality of SCN is that the grower doesn't know they have it just by looking at the plants," Smith said. "It's scary, because the grower may think everything is fine, but they're actually losing money."

Affected plants may be stunted in

appearance, but it's subtle, according to Smith, and may be attributed to other issues, such as drought.

SCN establishes itself by infecting plant roots with free-living juvenile roundworms. Female nematodes make their home in the roots, maturing there and filling their body with eggs. The eggs solidify, becoming a cyst that can persist for years — even after soybeans have been harvested. The entire time, the roundworms are sapping the soybean roots of nutrients, preventing the crop from taking up all the nutrients that are available and making the plants more susceptible to other pathogens.

"A grower might see a lush, green plant, but it's just not thriving as it should be," Smith said.

Widespread Problem

So far, Smith said that SCN is widespread across New York, but most fields seem to only have low populations of SCN, with only two fields showing high populations. A few counties have moderate levels.

"SCN populations are measured by the number of eggs in a cup of soil," he said. "Less than 500 eggs per cup is considered low. Five hundred to 10,000 eggs is moderate, and more than 10,000 eggs is considered high."

Smith recommends conducting soil testing in high-risk areas of crop fields, including the entry, headlands, areas prone to high traffic, sections that flood or remain wet, any consistently low-yielding areas, or low spots.



These plants have senesced prematurely and are infected with white mold and soybean cyst nematode.

SCN is often found co-infesting crops with the fungus that causes Sudden Death Syndrome, rhizoctonia, and white mold.

Photo: Cornell University

“SCN is very common in areas of infested fields near trees or in the shade,” he noted. “If you know you have the pest, keep tabs on the population levels each year so you can better manage for it.”

Soil samples should be kept moist and shipped immediately after sampling to a SCN analysis lab for the best results.

“Make sure you’re testing the soil year after year and scouting your fields to be aware of any SCN population in the soil,” he said.

Management Strategies

Crop rotation is one of the management strategies for dealing with SCN. Seed treatments are available for fields with especially high SCN populations. Another option is to select soybean varieties that are resistant to SCN, but that may not be a choice for much longer, according to Smith.

“In recent years, SCN has begun to overcome that plant resistance,” he said. “If you’re a soybean grower with SCN, there are type tests for SCN that can help determine what type of nematode is present, so you’ll know if those resistant soybean varieties will be effective in your fields.”

Type testing the SCN is helpful in managing the pest, but Smith said that populations need to be fairly high for results to be conclusive. Throughout the Midwest, SCN populations have overcome commonly used resistance traits in many soybean varieties that were

once SCN resistant.

“It’s on our radar and we’re monitoring fields every year,” Smith said. “However, PI 88788 is starting to fail throughout the Midwest. If resistant SCN populations are present, growers should definitely explore SCN-resistant seed treatments, but that can’t be the only tactic they employ.”

Another concern for growers is the fact that crops like pinto beans, navy beans, kidney beans, and black beans are all susceptible to SCN, in addition to soybeans. Although rotating out soybeans for a year can reduce SCN populations by as much as 50 percent, growers have to be careful to select non-host crops for rotation.

Growers have a difficult challenge to prevent an SCN infestation if the pest is in their county or state, but one suggestion Smith offers to stave off nematodes is cleaning equipment between fields — which is especially important for custom operators.

Soybean growers should have a management plan in place to protect their yields and profitability from damage by SCN that includes a variety of strategies and soil testing. ■



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As agriculture continues to evolve, the need to build strong relationships is increasingly important to every organization. NYCSGA's Empire Alliance Partners program aims to support strategic relationships between New York's corn and soybean farmers and organizations who wish to support our advocacy efforts.

Over the last few years, the voice of the New York corn and soybean farmer has grown louder in Albany. We have engaged the expertise of Ostroff Associates, a leading government relations firm, to help amplify our voice and have gained the respect and understanding of many legislators and key stakeholders in the process.

Whether we are fighting for our crop protection tools or championing healthy soil initiatives we do so strategically and with INTEGRITY. The financial support provided by our Empire Alliance Partners and contributors is critical for us to continue to lend the authentic voice of the New York farmer to important legislative issues now and into the future. We believe in the future of agriculture in New York, and it's important that we have a seat at the table.

If you are interested in becoming an Empire Alliance Partner, contact the organization at cklein@nycornsoy.com or (585) 689-2321 to discuss the opportunities for participation.

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