

3rd Quarter Agriculture

7/19/2021

THE FATE OF MARIJUANA IN NEW YORK COULD COME DOWN TO A RACE WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS. NEW YORK SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER HAS INTRODUCED A BILL THAT WOULD DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA AND LEGALIZE INTERSTATE COMMERCE IN POT. IF THAT HAPPENS, STATE'S THAT ALREADY HAVE EXTENSIVE MARIJUANA FARMS COULD FREELY IMPORT THEIR PRODUCT INTO NEW YORK, KILLING LOCAL PRODUCERS BEFORE THEY EVEN GET UP AND RUNNING. TO AVOID THAT, ADVOCATES SAY THE STATE NEEDS TO SPEED UP ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL CANNABIS.

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FARMING IS BIG BUSINESS. A REPORT FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER PUTS THE VALUE OF NEW YORK'S FARM PRODUCTION AT 5-POINT-7 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT COMES EVEN AS THE NUMBER OF OPERATIONS AND THE ACREAGE DEDICATED TO FARMING HAS DECLINED OVER THE LAST DECADE. DESPITE THOSE SETBACKS THE STATE IS SECOND IN THE NATION FOR THE PRODUCTION OF APPLES AND MAPLE SYRUP, AND COMES IN THIRD FOR DAIRY PRODUCTION. THE REPORT ALSO FOUND 96 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S FARMS ARE FAMILY OWNED.

9/3/2021

YOU COULD BE PAYING MORE FOR APPLES AND PUMPKINS THIS FALL. THAT'S ACCORDING TO STATE OFFICIALS, WHO SAY THE WET WEATHER ACROSS THE STATE THIS SUMMER SERIOUSLY CUT INTO PRODUCTION. THAT'S LIKELY TO DRIVE UP PRICES ACROSS NEW YORK FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AS CROP YIELDS COME UP UNDER FORECASTS. IT'S ALSO LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE STATE'S BURGEONING CIDER AND WINE INDUSTRIES, LEAVING SOME CRAFT PRODUCERS WITHOUT ENOUGH FRUIT TO SUPPORT THEIR FALL BOTTLINGS.