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A PROPOSAL IN ALBANY WOULD HELP UNIONIZE FARMS, AND THAT'S NOT GOING OVER WELL WITH SOME FARMERS. AGRICULTURE HAS LONG BEEN EXEMPT FROM A WIDE SWATH OF THE STATE'S LABOR LAWS, BUT THE NEW MEASURE WOULD ROLLBACK SOME OF THOSE PROTECTIONS. THAT INCLUDES IMPOSING AN EIGHT HOUR WORK DAY, REQUIRING DISABILITY AND UNEMPLOYMENT COVERAGE, AND ALLOWING FARM WORKERS TO FORM UNIONS AND COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN. THAT STATE FARM BUREAU IS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL, SAYING IT WOULD CRIPPLE FAMILY FARMS.