The Dairy Advancement Program through the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is designed to enhance long-term viability of New York dairy farms while maintaining a commitment to environmental stewardship. The program is coordinated through Cornell PRO-DAIRY and delivered to farms in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension and agriservice professionals.

Eligible projects assist New York dairy farmers to position their farm for long term economic and environmental sustainability. Funds are used to engage professionals to improve human resource management processes, for financial analysis and to create business plans, to design new or remodeled facilities, to develop farmstead environmental plans, including design of practices identified in the farm CNMP.

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With a preference for small to midsize farms, projects will address specific business needs necessary to meet the challenges of today and position the farm for long term viability.

**Program funds may be used to engage the services of a dairy industry professional in the following categories:**

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**Eligibility**

- You must be a dairy cattle farm shipping milk in the state of New York (dairy heifer boarding operations under the large CAFO size are eligible to apply for environmental planning funds).
- You must have complete financial records for business planning.
- You must complete and submit an application to: prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/dairy-advancement/

Program funds cover 80 percent of a project’s cost. The farm is responsible for 20 percent as well as any amount exceeding the value of the award. Awarded funds are disbursed through Cornell University directly to the industry professional providing services.

Business projects are funded through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

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**Environmental Project Funds**

Program funds may be used to engage the services of a dairy industry professional in the following categories:

**Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) for dairy farms < 300 mature cows**

- CNMP - $6,000 for a certified planner to develop a new Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP).
- CNMP - $4,500 to update an existing CNMP.

**Engineering Services for Best Management Practices on dairy farms < 700 mature cows**

- BMP - $5,000 to design a single best management practice (BMP) identified in the farm CNMP.
- BMP - $10,000 to design a combination of BMPs identified in the farm CNMP.
- BMP - $3,000 for construction oversight and as built certification of a single BMP, up to $6,000 for a combination of BMPs.
- BMP - $2,500 to evaluate an existing structure (BMP).

- Non-contact cooling water reclamation system - $10,000 to install a new water reclamation system.

Environmental projects are funded through the NYS DEC Environmental Protection Fund.