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- National nonprofit founded in 1980
- Work From Kitchen Table to Congress
- Dedicated to Protection and Stewardship of America's Farmland.

Global Food Challenges

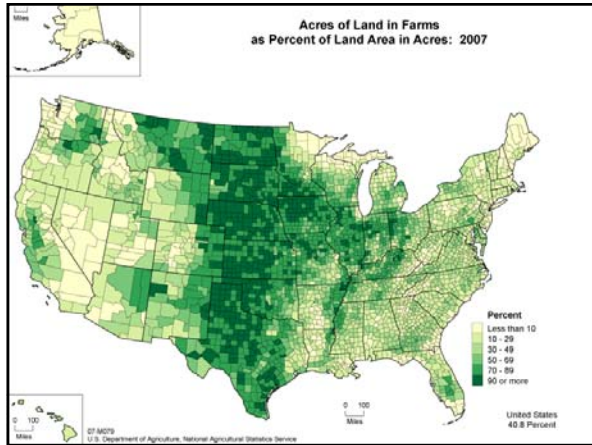
- 2009 UN FAO Report
 - Need to Increase Food Production by 70% by 2050
 - Feed 9 Billion People
 - 90% of Arable Land in Cultivation



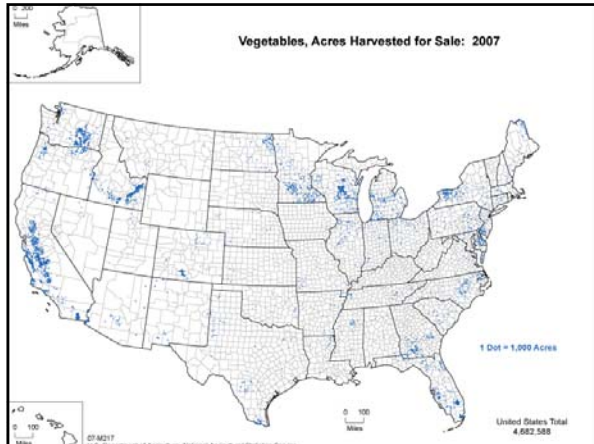
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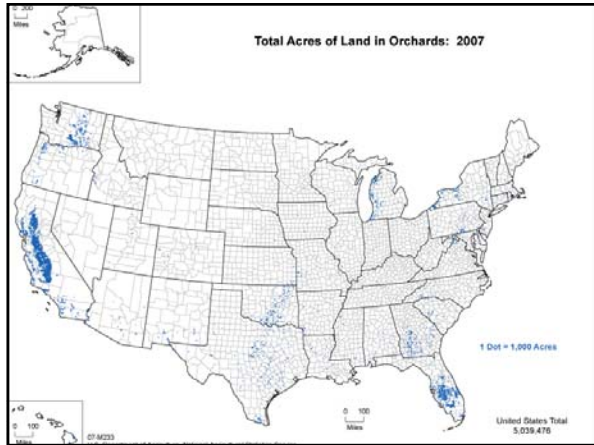
- Public and Private Farmland Acquisitions
 - Qatar, Saudi Arabia, China, South Korea and Other Countries Purchasing or Leasing African Farmland (Kenya, Ethiopia, etc.)
 - Almost \$2 Billion in Venture Capital Raised for Farmland Investments as of 1st Q. 2009 (AgCapita)

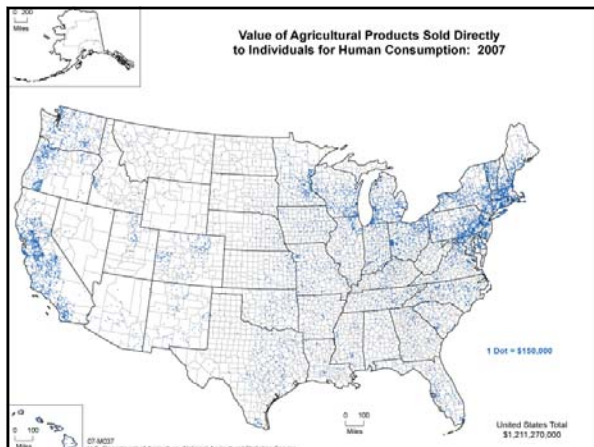

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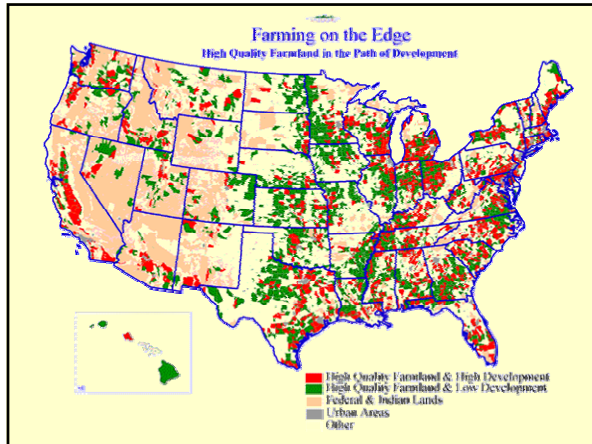


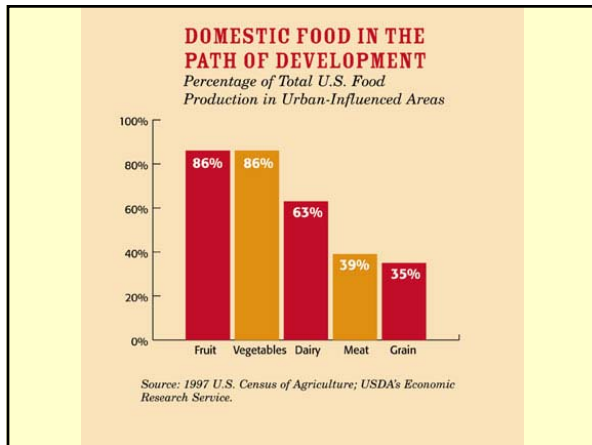












New York Foodprint Study

- Cornell University Team of Researchers
 - Christian Peters, Jennifer Wilkins
- How Many People Can Be Fed From Farms in New York?
 - Analyzed 7 Million Acres Currently in Farming
 - Modeled Land Requirements for 42 Different Diets
 - Range of Results:
 - Atkins Plus – 2.5 Million
 - Lower Meat & Fat with More Vegetables & Fruit – 6 Million
 - Under Optimum Conditions New York Can Feed 6 Million People or 1/3 of State's Population
- Eroding Ability to Feed Ourselves as a Farm is Developed Every 3 Days in New York

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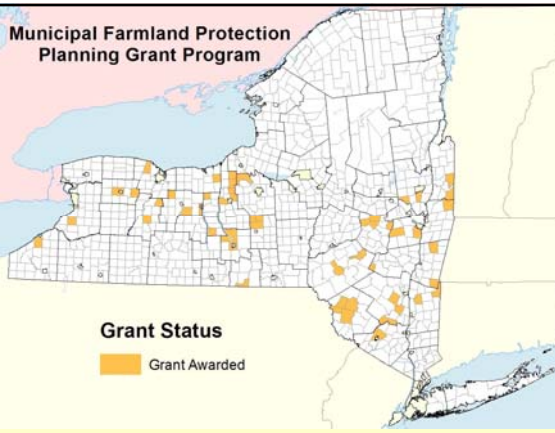
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- Protect Farms from Development

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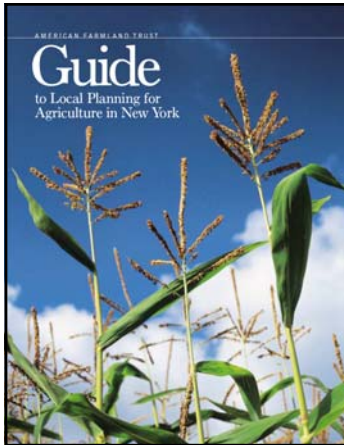
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Municipal Farmland Protection Planning Grant Program



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Guide
to Local Planning for
Agriculture in New York

- Pro-active
- Keep Farmers in Business
- Protect Farmland
- Town-Based Assessment
- 9 Town-Based Tools
- Profile 30 Towns

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Investing in Farmers and Public Health

- Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)
 - Just Food’s Local Produce Link
- Food Procurement
 - 20% by 2020 – NYS CFP
 - Albany County
- Fresh Checks/Health Bucks

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Incentives for Development Rights Programs

- NYS Farmland Protection Program: \$174 million to protect 300 farms and 74,000 acres since 1996
- County and Town Funding
 - Community Preservation Act: > \$500 million for Long Island
- Other Incentives
 - State Conservation Easement Tax Credit = 25% of Property Taxes Paid on Protected Land
 - Federal Income Tax Deduction for Conservation Easement Donations
