

Department of Agriculture

Performance Indicators - FY2026 Materials

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Revised	FY26 Target
Core Mission 1 : Protecting the Public			
Bee hive colonies inspected (a)	1,561	1,000	1,000
Gypsy moth aerial suppression (municipalities surveyed)	60	50	50
Nursery plant dealer inspections (units)	500	500	500
Nursery locations inspected (units)	1,050	1,050	1,050
Phytopsanitary inspections	200	200	200
Food safety audits performed	97	100	100
Fruit and vegetable shipping points inspected (lbs. of produce)	32,191,660	39,000,000	39,000,000
Fruit and vegetable terminal markets inspected (lbs. of produce)	192,072,554	200,000,000	200,000,000
Feed, fertilizer and lime registrations issued	1,079	1,300	1,300
Organic registrations issued	4,535	4,750	4,750
Wholesale seedsmen registered	145	145	145
Aquaculture licenses issued	5	5	5
Dairy store licenses issued	10,555	10,500	10,500
Dairy dealer licenses issued	310	290	290
Detection of animal diseases (tests performed)	28,144	24,000	24,000
Livestock, equine and poultry disease management (field investigations performed)	1,324	1,500	1,500
Feed, fertilizer and lime samples taken	944	750	750
Feed, fertilizer and lime deficiencies	280	140	140
Animal waste management plans completed and filed	17	20	25
Beneficial Insect Lab: Weed defoliating weevils produced	100,000	100,000	100,000
Beneficial Insect Lab: Insect parasitoid adults produced	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Dairy financial disputes settled	34	75	100
Dairy investigations conducted	3,756	3,500	3,500
Dairy Change of Supplier Notices filed	97	100	100
Ag Chemistry lot inspections	7,793	5,500	5,500
Milk pooled (pounds)	74,865,240	75,000,000	75,000,000

Note (a): Beehive colony inspections will begin again this spring.

Core Mission 2 : Feeding NJ's School Children and the State's insecure			
Total school breakfasts served	61,000,000	65,000,000	65,000,000
Total school lunches served	116,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000
Total meals in child & adult care food programs	43,000,000	45,000,000	45,000,000
Total meals in summer food program	5,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000

Total food distributed under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Commodities program, including fresh fruits and vegetables (pounds)	47,573,539	41,500,000	40,000,000
Total purchases via the State Food Purchase Program (pounds)	7,504,911	8,000,000	8,000,000

Core Mission 3 : Promoting and Supporting NJ Agricultural and Aquacultural Industries and Product.			
Agricultural operations whose products meet Jersey Fresh standards	398	398	398
Consumer advertised impressions for Jersey Fresh (b)	192,669,465	192,000,000	195,000,000
Technical assistance to potential aquaculturalists (hours)	75	75	75

Note (b): Impressions are expected to decrease due to uncertainty about grant funding continuing

Core Mission 4 : Preservation and Conservation of Natural Resources			
Acres of farmland preserved	2,393	3,500	4,500
Easement purchase transactions	34	55	70
Number of county and nonprofit owned easements monitored for compliance annually	2,329	2,115	2,200
Number of State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) owned easements monitored for compliance	603	590	610
Technical and administrative assistance to Soil Conservation Districts (hours)	1,700	2,000	2,000
Conservation assistance provided to NJ farmers (hours)	1,850	2,000	2,600
On-site inspections by Soil Conservation Districts to ensure adherence to chapter 251 regulations	50,000	53,000	53,000
