COVID-19 Economic Impacts on Agriculture & Rural Areas

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Outline

• Trends in cases and fatalities by rural/urban status
• Short term economic fallout
• Agriculture and food processing
• NERCRD and RRDC Resources
Initial change in consumer spending, COVID-19 pandemic

https://tracktherecovery.org
In **New York**, as of May 15 2020, the number of hourly employees in small businesses decreased by **63.3%** compared to early January 2020.
Why the devastating Impacts on farming…
Pandemic-related changing consumer search terms: food

NERCRD COVID-19
Issues Brief No. 2020-7
Claudia Schmidt, Stephan J. Goetz, Sarah J. Rocker, Zheng Tian
COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 and Number of Farms
County-level COVID-19 Case Rates and Number of Farms with Agritourism (left) and Direct to Consumer Sales (right)
Many small establishments with few employees in the New York City area
A few large establishments with many employees in the New York City area
COVID-19 and Vegetables production
Additional resources

• nercrd.psu.edu
• rrdc.info

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