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**WESTERN NY Results**

1. **Document economic impact of small farms** on their communities to increase investment in and support of small farms
2. Identify **alternative financing strategies** accessible to small farms
3. Develop **food distribution strategies** (e.g. collaborative marketing, product pooling and trucking, food hubs) to expand small farm access to local and regional markets
4. Advocate for **greater investment in small farm services** (i.e. research, extension and education)
5. Develop new and/or expand existing **livestock processing facilities**
6. Develop and promote affordable **energy conservation and renewable energy sources** for small farms
7. Evaluate **livestock processing regulations and policy** for impact on small farms
8. Develop strategies to expand on **agricultural land access**
9. **Recruit youth, minorities, and military veterans** into farming
10. Expand production and processing of **local biomass and biofuels** for small farm
11. Conduct trainings on **alternative livestock production and marketing strategies** to overcome processing bottlenecks
12. Expand **grazing education and research**
13. Evaluate and promote profitable **value-added processing of milk** (e.g. yogurt, cheese) to expand market opportunities for small dairies
14. Expand support for **small farms producing in urban areas**
15. Conduct research and education on **food safety risks** of small farms
16. Identify novel technologies/practices to improve viability of **small dairy FLUID milk production**