

Cuomo: NY Officially America's Yogurt Capital!

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Just sitting down with my cup of New York State produced Chobani Greek lemon yogurt when up pops a release from the Cuomo administration announcing that New York is now the top yogurt producing state in the country. Huzzah!

New York officially overtook California as the top yogurt producer in the country this year.

As Cuomo points out, New York's dairy farmers are the reason for New York's yogurt domination and as both a connoisseur of yogurt and someone who grew up on a farm and surrounded by dairy folk I can attest that both yogurt and dairy folk are sometimes hard to please.

But Cuomo apparently delivered for both sects, promising during [New York's Yogurt Summit](#) to strip restrictive regulations on farms and provide more cash to help ensure that dairy farms do not taint local water supplies with waste runoff.

“The new New York State is a place where businesses can grow and thrive, and the fact that New York State is now, for the first time ever, the nation’s leader in yogurt production demonstrates that our efforts to open the state’s doors to business and grow the private sector are truly working,” Cuomo said in a statement. “Our state government is working closer together with the private sector than ever before, rolling back bureaucratic red tape and addressing the burdens that are facing job creators. With New York State officially being crowned Yogurt Capital of America, it is clear that our approach to growing the economy and creating an entrepreneurial government is paying off.”

According to the governor's release, dairy farming and processing contributes \$8.9 billion to New York's economy. New York is home to yogurt producers that include Chobani and Fage.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo visits the New York State fair last summer. Photo provided by office of the governor.

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