

MASSACHUSETTS FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES -07-08

RIGHT TO FARM

Monitor and protect water resources for agricultural production and consumer use of agricultural products

Support farmers rights to employ usual and customary agricultural practices

LAND USE REGULATION

Assure private property rights and land equity are maintained

BUDGET ITEMS

Support a well funded and independent Department of Agricultural Resources

Support necessary funding for: Integrated Pest Management, “Buy Local” campaigns,
“Agriculture in the Classroom”

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Support tax credits to encourage and recognize energy efficiency on farms

Support a grants and loans program for energy efficiency on farms

Create farm wide, annual net metering at the full retail value of electricity

AGRICULTURAL VIABILITY

Support a grants and loans program for agricultural development and viability

Support a short term and long term solution to the current dairy crisis

Support a consistent definition of agriculture in Massachusetts General Laws