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### **Senator Gobi Announces ACRE Grants for Local Farms**

**BOSTON-** – While celebrating Massachusetts’ farmers at Agriculture Day at the Massachusetts State House, **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** today announced \$87,900 in grants to three local Massachusetts farms to install practices that help mitigate their impacts on climate change and adapt to changing climate conditions. The grants were awarded through the new Agricultural Climate Resiliency & Efficiencies (ACRE) Program, which was created as part of the implementation of Governor Baker’s Executive Order 569, which lays out a comprehensive approach to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions, safeguard residents, municipalities and businesses from the impacts of climate change, and build a more resilient Commonwealth.

The three farms receiving funds are:

- Royal Crest Farm, LLC in Spencer receiving \$27,900 for a no-till drill project
- Carter & Stevens Farm, LLC in Barre receiving \$30,000 for a no-till drill, roller crimper and no-till plant modification project
- Jordan Dairy Farm, Inc. in Rutland receiving \$30,000 for a no-till drill project

"Our farmers are constantly doing their part to keep farms sustainable while balancing environmental issues," said Senator Gobi. "These grants are an important piece of that mission and I congratulate all the awardees and their willingness to try new practices for the good of our climate."

The ACRE program funds materials and labor for the implementation of practices that work towards improving soil health, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and sequestering carbon. As impacts to farms are expected to result from more frequent and severe storm events, increased precipitation followed by periods of drought, higher overall temperature and increased

evaporation rates, the program also offers incentives for agricultural operations to proactively address risks and strengthen their economic and environmental resiliency as they adapt to the changing climate. Proposals that address both mitigation and adaptation in their proposals are prioritized in funding.

Agriculture Day is a collaborative effort between the Massachusetts Promotional Board and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation which brought farmers, producers and agricultural organizations together to feature and promote the diverse locally-grown food and farm products available across the Commonwealth and to discuss challenges affecting the agricultural industry.

For more information please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.

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