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News this evening from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets is that New York has revised the guidance for Essential Businesses to include:

- **Forest products businesses, including those involved in forestry operations, logging, manufacture of lumber and paper products, and the distribution of those products are essential and exempt from the State's guidance for workforce reduction.**

This is a substantial expansion of businesses that will be included in the guidance for Essential Businesses. We need to see how this works its way into other documents, but we should proceed that these provisions apply. Here is the link to the notification of the Ag. & Markets website <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>.

Please see our revised Essential Business Guidance [here](#).

As we see developments tonight and tomorrow, we will advise Member businesses. If you have any questions or would like help, please do not hesitate to contact us. We also ask that if you send a Request for Determination of Essential Business in that you send a copy of your submission to us so we can track and help support your requests. John at 518-573-1441 and jbartow@esfpa.org.