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Open Enrollment for Essex County Agricultural District 1

New York State Ag and Markets sets an open enrollment period for adding parcels to the Agricultural District. The Essex County Agricultural District enrollment period is from October 20 to November 19. Landowners wishing to have parcels added to the Ag District need to submit an enrollment form before November 19th. **Please find the enrollment form and more information on the CCE Essex website in the Agriculture section under Farmland Protection.**

Any landowner producing agricultural products can apply. There is no minimum amount of production required. The inclusion into the Ag District gives the landowner 'right to farm' protection by NYS Ag and Markets. Applications are reviewed for approval by the Essex County Farmland Protection Board.

Any landowners wishing to be included in the Ag District should submit the enrollment form linked on the website referenced above to Carly Summers, 518-962-4810 or cfs82@cornell.edu.

Agricultural District Review Worksheet

This form is to be completed by agricultural or non-agricultural land owners whose lands are within an agricultural district which is the subject to a review or landowners who wish to be included in the district. The information obtained from this form will be utilized by the County to modify agricultural district boundaries (if necessary) and determine the viability of the agricultural district as a whole.

PART I. LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Telephone No. _____

Address: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Please Check One:

- Farmer
 Non-Farmer but Rent Land to Farmer
 Non-Farmer

PART II. FARM DESCRIPTION (IF NON-FARMER, SKIP THIS SECTION AND COMPLETE PART III)

No. of Acres Owned: _____

No. of Acres Rented (from another landowner as part of the farm): _____

Total # of Acres Cropped/Used for Agriculture: _____

List the primary use of farmland (ex. dairy, Christmas tree, sugar bush, orchard, cash crop, vegetable, horticultural specialty, aquaculture, etc.): _____

PART III. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION - please fill out the table below

Tax Parcel ID # (ex 123.4-5-67.8)	Check One Per Tax Parcel ID #			
	Owned and Farmed	Rented and Farmed	Rented to a Farmer	Not Farmed

Attach another sheet if necessary