



Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Recommendations of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Annual Agricultural District Review 2024

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Pursuant to Article 25-AA section 303-b of NYS Agricultural and Markets Law, the Albany County Legislature established an annual review period beginning on February 1 during which property owners may apply to add land to any of the County’s three Agricultural Districts. On behalf of the County Legislature, the County Office of Natural Resource Conservation conducted a review of all landowner applications for inclusion in a District. The findings of this review, which relied on information provided by the landowner, analysis of aerial photos, and in some cases, a field assessment of the subject parcels, have been reviewed by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. Based on this review, the following report and recommendations are submitted for consideration by the County Legislature.

A total of three (3) parcels were submitted for consideration to be included in Albany County Agricultural Districts during the 30-day annual review period beginning February 1, 2023. Of the parcels submitted, Eight (8) parcels were found to be consistent with the intent of agricultural districting and are recommended for inclusion in the appropriate Agricultural District. One proposed parcel for inclusion is a subdivided portion of an existing Agricultural District Parcel. Per instructions from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the three (3) parcels that resulted from this subdivision are being re-added under their new parcel numbers. This re-addition will not result in an increase in acreage of districted land. Five (5) were found to be already included in the District under their current parcel number.

| TOWN | PARCEL | # OF ACRES | AG DISTRICT | Recommendation Of AFPB | Principal Enterprise |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Rensselaerville | 161.-2-43 | 3 | 2 | ADD | Livestock |
| Berne | 80.-1-2.100 | 60.20 | 1 | ADD | Hay |
| Westerlo | 140.-1-30.1 | 58.20 | 2 | ADD | Hay |
| Knox | 68.-1-2.11 | 43.70 | 1 | ADD | Hay |
| Guilderland | 48.00-2-40.2 | 96 | 3 | ADD | Christmas Tree |
| Knox | 46.-2-14.1 | 23.19 | 1 | ADD | Vegetables |
| Coeymans | 178.-1-14.1 | 10 | 3 | ADD | Dairy |
| Guilderland | 26.00-3-34 | 5.40 | 3 | ADD | Dairy |
| Berne | 89.-1-9.31 | 0 | 1 | ADD/correction | Dairy |
| Berne | 89.-1-9.32 | 0 | 1 | ADD/correction | Hay |
| Berne | 89.-1-9.33 | 0 | 1 | ADD/correction | Hay |
| Total Acres Added | | 299.69 | | | |

Parcels Already Included in Agricultural District

| Town | Parcel | Agricultural District |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Berne | 92.-1-14.100 | 1 |
| Knox | 56.-1-4.2 | 1 |
| Knox | 56.-1-9 | 1 |
| Knox | 56.-1-16.1 | 1 |
| Knox | 56.-1-16.2 | 1 |
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