Albany County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

**Recommendations of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board
Annual Agricultural District Review 2025**

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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 Soil and Water Conservation District 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 twelve (12) parcels were submitted for consideration to be included in the Albany County Agricultural Districts during the 30-day annual review period beginning February 1, 2025. Of the parcels submitted, eleven (11) parcels were found to be consistent with the intent of agricultural districting and are recommended for inclusion in the appropriate Agricultural District.

Town	Parcel	# of Acres	Ag District	Recommendation of AFPB	Principal Enterprise
Berne	81.-1-22.100	71.77	1	ADD	Livestock
Rensselaerville	180.-1-10	137.7	2	ADD	Livestock
Bethlehem	121.04-1-16.1	68.09	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	122.00-1-2.11	22.3	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	121.00-3-8.1	122	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	122.00-1-1.11	8.27	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	109.00-3-9	59.4	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	109.00-1-33.1	11.5	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	109.00-3-10	32.9	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	109.00-1-31	11.5	3	ADD	Hay
Bethlehem	109.00-3-4.1	37.69	3	ADD	Hay
Cohoes	10.17-1-3	10.2	3	DENY	Christmas Trees
Total Acres Added		**583.12**			

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