



Recommendations of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Annual Agricultural District Review 2026

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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 fourteen (14) parcels were submitted for consideration to be included in the Albany County Agricultural Districts during the 30-day annual review period beginning February 1, 2026. 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	103.-1-24.3	53.4	1	ADD	Livestock (other than dairy)
Berne	103.-1-9.100	50.08	1	ADD	Livestock (other than dairy)
Bethlehem	84.00-3-9	1.6	3	DENY	Apiary Products
Bethlehem	85.17-3-31	1.51	3	DENY	Apiary Products
Bethlehem	87.03-2-9	5.9	3	DENY	Horticulture Specialties
Bethlehem	120.00-2-29	33.1	3	ADD	Hay
Coeymans	142.-1-44.1	48	3	ADD	Hay
Coeymans	142.-1-44.2	0.63	3	ADD	Hay
New Scotland	95.-3-1.1	14.4	3	ADD	Livestock (other than dairy)
Rensselaerville	159.-1-39	125.3	2	ADD	Hay
Westerlo	127.-1-3.10	83.4	2	ADD	Livestock (other than dairy)
Westerlo	127.-1-3.30	21.11	2	ADD	Livestock (other than dairy)
Westerlo	127.1-1-14.1	14.9	2	ADD	Livestock (other than dairy)
Westerlo	149.-2-12.1	93.7	2	ADD	Hay
Total Acres Added		538.02			