

Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council

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Motor Vehicle Regulations for Agriculture

Proposed Amendments to Sunday and Holiday Travel Restrictions for Farm Vehicles

The Agricultural Advisory Council hosted a seminar on Motor Vehicle Regulations for Agriculture on January 10, 2011, which was presented by Karen Kritz of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Many farmers in attendance were surprised to hear that **current motor vehicle rules prohibit farm vehicles, implements and machinery exceeding 12 feet in width and/or 60 feet in length from traveling on roads on Sundays and holidays.** The Ag Council contacted Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator, Raymond P. Martinez, to request a review of this regulation. Chief Administrator Martinez agreed to have the restriction formally reviewed and possibly revised. The proposed amendment to the farm vehicle travel restriction, along with other Licensing Service amendments, was published in the August 1, 2011, issue of the New Jersey Register. There will be a 60 day public comment period that will extend through September 30, 2011, for comments regarding the proposed regulation changes. The Ag Council encourages farmers to review the proposed amendment and contact the Motor Vehicle Commission to request the amendment of this out-dated travel restriction.

The MVC Proposed Amendments can be found on the Motor Vehicle Commission's website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/rules/080111a.htm>

Comments should be directed to:

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This information is also available on the Ag Council website at: <http://www.millstone.nj.us/agricultural.html>