

Millstone Township
Agricultural Advisory Council
P.O. Box 240, Perrineville, NJ 08535

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This letter is to introduce you to the newly created Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council. We are an advisory council consisting of volunteers appointed by the Township Committee. Our current members are: Chet Halka, Chairman; Anthony Romano, Vice Chairman; Pat Butch, member; Shirley Patterson-Pinhas, member; Gary Wilson, member.

Our goals for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Encourage and promote farming activity and farmland preservation within the Township
- Promote the Right to Farm Act including educating the community about the Act and assisting in mediating right to farm issues
- Analyze how the Township can best protect the continuance and preservation of farmland
- Determine existing and future problems facing farmers and the farming community and recommend solutions to the Township Committee
- Distribute educational and legislative information to farm owners and operators

As a first gesture, I have attached information on The Right to Farm Act. This Act is designed to protect commercial farmers against municipal regulations that constrain farming and against public and private nuisance actions. To qualify as a commercial farm, you must operate a farm of at least five acres and have agricultural or horticultural production worth at least \$2,500. You must also be eligible for differential property taxation under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964. For farms smaller than five acres, the annual production requirement is a minimum of \$50,000.

At this time, we are requesting that you provide an e-mail address where we can reach you. ***Please send an e-mail L-maher@Millstone.nj.us with "AAC Mailing List" in the subject line.*** Include the block and lot number(s) of your property in the text. A database of farm-assessed properties greater than six acres has been created using the information you provided on your farmland assessment application. We will add your e-mail address to our database and include you in informational mailings. ***Please be assured that your e-mail information will not be shared with anyone.***

Sincerely,

Chet Halka
Chairman