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Description: APHIS protects America's animal and plant resources by safeguarding them from exotic invasive pests and disease; monitoring agricultural pests and diseases existing in the US; resolving and managing trade issues related to animal and plant health; and ensuring the humane care and treatment of animals. Link to their website to check out the full range of their programs from the Native American Working Group (NAWG), Veterinary Services, and the Plant Protection and Quarantine Program.

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Description: The objective of the National Poultry Improvement Plan is to provide a cooperative Industry-State-Federal program through which new technology can be effectively applied to the improvement of poultry and poultry products throughout the country. The provisions of the Plan, developed jointly by industry members and State and Federal Officials, establish standards for the evaluation of poultry breeding stock and hatchery products with freedom from hatchery-disseminated diseases. Products conforming to specific standards are identified by authorized terms that are uniformly applicable in all parts of the country. The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) website provides NPIP laboratories, official state agencies, a national directory of current participants in the program, and how to become a participant.

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Food Safety Information

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Description: www.FoodSafety.gov is a website that hosts comprehensive lists of other federal government websites countering Bioterrorism and other threats to the food supply. This website also contains links to Federal Government/Private Sector Partnerships, State and Local Government websites, and International websites.

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Description: Stabilizing farm income, helping farmers conserve land and water resources, providing credit to new or disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and helping farm operations recover from the effects of disaster are the missions of FSA.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Description: ECP shares with agricultural producers the cost of rehabilitating eligible farmlands damaged by natural disaster. During severe drought, ECP also provides emergency water assistance – both for livestock and for existing irrigation systems for orchards and vineyards.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Description: NAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters. This federally funded program covers noninsurable crop losses and planting prevented by disasters.

Price Support Division (PSD)

Description: The PSD priorities affect commodity programs for wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, rice and cotton (Upland and ELS). Affected PSD activities include, but are not limited to, loan making, LDP's, loan servicing and compliance with commodity loan program provisions. Supporting activities and other affected items include, handbooks, notices, regulations, decision memorandums, accounting, automation, training, and dissemination of commodity loan program information.

Loans for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Description: The FSA provides direct and guaranteed loans for beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. Each fiscal year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loan (OL) funds to beginning farmers and ranchers. A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) meets the loan eligibility requirements of the program to which he/she is applying; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and, (4) for FO loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county. (Note: all applicants for direct FO loans must have participated in business operation of a farm for at least 3 years.) If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage, and all stockholders in a corporation must be eligible beginning farmers.

Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Persons

Description: The FSA can make and guarantee loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches. Funds specifically for these loans are reserved each year. Non-reserved funds can also be utilized. A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. This program targets direct and guaranteed loan assistance to socially disadvantaged persons; discovers and removes barriers that prevent full participation of those persons in FSA's farm loan programs; and provides information and assistance to applicants to help them develop sound farm management practices, analyzes problems, and plans the best use of available resources essential for success in farming or ranching.

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)

Description: The MILC program financially compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. The program is authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and has not set funding level.

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Description: The programs of NRCS are aimed at curbing water erosion and wind damage, conserving soil and water resources, stabilizing streams, managing manure, grasslands, and forest lands, and establishing wildlife habitat. NRCS offers a variety of financial incentives including cost sharing to producers and landowners interested in environmental stewardship.

NRCS Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)

Description: AMA is a voluntary program for agricultural producers that provides incentives to address natural resources concerns such as water conservation, water quality, soil erosion, and transition and diversification issues. NRCS conservationists work with producers to develop a conservation plan, design conservation practices, and provide guidance to help implement the plan. AMA provides an opportunity for producers who do not normally participate in government programs to apply for assistance, and for others to supplement what the federal farm programs can offer. This USDA program is targeted toward limited resource farmers, and in New Jersey AMA is available only to agricultural producers who qualify for farmland assessment.

NRCS Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Description: CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. Through CRP, you can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Participants enroll in CRP contracts for 10 – 15 years. The program is administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and supported by the NRCS, Cooperative State Research and Education Service, state forestry agencies, and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Description: EQIP provides cost sharing to help farmers with conservation practices. All sign-ups are conducted at USDA Service Centers in New Jersey. Farmers can apply for cost-sharing for many types of conservation practices. EQIP is a voluntary conservation program from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. It supports production agriculture and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQUIP, farmers may receive financial and technical help with structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land.

NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Description: WHIP provides free technical assistance and reimbursement of up to 75% of the project costs for approved applications. Eligible projects will focus on one of six wildlife habitat improvement practices targeted for WHIP funding in New Jersey.

NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

Description: WRP is a voluntary program that offers landowners a chance to receive payments for restoring and protecting wetlands on their property. The wetlands program provides the following environmental benefits: 1) Enhanced wildlife habitat for migratory birds, 2) Improved water quality, 3) Improved flood water retention and ground water recharge, 4) Increased open space, 5) Opportunities for environmental education.

Plant Material Centers (PMC)

Description: The Plant Materials Program provides native plants that can help solve natural resource problems. The Cape May Plant Materials Center addresses the following priority resource issues: utilizing plants to stabilize sand dunes and prevent shoreline erosion, developing cover crops for use on low residue crops, controlling wind erosion using windbreaks and vegetative barriers, and developing techniques for stabilizing eroding sites. Scientists at the Plant Materials Centers seek out plants that show promise for meeting an identified conservation need and test their performance. After species are proven, they are released to the private sector for commercial production. The PMC website is <http://plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov/njpmc/index.html>.

Soil Survey

Description: The [National Cooperative Soil Survey](#) Program (NCSS) is a partnership led by NRCS of Federal land management agencies, state agricultural experiment stations and state and local units of government that provide soil survey information necessary for understanding, managing, conserving and sustaining the nation's limited soil resources. The Soil Survey in New Jersey is published by the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service in cooperation with NJ Agricultural Experiment Station, Cook College, Rutgers, the State University; and the NJ Department of Agriculture, State Soil Conservation Committee. Soil surveys provide an orderly, on-the-ground, scientific inventory of soil resources that includes maps showing the locations and extent of soils, soils descriptions to meet all reasonable needs for farmers, agricultural technicians, community planners, engineers, and scientists in planning and transferring the findings of research and experience to specific land areas and interpretations derived from that data about potentialities and problems of use on each kind of soil in sufficient detail.

Conservation Technical Assistance

Description: The Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) program provides voluntary conservation technical assistance to land-users, communities, units of state and local government, and other Federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems. This assistance is for planning and implementing conservation practices that address natural resource issues. It helps people voluntarily conserve, improve and sustain natural resources.

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Description: NE SARE mission is to shape agriculture in the Northeast to be diversified and profitable, providing healthful products to its customers, and it is conducted by farmers who manage resources wisely, are satisfied with their lifestyles, and have a positive influence on their communities and the environment. NE SARE is an USDA-funded initiative that sponsors competitive grants for sustainable agricultural research and education. It also offers grants for farmers developing new production practices.

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Description: The role of the RMA is to help producers manage their business risks through effective, market-based risk management solutions. RMA's mission is to promote, support, and to regulate sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America's agricultural producers. As part of this mission RMA operates and manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

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Rural Development

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Description: The USDA Department of Rural Development is responsible for economic and community development in small towns, and rural areas across America. Rural Development programs are administered through three service agencies, The Rural Housing Service (RHS), The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) in New Jersey.

***Rural Housing Service (RHS)** provides direct loans and loan guarantees for single family homeownership and multi-family housing, self-help housing loans, loans and grants for farm labor housing, home improvement and repair loans and grants to eligible very low-income homeowners, and housing preservation grants to eligible entities. Also, community facilities grants, direct loans and loan guarantees may be used to construct or improve facilities providing essential services.*

***Rural Utilities Service (RUS)** provides loans and grants to develop and/or improve water and wastewater systems, solid waste disposal systems, and storm drainage systems. RUS also provides assistance for the development of telecommunications and distance learning systems.*

***Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)** provides direct loans and guarantees to rural business and industry. RBS also provides grants to facilitate development of small businesses. RBS also provides Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants (VADG). This program provides 50% matching grants for agricultural developers and groups of producers to determine the feasibility of adding value to farm products to increase profits.*

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Description: The State Board of Agriculture is New Jersey's highest official agricultural body and is responsible for establishing policies within the framework of agricultural laws for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The eight-member board approves rules and regulations, sets program priorities and approves budget requests.

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Description: New Jersey's Secretary of Agriculture is the department's executive officer, secretary to the State Board of Agriculture and a member of the Governor's cabinet. The Office of the Secretary supports programs relating to the economic development of production agriculture; the marketing of agricultural products through the Jersey Fresh program; conservation and development of natural and renewable resources; distribution of surplus federal commodities to soup kitchens, food pantries, schools, state hospitals and institutions; and the health and well-being of the state's greenhouse/nursery and livestock industries as well as other programs related to these areas. For additional information on the role of the Office of the Secretary please consult the website provided above.

New Jersey Agricultural Statistics

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Description: Agricultural statistics are essential for the orderly development of production and marketing decisions by farmers and agribusinesses. The data is used to monitor changes within the agriculture industry and to develop farm policy related to legislative initiatives, agricultural research, rural development and related activities. The New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service (NJASS), is a cooperative program between NJDA and USDA, and it is the primary source of statistical information on the agriculture sector in New Jersey. Several publications, available to the public, are prepared each year summarizing the latest information including New Jersey Weekly Digest, Farm Fact, Fruit and Vegetable Crops, Cranberry Statistics, and Blueberry Statistics.

Agriculture and Rural Development Services

NJDA, Agriculture and Rural Development Services

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Description: If you are an entrepreneur interested in starting or expanding your agriculture business, the Agriculture and Rural Development Services offers a free service that can help you track down the resources you need to assist you in bringing your project to fruition. If you need help in finding sources of agriculture credit and finance, business development, farm building construction, motor vehicle regulations for agriculture, real property appraisals for farm structures, agriculture recycling development, or just don't know who to call to get things moving, one telephone call can point you down the path to initiate your agribusiness endeavor.

Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources

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Description: The Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources is responsible for a variety of services and programs that maintain and enhance the viability of New Jersey agriculture and related agribusinesses. The division administers policies and programs to conserve and develop the state's soil, water and related natural resources and to establish a close interdepartmental cooperation on issues including non-point source pollution control, waste management and water resources. The division also offers a wide range of services to promote greater economic development, including regulatory mediation and mitigation and conservation grant programs. In addition, the division continues to work with New Jersey's commercial fishing and aquaculture industries to help them gain a larger share of both national and international markets for their products.

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Phone: (609) 292-3965

Website: www.state.nj.us/agriculture/animal.htm

Description: The division of Animal Health maintains disease control programs to protect the health of livestock in New Jersey. The division tracks information about emerging diseases around the world that may impact the Garden State, conducts epidemiological investigations of livestock diseases and drug residues, operates an animal health diagnostic laboratory, manages a contagious equine metritis quarantine facility in Long Valley for imported horses and supports an aggressive Johnes disease control program.

Division of Food and Nutrition

John Fitch Plaza
PO Box 330
Trenton, NJ 08625-0330
Phone: (609) 984-0692

Description: The Division of Food and Nutrition maintains programs for child nutrition, school/summer food programs, and food distribution services.

Division of Marketing and Development

John Fitch Plaza
PO Box 330
Trenton, NJ 08625-0330
Phone: (609) 984-2234

Description: The Division of Marketing and Development maintains programs related to marketing and development promotions, Sire Stakes, market news and cooperatives, licensing and bonding, equine advisory, dairy and commodity regulations, dairy economist, and inspection and grading. For more information contact the division director.

Division of Plant Industry

John Fitch Plaza
PO Box 330
Trenton, NJ 08625-0330
Phone: (609) 292-5441
Website: www.state.nj.us/agriculture/plant/index.html

Description: The Division of Plant Industry's goal is to safeguard New Jersey's plant resources from injurious insect and disease pests, a goal made more challenging by the globalization of the world economy. Through its detection, inspection, eradication and control programs, the division helps to ensure that farmers and others who buy and sell plants and plant products enjoy high quality, pest-free products. The division oversees programs that certify that plant stock for interstate and international shipments is free of plant pest, conducts surveys for new plant pests, protects forested communities from defoliation and tree loss caused by the gypsy moth, inspects honeybees for harmful diseases and pests, regulates the quality of plant seeds, and produces and releases beneficial insects to reduce crop and environmental damage and decrease dependence on chemical pesticides.

State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC)

John Fitch Plaza

P.O. Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625-0330

Phone: (609) 984-2504

Fax: (609) 633-2004

E-mail: ralph.siegel@ag.state.nj.us

Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc/overview.htm>

*Description: The SADC leads in the preservation of New Jersey's farmland and promotes innovative approaches to maintaining the viability of agriculture. The SADC administers the **Farmland Preservation Program**, providing grants to counties, municipalities and nonprofit groups to fund the purchase of development easements on farmland; directly purchasing farms and development easements from landowners; and offering grants to landowners in the program to fund up to 50 percent of the cost of soil and water conservation projects. Also administers the **Right to Farm Program**, oversees the **Transfer of Development Rights Bank** and operates the **Farm Link Program**, which matches farm sellers with potential buyers.*

Farmland Preservation (SADC)

John Fitch Plaza

PO Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625-0330

Phone: (609) 984-2504

Fax: (609) 633-2004

Description: For farm landowners, participation in the Farmland Preservation Program means a stronger land base to support New Jersey's agricultural industry, the satisfaction of knowing their land will forever be preserved as farmland, and access to the resources that can help them achieve their personal and financial goals. Land is eligible for the Farmland Preservation Program if it qualifies for farmland tax assessment and is part of an agricultural development area B, an area where the County Agriculture Development Board has determined that farming is viable over the long term.

County Agriculture Development Boards are responsible for approving most applications to the Farmland Preservation Program. Therefore, they are the starting point for most interested landowners. County Agriculture Development Boards review and approve applications, and then forward them to the SADC, coordinating with the State and local municipalities throughout the process.

The value of a farm or development easement is established through two independent appraisals. Once a value has been determined and agreed upon, and an application has been approved, the sale can proceed.

For more information contact your County Agriculture Development Board; or contact the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) at (609) 984-2504.

Right to Farm Program (SADC)

John Fitch Plaza

PO Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625-0330

Phone: (609) 984-2504

Fax: (609) 633-2004

E-mail: gregory.romano@ag.state.nj.us

Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc/protectright.htm>

Description: The Right to Farm Program was established to maintain the farmers' ability to continue their operations with minimal governmental constraints and with protection from public and private nuisance actions. The Act provides the following benefits to eligible commercial farmers:

- *Agricultural activities including, but not limited to, production, processing and packaging of agricultural products, farm market sales, agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities are protected.*
- *To prevent unnecessary state regulation of commercial farms, every state department or agency which proposes a regulation must prepare an agricultural impact statement detailing the proposed regulation's impact on New Jersey's agriculture industry.*
- *Commercial farms are protected from unduly restrictive municipal regulations and public and private nuisance lawsuits.*
- *A conflict resolution process has been established to improve communication between farmers, municipalities and private citizens and reduce litigation time and expense incurred by the agriculture community.*

In order to receive these significant protections, however, commercial farms:

- *Must be operated in conformance with federal and state laws, agricultural management practices recommended by the SADC or site specific agricultural management practices;*
- *Must not be a direct threat to public health and safety; and*
- *Must be located in an area where agriculture was a permitted use under municipal zoning ordinances; or*
- *Must have been operating as of December 31, 1997.*

Farm Link Program (SADC)

John Fitch Plaza

P.O. Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625-0330

Phone: (609) 984-2504

Fax: (609) 633-2004

Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc.farmlink.htm>

Description: Farm Link matches potential buyers and sellers of farmland. The program is useful for those who want to expand their farms or start farming, and also for retiring farmers or landowners who would like to ensure that their land stays in agricultural production but have no family members who want to continue to farm. The program also serves as a clearinghouse for information on everything from the availability of preserved farms for sale, to business contacts and resources. To view the Farm Link Seller's or Purchaser's Questionnaire visit the Farm Link website indicated above.

Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Bank

P.O. Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 984-2504

Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc/tdrbank.htm>

Description: New Jersey's Transfer of Development Rights Bank is located in, but not of, the SADC, which provides staff to its Board of Directors. The Bank provides financial and other assistance to landowners and municipalities that enact TDR ordinances. It also maintains a statewide registry of land protected through the transfer of development rights. Transfer of Development Rights programs are designed to encourage a shift of growth away from agricultural, environmentally sensitive or open space regions of a municipality to more appropriate areas. Chesterfield and Lumberton townships in Burlington County have adopted TDR ordinances. For more information check out the TDR website listed above.

Farmland Assessment

Robert Bruch

John Fitch Plaza

P.O. Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625-0330

Phone: (609) 984-2503

Description: New farmers may not realize it but NJ provides farmland owners an opportunity to lower the real estate taxes on qualified farmland. New Jersey's Farmland Assessment Act, administered by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, provides for lower assessment based on productivity of farmland if it meets specific eligibility criteria. To qualify for the tax assessment reduction, a landowner must have no less than five acres of farmland actively devoted to an agricultural or horticultural use for the two years immediately preceding the tax year being applied for and meet specific minimum gross income requirements based on the productivity of the land.

Sales and Use Tax on Farmer's Purchases

Robert Bruch

Phone: (609) 984-2503

Also see **New Jersey Department of Taxation** on page 32 of guide

Risk Management and Crop insurance

Robert Bruch

John Fitch Plaza

P.O. Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625-0330

Phone: (609) 984-2503

Description: The Garden State Risk Management and Crop insurance Education program is a partnership between NJDA, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and USDA's Risk Management Agency. The purpose of the program is to provide New Jersey farmers with the most up-to-date information regarding risk management strategies and crop insurance. Used correctly, risk management strategies can spread, transfer, or reduce many kinds of risk associated with farming.

County Agriculture Development Boards

Description: The Agriculture Development Boards assist the counties in the implementation and coordination of the State's Farmland Preservation Program.

Atlantic County Agriculture Development Board
6260 Old Harding Highway
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
Phone: (609) 625-3144
Fax: (609) 625-7360

Burlington County Agriculture Development Board
P.O. Box 6000
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
Phone: (856) 642-3850 Fax: (856) 642-3860
Camden County Agriculture Development Board
423 Commerce Lane
Suite 1
West Berlin, NJ 08091
Phone: (609) 767-6299
Fax: (609) 767-1676

Cape May County Agriculture Development Board
4 Moore Road, D.N. 309
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
Phone: (609) 465-1086
Fax: (609) 465-1418

Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board
1200 North Delsea Drive
Office of Government Services
Clayton, NJ 08312
Phone: (856) 307-6451
Fax: (856) 881-4191

Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board
Route 12
Administration Building #1
P.O. Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822
Phone: (908) 788-1490
Fax: (908) 788-1662

Mercer County Agricultural Development Board
McDade Admin. Building Rm. 420
640 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08650
Phone: (609) 989-6545
Fax: (609) 989-6546

Middlesex County Agriculture Development Board
Middlesex County Planning Department
40 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Phone: (732) 745-4014
Fax: (732) 745-3011

Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board
1 East Main Street, Second Floor
Hall of Records Annex
Freehold, NJ 07728
Phone: (732) 431-7460
Fax: (732) 409-7540

Morris County Agriculture Development Board
P.O. Box 900
30 Schuyler Place
Morristown, NJ 07963
Phone: (973) 829-8120
Fax: (973) 326-9025

Ocean County Agriculture Development Board
129 Hooper Avenue
P.O. Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754-2191
Phone: (732) 929-2054
Fax: (732) 244-8396

Salem County Agriculture Development Board
Salem County Agricultural Complex
51 Cheney Rd.
Woodstown, NJ 08098
Phone: (856) 769-3708
Fax: (856) 769-3391

Somerset County Agriculture Development Board
County Administrative Building
20 Grove Street, Box 3000
Somerville, NJ 08876
Phone: (908) 231-7021
Fax: (908) 707-1749

Sussex County Agriculture Development Board
Sussex County Administrative Office
One Spring Street
Newton, NJ 07860
Phone: (973) 579-0500
Fax: (973) 579-0513

Warren County Agriculture Development Board
PO Box 179
5500 Mt. Pisgah Ave.
Oxford, NJ 07863
Phone: (908) 453-2650
Fax: (908) 453-3150

Soil Conservation Districts

Description: There are 16 Soil Conservation Districts to conserve and manage soil and water resources in the state. They are the primary local agency addressing concerns for water quality, storm water problems, sedimentation problems, and non-point source pollution.

Cape-Atlantic Soil Conservation District
6260 Old Harding Highway
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
Phone: (609) 625-3144
Fax: (609) 625-7360

Bergen County Soil Conservation District
327 Ridgewood Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652
Phone: (201) 261-4407
Fax: (201) 261-7573

Burlington County Soil Conservation District
1289 Route 38, Suite 100
Hainesport, NJ 08036
Phone: (609) 267-7410
Fax: (609) 267-3347

Camden County Soil Conservation District
423 Commerce Lane
Suite 1
West Berlin, NJ 08091
Phone: (856) 767-6299
Fax: (856) 767-1676

Cape-Atlantic Soil Conservation District
6260 Old Harding Highway
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
Phone: (609) 625-3144
Fax: (609) 625-7360

Cumberland County Soil Conservation District
P.O. Box 144
1516 Route 77
Deerfield, NJ 08313
Phone: (856) 451-2422
Fax: (856) 451-1358

Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District
15 Bloomfield Ave.
North Caldwell, NJ 07006
Phone: (973) 364-0786
Fax: (973) 364-0784

Gloucester County Soil Conservation District
301 Hollydell Drive
Sewell, NJ 08080
Phone: (856) 589-5250
Fax: (856) 256-0488

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District
687 Pittstown Road, Suite #1
Frenchtown, NJ 08825
Phone: (908) 788-9466
Fax: (908) 788-0795

Mercer County Soil Conservation District
508 Hughes Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Phone: (609) 586-9603
Fax: (609) 586-1117

Freehold Soil Conservation District
211 Freehold Road
Manalapan, NJ 07726
Phone: (732) 446-2300
Fax: (732) 446-9140

Morris County Soil Conservation District
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963
Phone: (973) 285-2953
Fax: (973) 285-8345

Ocean County Soil Conservation District
714 Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731
Phone: (609) 971-7002
Fax: (609) 971-3391

Salem County Soil Conservation District
P.O. Box 168
Deerfield, NJ 08313
Phone: (856) 769-1124
Fax: (856) 769-1358

Somerset-Union Soil Conservation District
308 Milltown Road
Somerset County 4-H Center
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Phone: (908) 526-2701
Fax: (908) 526-7017

Sussex County Soil Conservation District
186 Halsey Road
Suite 2
Newton, NJ 07860
Phone: (973) 579-5074
Fax: (973) 579-7846

Warren County Soil Conservation District
224 Stiger Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
Phone: (908) 852-2579
Fax: (908) 852-2284

NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)

PO Box 402

Trenton, NJ 08625-0402

NOTE: The NJDEP has an online series of modules developed to facilitate Industry/DEP transactions via the Internet. The goal was to provide a simple, easy to use interface to perform your business. Currently you can perform the following functions online:

- Register to submit Private Well Test Results
- Download and submit DMRs, WCRs and RTRs
- Process Air General Permits
- Download and Submit Air Excess Emission Reports
- Process Air Permit/Certificate Renewals
- Submit Right to Know Chemical Inventory Surveys
- Submit Underground Storage Tank Enclosures
- Submit Underground Storage Tank Initial Registration
- Submit Underground Storage Tank Registration Modifications
- Submit Underground Storage Tank Renewals
- Submit Release and Pollution Prevention Reports (RPPR)
- Submit Pollution Prevention Plan Summaries (P2)

Website for NJDEP ONLINE: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/online/>

Information Main Line (NJDEP)

Phone: (609) 777-3373

Website Main: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/units.htm>

Description: The NJDEP is a unified major agency that administers aggressive environmental protection and conservation efforts. This website contains their main departments and information on available programs.

Bureau of Water Allocation

Fred Sickels, Acting Bureau Chief

401 East State Street

P. O. Box 426

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0426

Phone: (609) 292-2957

Fax: (609) 633-1495

Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/alocatin.htm>

Description: The Bureau of Water Allocation, operating as an arm of the Water Supply Administration, is responsible for: 1) Ensuring that surface and ground water diversions do not exceed the sustainable yield of available water resources and do not adversely impact existing users of the resource and 2) Protecting the ground water resources of the State through proper well drilling activities. The Bureau is comprised of two sections: 1) Well Permitting and Regulations, and 2) Water Resources Management.

Division of Fish and Wildlife

N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife

P.O. Box 400

Trenton, NJ 08625-0400

Phone: (609) 259-7954

E-mail: njwildlife@nac.net

Website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/about.htm>

Description: The mission of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is to protect and manage the State's fish and wildlife to maximize their long-term biological, recreational and economic values for all New Jerseyans. Call or visit their website for hunting and fishing licenses and information on New Jersey's wildlife.

Additional Phone Contacts for the Division of Fish and Wildlife:

DEP Environmental Hotline 877-WARNDEP (927-6337)

Description: 24-hour toll-free number for reporting environmental complaints and abuses including spills, discharges and emergencies. This phone number replaces the Action Line number (609-292-7172).

General Information 609-292-2965

Deer and Turkey Permit Hotline 609-292-9192

Endangered & Nongame Species 609-292-9400

Exotic Species Permits 609-292-9591

Freshwater Fisheries 609-292-1599

Hunter Education 877-2-HUNT-NJ

Law Enforcement 609-292-9430

Marine Fisheries 609-292-2083

Mosquito Control 609-292-3649

Rifle Permits 609-984-1400

Trout Stocking Hotline 609-633-6765

Wildlife Education 609-292-9450

Wildlife Management 609-292-6685

Wildlife Management Area Information 609-984-0547

Deer and Wildlife Damage

Phone: (908) 735-8793

Description: Call to report deer and wildlife damage or to request permits to shoot.

Wildlife Control Units

Central

Assunpink Wildlife Management Area

One Eldridge Road

Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Phone: (609) 259-7955

North

Clinton Wildlife Management Area
P.O. Box 400
Trenton, NJ 08625
Phone: (908) 735-8793

South

Winslow Wildlife Management Area
220 New Brooklyn-Blue Anchor Road
Sicklerville, NJ 08081
Phone: (856) 629-7224

Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste

John Castner, Director
P.O. Box 414
401 E. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625
Phone: (609) 984-6880
Fax: (609) 984-6874

Description: The Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste is dedicated to the environmentally sound and cost effective management of solid and hazardous wastes and recyclable materials, to protect the public health, preserve the environment, and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the State of New Jersey.

Open Burning Information

Phone: (609) 292-2977

Pesticide Control Program

Phone: (609) 984-6507

For Pesticide License Applications

Phone: (609) 984-6614

Worker Protection Standards Unit (WPS)

Phone: (609) 984-6914

Description: The department's Worker Protection Standards (WPS) are rules designed to minimize exposure of farm employee's to pesticides, and includes requirements for pesticide safety education, exposure prevention, and mitigation for personal exposure to pesticides. The DEP typically inspects 200 farms throughout each year for compliance with the WPS regulations.

NJ Department of Labor (NJDOL)

Occupational Safety and Training Unit

Phone: (609) 633-2587

Website: <http://www.nj.gov/labor/lsse/lspbosh.html>

Description: The Occupational Safety and Health Training Unit provides occupational safety and health training for both public and private sector employers and employees. All training is provided at no cost to the employer and is provided at the employer's facility.

Division of Wage and Hour Compliance

Agricultural Compliance Section

P.O. Box 389

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0389

Phone: (609) 292-2305

Website: <http://www.nj.gov/labor/lsse/lscrwapp.html>

Description: Information or assistance regarding any laws and/or regulations with regard to agriculture or agricultural-related industries and information concerning the work minors may or may not perform while working in agricultural pursuits.

New Jersey Department of Taxation

Sales and Use Tax on Farmers Purchases

NJ Division of Taxation Call Center

Phone: (609) 292-6400 OR

NJDA Contact: Bob Bruch

Phone: (609) 984-2503

Description: The New Jersey Sales and Use Tax Act imposes a six percent tax on receipts from every retail sale of tangible personal property and the sale of certain services, except as otherwise provided in the Act. A farm enterprise may also incur a use tax liability when taxable goods or services are purchased for use in New Jersey but sales tax was not collected, or collected at rates less than six percent. The seller must collect the tax on a sale of taxable property or services unless the purchaser provides a proper completed New Jersey exemption certificate on items exempt from sales or use tax.

New Jersey On-line Business Filing and Registration Service

Business Services Unit

Phone: (609) 292-9292

Website: www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/dcr/filing/leadpg.htm

Description: Through this service, you may file new corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships, as well as obtain authorizations for foreign (out of state) businesses to conduct operations in New Jersey. You may also register any business for taxes and employer contributions for unemployment and disability and obtain temporary certificates of authority for sales tax on-line.

New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA)

NJEDA General Information

P.O. Box 990
Trenton, NJ 08625-0990
Phone: (609) 292-1800
E-mail: njeda@njeda.com
Website: <http://www.njeda.com/>

Description: The NJEDA is a self-supporting, independent state financing and development agency serving New Jersey's business community. It is used for relocating and expansion not for new farms. If you are looking for an affordable way to add new space, buy that new piece of equipment or hire more employees to support your growth, the NJEDA has over 20 different programs to choose from that may match your needs whether you're a business start up or a Fortune 500 corporation.

Financing for small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses

William Moody, Director
Commercial Lending Division
NJEDA
P.O. Box 990
Trenton, NJ 08625-0990
Phone: (609) 292-0187
E-mail: cld@njeda.com
Website: http://www.njeda.com/finance-small_mstr.htm

New Jersey Commerce

New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission

Office of Business Services
20 West State Street
P.O. Box 820
Trenton, NJ 08625-0820
Phone: (609) 777-0885
Fax: (609) 292-9145
Website: www.state.nj.us/commerce/smallbiz.html

Description: As the lead economic development agency in the state, the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission is committed to helping women- and minority-owned enterprises and small businesses thrive. Women- and minority-owned enterprises and small businesses can get vital information and support on topics like: State Procurement, Marketing, Business Plans, Financial Assistance, Start-ups, Government Programs, Management Assistance, and Referral Services. OBS certifies and registers small businesses for participation in certain government programs.

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Health and Agriculture Building

P.O. Box 360

Trenton, NJ 08625

Occupational Health

Phone: (609) 984-1863

Veterinary Public Health

Phone: (609) 588-3121

W.I.C. Food Delivery System & Farmers Nutrition Program

Phone: (609) 292-9560

New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES)

NJAES General Information

Phone: (732) 932-1000 ext. 577

E-mail: research@njaes.rutgers.edu

Website: www.njaes.rutgers.edu

Description: The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) is the legislated research and outreach arm of the state dealing with agriculture, renewable natural resources, youth development, and family and consumer sciences. NJAES is mandated by the state and federal governments to conduct research and outreach to address the needs of New Jersey Residents as they relate to agriculture. The research arm of NJAES represents a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the state of New Jersey. The outreach arm of NJAES, Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE), joined the research component of the NJAES in 1914. RCE is a continuing partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, the state of New Jersey, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. RCE assists the transfer of laboratory and field research to people through educational and technical assistance programs to help them solve problems and gain skills needed to improve their lives, businesses, and communities.

Food Innovation Research and Extension Center (FIRE)

87 East Commerce Street

Bridgeton, NJ 08302-2601

Phone: (856) 459-1125

Fax: (856) 459-3043

Website: www.fire.rutgers.edu

Description: The Food Innovation Research and Extension (FIRE) Center was created by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University in 2001. FIRE offers client companies a full range of services, that include business development, market development, product and process development, quality assurance and food safety assistance, regulations and compliance support, workforce development, training programs and more.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Website: www.rce.rutgers.edu

Description: Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) helps the diverse population of New Jersey adapt to a rapidly changing society and improve their lives through an educational process that uses science-based knowledge. We focus on issues and needs relating to agriculture and the environment; management of natural resources; food safety, quality, and health; family stability; economic security; and youth development. RCE is an integral part of Cook College, the New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station, and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the State of New Jersey, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension reaches people through meetings, workshops, conferences, publications, electronic communication, distance learning and mass media.

County Extension Offices

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Atlantic County
6260 Old Harding Highway
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
Phone: (609) 625-0056
Fax: (609) 625-3646

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Bergen County
One Bergen County Plaza – 4th floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076
Phone: (201) 336-6780
Fax: (201) 336-6874

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Burlington County
49 Rancocas Road
PO Box 6000
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
Phone: (609) 265-5050
Fax: (609) 265-5613

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Camden County
152 Ohio Avenue
Clementon, NJ 08020
Phone: (856) 566-2900
Fax: (856) 566-2910

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County
4 Moore Road
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210-1601
Phone: (609) 465-5115
Fax: (609) 465-5953

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County
291 Morton Avenue
Millville, NJ 08332
Phone: (856) 451-2800
Fax: (856) 451-4206

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex County
162 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 353-5958

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County
Office of Government Services
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312
Phone: (856) 307-6450
Fax: (856) 881-4191

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hudson County
114 Clifton Place, 9th Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07304
Phone: (201) 915-1392
Fax: (201) 915-1394

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County
P.O. Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822-2900
Phone: (908) 788-1340
Fax: (908) 806-4735

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County
930 Spruce Street
Trenton, NJ 08648
Phone: (609) 989-6830
Fax: (609) 396-9573

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County
390 George Street
8th Floor
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Phone: (732) 745-3443
Fax: (732) 745-3478

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County
20 Court Street
Freehold, NJ 07728
Phone: (732) 431-7260
Fax: (732) 409-4813

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
Phone: (973) 285-8300
Fax: (973) 605-8195

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County
Extension Center
1623 Whitesville Road Route 527
Toms River, NJ 08755
Phone: (732) 349-1246
Fax: (732) 505-8941

Rutgers County Cooperative Extension of Passaic County
1310 Route 23 North
Wayne, NJ 07470
Phone: (973) 305-5742
Fax: (973) 305-8865

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Salem County
51 Cheney Rd., Suite 1
Woodstown, NJ 08098
Phone: (856) 769-0090
Fax: (856) 769-1439

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County
County Administration Building
P.O. Box 3000
Somerville, NJ 08876
Phone: (908) 231-7000
Fax: (908) 704-1821

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Sussex County
129 Morris Turnpike
Newton, NJ 07860
Phone: (973) 579-0985
Fax: (973) 579-0996

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County
300 North Avenue East
Westfield, NJ 07090
Phone: (908) 654-9854
Fax: (908) 654-9818

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Warren County
165 County Route 519 South
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Belvidere, NJ 07823
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Family Business Resource Center

Family Business Programs

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Description: The Family Business Resource Center can help your business flourish into the next generation. The only program in South Jersey to support and counsel family businesses and that has the backing of local business organizations. Typical programs offered can help you successfully transfer control to the next generation, develop skills in resolving family conflict, find your way through intergenerational differences, plan your estate to ensure the future of your business and consider the needs of key employees who are not family members.

Public Utilities

Call Before You Dig

Phone: (800) 272-1000

Description: If you are going to dig, blast or drill you must give three (3) working days notice. Call to locate underground utilities. Remember it's the law.