

Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan

Survey for Those who Rent Land to Farmers

Introduction

Ulster County is working to revise and update its County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, which was adopted by the Ulster County Legislature in 1997. As part of this effort, we are reaching out to farmers, farmland owners, and the general public to understand diverse interests and perspectives on agriculture and identify key issues, challenges, and opportunities to the agricultural industry in Ulster County.



We hope you will share your thoughts with us by participating in the following survey, which will take about 10 minutes to complete. All responses will remain anonymous. We welcome your input and thank you in advance for contributing to this very important effort.

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Ulster County Agriculture Survey

Questions for Landowners Who Rent Land to Farmers

This set of questions is for landowners who rent land to farmers to answer.

1. How many acres of land do you rent to farmers?

2. In what city, town, or village in Ulster County is this property located? If your land is in multiple locations, choose the town where the majority of land is located?

3. Is your farmland in a New York State-Certified Agricultural District?

- Yes, all of it is in a NYS-Certified Agricultural District
- Yes, some of it is in a NYS-Certified Agricultural District
- No
- Not sure

4. If yes, in which NYS-Certified Agricultural District is your farmland located?

- District #1
- District #2
- District #3
- District #4
- Not sure

5. List three positive features of farming in Ulster County.

Positive 1:

Positive 2:

Positive 3:

6. Do you receive an Agricultural Value Assessment to reduce property taxes on any of the land you rent to farmers?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

7. What agricultural activities take place on your land? Check all that apply.

- Field crops (e.g., hay, corn, soybeans) are grown
- Fruits or vegetables are grown
- Pasturing of animals
- Specialty crops (e.g., flowers, hops, hemp) are grown
- Use of buildings and barns for animals or storage
- Use of forest land for forest products
- Use of land for selling agricultural products (farm stand, CSA, pick your own)
- Use of land for agritourism activities
- Other (please specify)

8. Over the next five years, do you intend to do any of the following? Check all that apply.

- Decrease the amount of acreage to be rented for farming, but continue to rent some land to farmers
- Continue renting the same number of acres of land for farming
- Lease or sell my land for a solar farm
- Sell my land for agricultural use
- Sell my land for residential or commercial development
- Stop renting my land for farming activities
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

9. From your experience working with local farmers, what are the biggest issues facing farms in Ulster County?

10. Please offer any additional thoughts about agriculture in Ulster County.