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SADC to Host Regional Meetings on Farmland Preservation Opportunities

Interested in preserving your farm? The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) will hold three regional outreach meetings to explain the various farmland preservation options and application process.

The meetings will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- Monday, November 29th, at the Rutgers EcoComplex, Exit 52A (Columbus) off I-295 in Mansfield Township, Burlington County;
- Wednesday, December 1st, at the Morris County Cultural Center in Morris Township (3.5 miles west of the Morristown Green); and
- Thursday, December 9th, at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Center, 291 Morton Avenue, in Rosenhayn, Deerfield Township, Cumberland County.

“Farmland Preservation Program staff will be available to provide an overview of the program, explain the preservation process and offer landowners an opportunity to ask any questions they may have,” said Agriculture Secretary Kuperus, who chairs the SADC. “There never has been a better time to apply for preservation, and these sessions will be a valuable source of information for anyone interested in preserving farmland or simply learning more about the program.”

Topics of discussion will include:

- the advantages of farmland preservation;
- application deadlines for the direct easement purchase, nonprofit, planning incentive grant and Pinelands county easement purchase programs;
- information on deed restrictions, the appraisal process, value trends, ranking criteria and exceptions, housing opportunities and other application details;
- additional funding available for Highlands farms under all program options.

County agriculture development board administrators and members, and planning incentive grant municipal representatives also have been invited to attend.

For more information on the meetings or the Farmland Preservation Program, contact the SADC at (609) 984-2504.

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