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Farmland Preservation Summit to Highlight Process Improvements, Other Strategies to Promote Retention of New Jersey's Farmland

Changes under way to streamline the farmland preservation process, improving coordination among preservation partners and other strategies to promote the retention of New Jersey's farmland will be among the topics of discussion at the New Jersey Farmland Preservation Summit on March 3rd at the Cook Campus Center in New Brunswick.

"The Farmland Preservation Summit is an important opportunity to focus on the improvements we'll be implementing this year to make the Farmland Preservation Program more effective and efficient, as well as increase understanding of the many related tools that can help us save our farms, keep our farmers on the land and strengthen our agricultural industry," said Agriculture Secretary Charles M. Kuperus.

The summit is sponsored by the State Agriculture Development Committee, which administers the state Farmland Preservation Program; Cook College, Rutgers University; the N.J. Department of Agriculture, and American Farmland Trust.

The day-long summit is intended for county and local government officials, nonprofit organizations and other preservation partners.

An agenda and registration forms are available on the State Agriculture Development Committee's website at www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc/sadc.htm or by calling (609) 984-2504. Registration is \$15 and must be received by Feb. 21st.

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