

## RESOLUTION # 45

### ANIMAL WASTE

1           **WHEREAS**, we support the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's cooperative  
2 efforts in developing a comprehensive animal waste management program for livestock  
3 farms that considers and incorporates the environmental, alternative-energy and economic  
4 aspects of animal waste; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Department recognizes animal waste as a nutrient- and energy-rich  
6 resource and continues to explore alternative uses of animal waste, including bio-gas  
7 production, and allowing for the productive reuse of manure as a means to reduce the use of  
8 synthetic fertilizers, which reduces hauling costs and benefits the environment; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Department works in conjunction with its conservation partners to  
10 implement demonstration projects, such as the one that installed best management practices  
11 at the Rutgers Equine Science Center, to provide hands-on training and research facilities to  
12 educate livestock owners on the design, implementation and construction of cost-effective  
13 environmental management practices and facilities to minimize water quality impacts and  
14 provide an opportunity for the evaluation of the effectiveness of such practices and facilities;  
15 and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Department continues to identify ways to assist livestock farmers  
17 with self-certified and high-density plan development and implementation to assure that the  
18 animal waste management program is effective, practical, affordable and feasible.

19           **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the delegates to the 107<sup>th</sup> State  
20 Agricultural Convention, gathered in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Feb 9-10, 2022, do hereby  
21 urge livestock operators to file animal waste management plans; eight to 299 animal units,  
22 with the county ag and natural resource agents, and 300-plus animal units with the  
23 Department of Agriculture in order to comply with state regulations regarding the need for  
24 such plans, and we further direct the Department to continue to recognize animal waste as a  
25 resource and continue to explore alternative uses of animal waste including bio-gas

26 production that could help meet the State Energy Master Plan goals, allow for the productive  
27 reuse of manure, reduce hauling costs and benefit the environment.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we direct the Department to continue to work in  
29 conjunction with conservation partners to: implement demonstration projects, such as the  
30 one that installed best management practices at the Equine Science Center; to provide  
31 hands-on training and research facilities to educate livestock owners on the design and  
32 construction of cost-effective environmental management practices and facilities to identify  
33 opportunities for implementation incentives for facilities to minimize water quality impacts  
34 (such as in the State cost-share program and the Farm Bill); and provide an opportunity for  
35 the evaluation of the effectiveness of such practices.