

Memo

To: Agricultural Community

From: Jeffrey C. Everett, Deputy Executive Director, SADC

Date: 9/26/2018

Re: Rural Microenterprises on Preserved Farmland

P.L. 2015, c.275, the New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act, supports the viability of family farms in New Jersey by expanding the opportunity for economic activity on qualifying preserved farmland. The Act also provides an opportunity and means to protect historically significant barns and other farm structures that contribute to the State's rural landscape and history.

Please find attached copies of the law and regulations along with a fact sheet and application. We welcome prospective applicants and look forward to the opportunity to walk interested landowners through the process. We are planning on reviewing the application process with County Agriculture Development Board Administrators at their upcoming meeting and can follow that up with successive meetings with interested parties. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions at 609-984-2504 or SADC@ag.state.nj.us. Any assistance you can provide to help promote this program would be appreciated.

c: Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher Susan E. Payne, SADC Executive Director

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