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Ms. Betty Lou Textor, Land Use Director
Township of Howell
2510 Preventorium Road
Howell, NJ 07731

Dear Ms. Textor:

The Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board (MCADB) received a Right-to-Farm complaint on July 23, 2012 against Mr. John Dahlgren's farming operation located at [redacted] d. Staff has reviewed the matter and has determined that it be referred back to Howell Township for the following reasons:

- The basis of the complaint deals with the trespassing of livestock onto a neighboring property. Trespass is not a protected activity under the Right-to-Farm Act.
- The farm operator, Mr. Dahlgren, has not provided sufficient proof that he is a commercial farm. Proof of commercial farm status includes a farmland taxation treatment status forms, signed and notarized income form, and proof of agricultural production income in the form of receipts or income tax information. The MCADB has no jurisdiction in such matters when the farmer does not provide proof that the operation is a commercial farm.

Therefore, the MCADB does not have jurisdiction in this matter and refers it back to the Township of Howell.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Amanda Brockwell
Farmland Preservation Coordinator

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