



MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Ms. Cristianna Cooke-Gibbs, Health Officer
Washington Township Health Department
43 Schooley's Mountain Road
Long Valley, NJ 07853

Re: Right to Farm Act - Conflict Resolution Matter
Valley Shepherd Creamery

Township of Washington

Dear Ms. Cooke-Gibbs:

The Morris County Agriculture Development Board (Morris CADB) is in receipt of the documents your office submitted regarding Valley Shepherd Creamery including Violation Notices issued by Washington Township, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA).

In light of the Notices of Violation issued by the NJDEP and the NJDA against Valley Shepherd Creamery, the Morris CADB cannot grant a hearing at this time. The Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-9, does not protect farms that are in violation of State law and regulations. Accordingly, the Morris CADB does not have jurisdiction to hear this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Katherine Coyle
Director

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