

RESOLUTION CADB 2-2018

RECOMMENDING SITE SPECIFIC AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT PRACTICE APPROVING THE BREEDING EAST FRIESIAN SHEEP FOR LAMB AND THE PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS. BREEDING OF BOER GOATS AND PRACTICES RELATING TO THE ABOVE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1 et seq. and the State Agriculture Development Committee regulations, N.J.A.C.2:76-2.3 (a), a commercial farm owner or operator may make a request to the County Agriculture Development Board (hereinafter "Board") to determine if his or her operation constitutes a generally accepted management practice; and

WHEREAS, William Simmerman, Misty Meadow Farm, Block 476, Lot 17, 16.20 acres, commonly known as _____ Upper Township, appeared before the Board on January 29, 2018 and was certified as a commercial farm by Resolution 1-2018; and

WHEREAS, the documentation supporting the designation was reviewed again, incorporated and memorialized with this request; and

WHEREAS, William Simmerman, noticed the Cape May County Herald on March 14, 2018 of the public hearing to be held on March 26, 2018. A corrected notice was again printed in the paper on March 21, 2018. He also noticed the 200 ft. certified list of adjacent property owners and utility companies as prepared by Barbara Young, Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, William Simmerman, Misty Meadow Farm, lists his current agriculture production of breeding East Friesian Sheep for lamb and the production of dairy products, breeding of Boer goats, and practices relating to the above. With a grant from the NRCS, a nutrient management plan and a grazing plan were prepared which dictate the number of animals that can be sustained on this property. The plan is for the development of a pasture management system, an animal confinement facility and waste management for the expanding operation.

The contract is effective 2018 through 2022 and is also living document that can be updated at any time. He is following the dairy practice council for small ruminant dairy and milking and Dan Wunderlich of the USDA dairy helped through the regulation system for milking.

WHEREAS, William Simmerman provided a rough sketch of the 6 fenced pasture areas, current barn with a proposed farm stand and milking and processing area, and a manure compost pad; and

WHEREAS, William Simmerman, has testified that the current agricultural operation is in compliance with all relevant federal and state statues, rules and regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cape May County Agriculture Development Board that the request for a Site Specific Agriculture Management Practice for the breeding of East Friesian Sheep for lamb and the production of dairy products, breeding of Boer goats, and practices relating to the above, along with the farm stand and milking and processing area are approved and as previously approved the request to designate William Simmerman, Misty Meadow farm a commercial farm is ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall forward a copy of its written recommendation of the SSAMP and commercial farm designation of William Simmerman, Misty Meadow farm, the SADC, Upper Township, and any other individual or organizations deemed appropriate by the Board within 30 days of the recommendation.