

Press Release

Herkimer County Asks Farmers and Farmland Owners to Take Survey for New Agricultural Plan

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Herkimer – Herkimer County invites farmers and farmland owners to complete a short online survey about agriculture in the County. The survey is available through the Herkimer County website homepage at www.herkimercounty.org or by requesting a paper copy by calling Brittney Viscomi at 315-867-1108. The survey will take about 10 minutes.

The County is seeking input from farm producers and farmland owners as part of an update to the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. The County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) has received a grant from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to update the previous county agriculture and farmland protection plan, completed in 2002. Work on updating the plan began in February and will be completed by the end of the year.

This survey will help the County AFPB understand the current state of farming in Herkimer County, what issues need addressing, and what ideas the agricultural community has to enhance agriculture here. The updated plan will focus on the specific needs of farming and farm-related businesses and farm operations in Herkimer County. The survey will help the AFPB understand what those needs are.

The more participation in the survey, the better the updated Plan will be able to focus on the specific strategies needed to improve the sustainability and profitability of farms and farm-related businesses here. In addition to the survey, the County will be hosting a series of meetings in May with farmers, ag support businesses, educators, and others.

Please complete the survey by May 20, 2019. Look for the survey link on the County homepage at www.herkimercounty.org. If you prefer to use a paper version of the survey, copies are available by request by calling 315-867-1108.

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