

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT FORM

This form is to be completed by agricultural landowners who wish to request inclusion in an existing agricultural district. The information obtained from this form will be used by the County and State to determine the significance and viability of agriculture.
(NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA, §303-b)

REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 2016.

APPLICANTS MUST FILL OUT ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS.

PART I: LANDOWNER INFORMATION			
OWNER NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		ALT. PHONE:	
CITY, ST, ZIP:		EMAIL:	
RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)			
RENTER NAME:		PHONE:	
MAILING ADDRESS:		ALT. PHONE:	
CITY, ST, ZIP:		EMAIL:	

PART II: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION					
Please describe the property proposed to be added to the Agricultural District and list the SBL (tax identification) numbers and the Town in which they are located for all parcels that you wish to be included in the Agricultural District Program. If you are unsure of your SBL numbers or whether or not a parcel is currently receiving an Agricultural Assessment, please check with your local assessor.					
FARM DESCRIPTION					
Total number of acres owned					
Total number of acres farmed/cropped					
Total number of acres rented (from another landowner as part of the subject farm)					
Approximate annual gross sales					
SBL Number (Tax ID)	Street Address	Town	Size (acres)	Agricultural Assessment	
				Yes	No

PART III: AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District. Please note the principal enterprise as well.

PRINCIPAL FARM ENTERPRISE (CHECK ONE)	
Dairy	Poultry
Cash Crop (Grain)	Horticultural Specialties
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	Sugarbush
Orchard	Christmas Tree
Vineyard	Aquaculture
Livestock (other than dairy)	Other (please specify):

PART IV: SIGNATURE

I attest that I am the legal owner of the above properties and that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and hereby officially request that my property, which is **predominantly viable agricultural land**, be included in the Agricultural District Program. I recognize that such land, once officially included in the Agricultural District Program, may not be removed from this program until the eight-year review period for the Agricultural District in which my land is placed. I understand that this is not an application for an agricultural tax assessment. I also acknowledge that this request is subject to a public hearing; review by the Erie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; action by the Erie County Legislature; and certification by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Property Owner:	Date:
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UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO:

Elias Reden, Planner
 Erie County Department of Environment & Planning
 95 Franklin Street, 10th Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202

OR

agriculture@erie.gov

Questions? Contact Planner Elias Reden at (716)858-1911 or elias.reden@erie.gov