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New Tire Law Takes Effect

In September, the Department of Environmental Conservation released the final regulations for Part 360 (Solid Waste Management). This includes limits on the storage of waste tires but still allows for the “beneficial use” of tires to hold down covers with certain restrictions for on-farm uses. With increasing public health concerns about zika and other serious diseases that can be transmitted by mosquitos, one of the chief policy objectives is to address the shallow water that collects in tires and provides ideal mosquito breeding conditions. To this end, the beneficial use determination now requires there be 0.25 passenger tire equivalent per square foot and that tires shall be either halved or have holes in them to prevent the retention of water. These rules will have important impacts on agricultural and other uses of waste tires. The regulation goes into effect on May 3, 2018. The Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation District purchased a tire cutter several years back that could assist farmers in meeting this requirement. The tire cutter may be borrowed or rented on a first come-first serve weekly basis. Use of this equipment will require a cash deposit of \$200 to be returned upon return of the equipment. Users will also be required to fill out a rental agreement. If you are interested in the tire cutter please call (518) 823-4535.

Agribusiness Support & Incentives By Bob Muller, National Grid

If you have an IRS recognized farm or farm related business we may be able to help with NYSERDA Agricultural Audits, Energy Efficiency Incentives, and Economic Development Grants.

Incentives available for lighting, lighting controls, barn fans and control, refrigeration, plate coolers, VFD vacuum pumps, heat exchangers, smart circulators, pumps, air dryers and more!

For a NYSERDA Ag Audit: www.nyserda.ny.gov/all-programs/agriculture-Energy-audit
Call 1-800-732-1399 or contact Bob Muller below.
Audits may be submitted to: aeeep@nyserda.ny.gov

Contact Bob Muller for forms and additional information on incentives.

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- Go to www.nyfb.org and click on the green "eLobby-Take Action!" button on the left side of the page under the banner photos, or by clicking the green "Take Action! Advocacy" button.
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- The action alert description will appear followed by the recipients and the letter text. Type in your name and address and press "Send Message" at the bottom of the page.
- Your letter is sent directly to lawmakers and you are helping to impact farm public policy! Encourage your friends to E-Lobby by typing in their e-mail addresses.

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Advocacy

If you have any problems using the E-Lobby feature, call the NYFB office at 1-800-342-4143.

Schoharie County Soil & Water Mini Grants

The Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation District is announcing a farm conservation mini-grant program pending funding. This program will provide implementation funds for agricultural best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce sediment, erosion and non-point source pollution from entering the waters of Schoharie County. In the list below are some examples of the common conservation practices that could be implemented on farms under this program but all practices will be taken into consideration.

- Access Road
- Fuel Storage Tanks
- Stream Crossing
- Watering Systems
- Animal Trail and Walkways
- Clean Water Diversion
- Heavy Use Area Protection
- Milkhouse Waste Collection System
- Fencing

Funding (reimbursed after project completion) will be provided with a maximum amount of \$5,500 with an additional \$500 to be used for engineering fees only. All projects submitted will require a sight visit by district staff and then ranked by the Board of Directors of the Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation District. All practices must be implemented and paid for by Dec. 15, 2018. You will be notified by the District as to whether your project was selected for funding under this opportunity.

Farms should contact the District to apply for consideration or with questions. Farms will need to provide a schedule F if selected for funding. Selection will continue until all funds are expended. The applications are due April 6, 2018.



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NYS Grown & Certified Program Information



New York State Grown & Certified is the first statewide, multi-faceted food certification program designed to strengthen consumer confidence in New York products, address food product labeling, and assist New York farmers so they can take advantage of the growing market demand for foods locally grown and produced to a higher standard. New York State Grown & Certified is open to New York producers who adhere to the best practices in safe food handling and environmental stewardship. It is currently available to New York State producers or processors (fruits and vegetables, livestock, farmed shellfish, Christmas trees, nursery crops, dairy and egg) who are participating in Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) plans and complete third-party food safety or safe food

handling program with annual *on-site* audits.

Criteria to meet the standards/eligibility to participate in NYS Grown & Certified include:

Fruit and Vegetable Growers

1. All products marketed under the seal must be grown in New York State;
2. Participation in a food safety or safe food handling program with annual on-site audits such as the USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) or Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification or another third-party food handling practices program with annual audits deemed GAP- or GHP equivalent by the Commissioner; and
3. Completion of Tier 2 or higher in the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program within three years of admission into the New York State Grown & Certified program.

Dairy Processors

1. Dairy processors must certify that a majority of their milk is (or milk suppliers are) from New York State farms;
2. The dairy processing plant must be in compliance with the required Plant Processor Supervisor (PPS) training, and *the plant* must demonstrate that it participates in a third-party food safety or safe food handling program with annual *on-site* audits; and
3. A majority of the dairy processor's milk is from producers (or milk suppliers are producers) that will complete Tier 2 (or higher) in the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program within three years of admission into the New York State Certified program.

Egg Producers

1. Egg operations must certify that all eggs in New York State Certified are from hens in New York State and are Grade A;
2. All hens at the laying operation must be vaccinated for salmonella enteritis; and if a separate grading/packaging location is involved, the packaging location must provide documentation demonstrating participation in a third-party food safety or safe egg-handling program that involves an annual *on-site* audit; and
3. Completion of Tier 2 or higher in the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program within three years of admission into the New York State Certified program.

Applications for Other Commodities: Please visit <https://instituteforfoodsafety.cornell.edu/nys-grown-certified/nys-grown-certified-program-information>