

## Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION (Large Farms)**

The purpose is to determine if a person or entity is eligible to participate in the NYC Watershed Agricultural Program. To be eligible as a WAP participant, the actual operating farmstead needs to be located within the NYC Watershed boundaries.

1. Owner of a “Farm Operation” or the lesser of farmland to a “Farm Operation” within the NYC Watershed. “Farm Operation” defined as the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to the commercial production preparation and marketing of crops, livestock, and livestock products as a commercial enterprise, including a “commercial horse boarding operation” as defined in subdivision thirteen of Section 301(2) of Article 25-AA (NYS Agricultural and Markets Law). Such “Farm Operation” may consist of one or more parcels of owned or rented land, which parcels may be contiguous or noncontiguous to each other.
2. Farming operations include production of livestock, livestock products or crops for sale. Annual gross sales of such products must average \$10,000 in gross sales during the preceding two-year period. In addition to the sales of crops, livestock and livestock products, “farm sale” may also include the sale of maple syrup products, honey, honey products, ornamental trees (including Christmas trees) and plants and fees from horse boarding operations.
3. The increase in the value of raised livestock or farm commodities can be included in “farm sales” for start up operations. Inventory calculations will describe the type, number and value of raised livestock and commodities at the beginning and end of the most recent income tax year.
4. By signing the WFP-0, the participant is verifying that the farm or agricultural operation has agricultural sales of at least \$10,000 for the prior two year average.