

Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION GUIDELINE (East of Hudson)

The purpose of this guideline is to determine participant eligibility for the East of Hudson Agricultural Program. Participants shall be owners of farm operations defined as the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, processing and handling facilities and practices which contribute to the commercial production, preparation and marketing of “crops, livestock, and livestock products” as defined in §301(2) of Article 25-AA of NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. Such farm operations may consist of one or more parcels of owned or rented land, which may be contiguous or noncontiguous to each other.

Eligible Farm Operations shall:

- A. Be located within the boundaries of the New York City Watersheds;
- B. Score a minimum of 75 points on the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Tier II environmental evaluation;
- C. Earn a minimum of \$1000 in agricultural gross receipts for the preceding year. Agricultural income may be derived from the production of crops, livestock, and livestock products including the raising, sale and boarding of horses. Income verification will occur once the farm operation is nominated into the EoH Agricultural Program and the participant signs the WFP-0-EoH: Voluntary Participation Agreement.