

# TOMPKINS COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

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### **2012 Additions to Tompkins County's New York State Certified Agricultural Districts**

**As Recommended by the  
Tompkins County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board**

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New York State (NYS) Agricultural District Law allows for the annual addition of viable agricultural land to existing NYS-Certified Agricultural Districts. This year the Tompkins County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) has reviewed and considered a request from Philip Wilde and Ann Michel, owner of the Town of Danby parcel listed below, for the addition of their property to NYS-Certified Agricultural District #2.

The AFPB reviewed the request, spoke with the Town of Danby Planner, and considered established review criteria. Subsequently, the AFPB determined the request is in keeping with the purposes of Agricultural Districts. Further, there does not appear to be a conflict between adding this land to the Agricultural District and Town of Danby Planning or adjacent land uses. Therefore, the AFPB recommends that the following parcel be added to Tompkins County's existing New York State Certified Agricultural District #2:

#### **Town of Danby (Agricultural District #2)**

**SWIS:** 502200 Parcel: 17.-1-15.34  
1.73 acre parcel, on Brown Road in West Danby

#### **Background**

This property was recently purchased by Mr. Wilde and Ms. Michel to add pasture and additional farm access to their existing 101.75 acre equine operation. Their original parcel is in Ag District #2 and crosses both Valley View and Spencer Roads. Combining these two parcels would save on taxes as Ag District and non-Ag District parcels cannot be combined.

Since this is a request from an existing farm, and the land to the north, east, and west of the parcel are in the Ag District, and there were no concerns identified by the town of Danby Planner, the AFPB recommends the parcel be added to Ag District #2.

The enclosed map shows the parcel to be added outlined in purple and the existing parcel outlined in green.