

DUTCHESS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

County-wide Agricultural Program Meeting

**What does your farm need?
What is Agricultural Environmental Management?
Can you get funding to help you?**

These questions and more will be talked about if you come to the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District Agricultural Program Meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm at the Millbrook Farm and Home Center.

All farmers are welcome!! Any and all farm types are encouraged to participate, as well as agriculture support professionals. Come meet the staff and explore our existing programs. Tell us what you need on your farm and help us identify what new programs would help you and your operation.

We will be talking about existing assistance programs with such as conservation planning, pasture improvements, manure management, heavy use areas, irrigation, livestock watering, cover crops, and water management and more. Anyone who works with farmers or has a farm can attend. Farmers are encouraged to participate in the meeting to give us insight into how your farm is working and what you are interested in improving. This will be your opportunity to learn more about what we currently are working on and who we work with.

Agricultural Environmental Management is a statewide voluntary program that helps farmers identify and implement more environmentally friendly best management practices. With multiple funding sources available, we need to hear from you about what you need in order for us to move the program forward. The District is looking to create a 5 year plan to guide us in the best ways to support and improve agriculture in our communities. We are also looking to create new partnerships and work towards helping new or different farms in the county.

Please let us know you are available to participate in this meeting, food will be provided so we want to make the proper arrangements.

**Place: Farm and Home Center
2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545**

Time: February 20 @ 6:30 PM

**RSVP by February 14th
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