

**Annual Thirty Day Period for Landowners to Request
Additions of Viable Agricultural Land to Existing Agricultural Districts**

The Jefferson County Board of Legislators has set June 1st through June 30th of each year for the purpose accepting requests to add predominantly viable agricultural land to an existing NYS Certified Agricultural District in the County.

Viable agricultural land means actively-farmed land as well as land that is highly suitable for agricultural production. A parcel of land is “predominantly” viable if a minimum of 51% of the parcel is viable agricultural land.

The purpose of NYS Certified Agricultural Districts is to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. The Agricultural District Program is based on a combination of landowner incentives and protections, all of which are designed to forestall the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses.

Landowners who wish to submit a request to add land to an existing NYS Certified Agricultural District may download the form from the Jefferson County Department of Planning web page under NYS Certified Agricultural Districts, or you may call the Jefferson County Department of Planning, (315) 785-3144 and ask for the 2023 Agricultural Annual Inclusion Form.

All requests must be submitted on the form provided by the Planning Department and must be received no later than June 30, 2023.