



## Manalapan Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Manalapan supports a farmer's right-to-farm and to grow and harvest timber. This means that during certain times of the year farm equipment will be on the roads and in the fields, pesticides and herbicides will be applied to land, and livestock, large and small, will be raised. The noise, dust, and smells of farming are present. Please recognize and appreciate these characteristics as an integral part of their right-to-farm, whether you live in or are just traveling through our rural areas.

Manalapan takes great pride in the quality of life it provides for its citizens. Having working farms and managed wood lots help maintain that great quality of life by protecting our resource base, contributing to the local economy, and providing scenic views for all citizens. It is important to recognize that farming and forestry are businesses, and they represent a way of life that has been here for centuries.

Here we have a wide array of agricultural activities going on, from traditional farming of row crops and the harvesting of timber, to shrubbery, flowers, and vegetables and an extensive equine industry.

### This is farm country-

Whether you live here or are a visitor, it is important to be aware of your surroundings. The following will help you know what to expect when traveling through or living in Manalapan.

**Slow moving vehicles**— Farm equipment may slow your travel from time to time. Look for a red triangle displayed on the rear of farm equipment. When you see this emblem, recognize its meaning and please slow down. Most of all, please be patient since farm equipment is geared to move slowly. Most farmers will pull over when they can to let you pass. Farm equipment, by Law, has the right of way.



### Sights, Smells, and Sounds—

Farming isn't just the pretty fields and barns. Along with farming comes dust when tilling and harvesting, especially when it's windy or dry. Along with dust, farming can also generate some odors. Whether it be the chemicals used on the crops or animals and manure, there are sometimes offensive smells. Farmers are required to follow "Best Management Practices" established by the Department of Agriculture in order to minimize impacts to others.

Be careful to take into account your proximity to farmland when considering a rural home site. Smells are a part of farming.

Manalapan requires that you accept the conditions of the Right-to-Farm Act in your deed, when a home is purchased or built near farms.

**Additionally**, there are many times when farmers must begin work early in the morning or work until late at night. This can be noisy and may also generate some lights at times of the day which are unexpected.

Agricultural activity is permitted 24/7.

**Private Property** — Be aware that fields and wooded areas are not for your enjoyment. If you are on property that is not yours, you are trespassing, unless you have prior approval. Farmers don't walk on your lawns, so don't take it upon yourself to venture into their fields and woodlands.

