



Cayuga Lake Watershed Lake-Friendly Farm Program Nomination Form



THE AWARD PROCESS

The Lake-Friendly Farm Program recognizes farms in the Cayuga Lake Watershed implementing Best Management Practices (BMP) as a part of the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program.

Farms that meet the following criteria are eligible to receive a Lake-Friendly Farm sign:

- Meet the definition of farm as defined by Ag District criteria
- Are wholly or partially within the Cayuga Lake Watershed
- Have progressed to at least Tier IV of AEM, as demonstrated by the implementation of a Conservation Plan, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP), or equivalent.*
- Provide documentation that at least one of the practices that protects and conserves the water and natural resources have been incorporated into the operation of the farm business and
- The farm must be in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations, and free of any water quality violation or other environmental based litigation in the past two years through the present.

County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Cornell Cooperative Extension Agricultural Agents, and AEM Certified Planners may submit nominations using this official application. Additional sheets may be attached.

Electronic versions of the application are available at www.cayugalake.org and printed blank copies are available upon request. Completed applications will be **accepted until June 15, 2008** by the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, P.O. Box 303, Interlaken, NY 14847; fax 607-532-4108 or steward@cayugalake.org. **Electronic applications are encouraged** with follow-up hard copy, fax or scanned image of Part 5 bearing signatures.

This award is sponsored by the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, and county Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Farm Bureaus within the watershed in recognition of the farming community's contribution to conserve and protect the water quality and natural resources. New York's AEM program has become the framework for delivery of agricultural programs and services to assist farmers in their continued stewardship efforts.

* implementation of practices identified in Tier 3 worksheets and found in a typical Conservation Plan or CNMP

PART 1 - IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

1. FARM INFORMATION (Please Print or Type):

Farm Name _____ Years in Farming at this location _____

Name of Farm Owner/Manager (if different) _____

Telephone _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

2. Entity submitting the nomination (check one. NRCS and Certified Planners please add contact information).

- Cayuga County SWCD or CCE
- Seneca County SWCD or CCE
- Tompkins County SWCD or CCE
- Cortland County SWCD or CCE
- Ontario County SWCD or CCE
- Schuyler County SWCD or CCE
- Tioga County SWCD or CCE
- Natural Resources Conservation Service or AEM Certified Planner

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

3. Mark approximate location of farm with an X:



PART 3 - CONSERVATION PRACTICES

1) Attach a BMP implementation schedule showing significant environmental and/or production achievements that have been made to date. For practices that have been begun but are not yet completed, note the estimated completion date. Also, provide a description of how these practices have benefited the water quality of the watershed and the operation of the farm business.

2) Please note one or more practices we can highlight as part of the award announcement. What has made the most difference or provided the biggest benefit relevant to the protection of the waters quality or quantity. Is there any BMP implemented on the farm that is uncommon, innovative or unique?

PART 4 - OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any additional comments or information supporting why you believe this nominee should receive a Cayuga Lake Watershed Lake Friendly Farm Award. Information to include here could cover other conservation practices implemented or programs participated in by the farm that enhances the Watershed such as use of Riparian Buffers and Integrated Pest Management in croplands established prior to participation in AEM. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

PART 5 - VERIFICATION

The undersigned attest that the information provided on this form is true and factual to the best of their knowledge.

Name of person submitting application

Signature of person submitting application

The following do not affect eligibility for the Lake-Friendly Farm Award.

- The information in this application may be summarized for use in articles, press releases and web postings about the Lake-Friendly Farm Program.
- If the farm is selected, I am willing to be contacted about being interviewed and/or having photographs taken of the farm or to promote the Lake-Friendly Farm program
- I would like to review any materials using this information.

Signature of Farmer