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AVAILABLE DEER FENCE FUNDING 2015

The Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District will be administering a Deer Fence grant with limited funding. This program is being offered by New York State for sole use of protecting farms from deer damage.

Applicants are required to answer a short Ranking Sheet to base the funding determination on appropriate criteria. Ranking sheets are being mailed out April 20th to the farming community and **MUST BE RETURNED BY 3:00 p.m. on MAY 8, 2015.**

Eligibility Criteria and Program Requirements

- The applicant must have or qualify for a New York State Agricultural Value Assessment (at least seven acres of land used in production for two or more years with an average gross sales value of \$10,000 or more).
- The applicant must be the owner of the land upon which the fencing will be erected or the applicant must rent land that is preserved within a federal, state, or local Farmland Protection Program, and supply written certification by the landowner that the fencing will be *maintained* for a minimum of 10 years.
- The fencing must be installed in accordance with the USDA-NRCS Standards and Specifications for Deer Fence, *Code 382A – FENCE – WOVEN WIRE- DEER CONTROL*.
- Fencing must be installed within one year from the date the Contract is approved.
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 8, 2015.
- Applicants, approved for funding and certified as meeting program requirements, will be reimbursed at the rate of 75% of the average linear foot cost of materials and installation. A maximum reimbursement, of \$10,000, will be awarded to the top ranking eligible applicants, set by the program's Administrative Committee.

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.