

**RESOLUTION OF THE
MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
RECOMMENDING SITE SPECIFIC
AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE**

Mr. Bullock offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Christopher Helmlinger (“Applicant”), the owner and operator of Helmlinger’s Meadow Hill Farm, LLC, applied to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board (“the Board”) requesting a determination if the Applicant’s operations at , Allentown, New Jersey, Block 50, Lot 4.03, (the “Property”), constitute generally accepted agricultural management operations or practices; and

WHEREAS, the Farm Management Unit consists of 19.08 acres located at in Allentown and an additional +/- 82 acres of leased acreage located in various locations in Upper Freehold Township, for a total acreage of +/- 101.

WHEREAS, the specific activities under consideration by the Board consist of:

1. Breeding and raising cows, pigs, and chickens;
2. Farming hay; and
3. Boarding, training, and sales of horses; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has certified that the Property is more than five acres, produces agricultural and/or horticultural products worth \$2,500.00 or more annually, and is eligible for differential property taxation pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted before the Board on November 3, 2010, during which the Applicant presented testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Board was presented a slideshow of the farm and its operations; and

WHEREAS, there were no objectors who presented testimony or exhibits in opposition to the application; and

WHEREAS, a Site Review was conducted on October 20, 2010, with the Site Review Team comprised of Amanda Brockwell, Right to Farm Coordinator; Tom Geran, Board Member; Bill Sciarappa, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service; and Douglas Kauffman, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed site visit reports written by Bill Sciarappa and Douglas Kauffman; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the application, the applicant's certification, the testimony and exhibits presented in favor of the application, and the report from the Site Review Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board makes the following findings:

1. That the commercial farm is no less than 5 acres.
2. That the commercial farm produces agricultural/horticultural products worth at least \$2,500.00 per year.
3. That the Farm Management Unit consists of approximately 101 acres of land.
3. That the farm operation consists of the following: breeding and raising of cows, pigs, and chickens; farming hay; and the boarding, training, and sale of horses.
3. That the farm is eligible for differential property taxation pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964.
4. That the farm is located in an area in which, as of December 31, 1997 or thereafter, agriculture has been a permitted use under the municipal zoning ordinance and is consistent with the municipal master plan.
5. A complete written application for a Site-Specific Agricultural Management Practice

was made to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board.

6. The Property is operated in accordance with accepted agricultural management practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based on the aforesaid findings of fact, the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board finds that the operation of the Property by Helmlinger as a commercial farm constitutes a generally accepted Agricultural Management Practice.

Seconded by Mr. Stuart and adopted on a roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Bullock	X			
Mr. Buscaglia	X			
Ms. Butch	X			
Mr. Clayton	X			
Mr. DeFelice	X			
Mr. Geran				X
Mr. Giambrone				X
Mr. Halka				X
Mr. McCarthy	X			
Mr. Potter	X			
Mr. Stuart	X			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board at a meeting on the 3rd day of November, 2010 and memorialized at a meeting on the 1st day of December 2010.



Richard Obal
Secretary