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**New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC)**

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## **Farmland Preservation Preserved Farmland Owner Video Series Kick Off**

The New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) is releasing three short videos on YouTube giving a quick glimpse into the lives and mindsets of New Jersey preserved farmland owners and operators. These videos will begin a regular series the SADC will produce highlighting life operating an agriculture business on a preserved farm.

The New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) administers New Jersey's Farmland Preservation Program, including Farm Preservation across the state, Right to Farm, Agricultural Mediation, and Agricultural Development grants to preserved farm owners and operators.

In less than four minutes, you can meet all five current SADC "farmer" members, who, along with six other members, make up the eleven-member committee. They own and operate preserved farmland in New Jersey and volunteer their time and energy to guide New Jersey's farmland preservation program.

Pete Johnson (Johnson's Locust Hall Farm, Burlington County), Marty Bullock (Bullock Farms, Monmouth County), Roger Kumpel (Greenfield Farm, Burlington County), Scott Ellis (Ellis Farms, Mercer County), and Rich Norz (Norz Hill Farms, Somerset County) give their thoughts about the Farmland Preservation Program and advice for new and beginning farmers.

In another video, you will meet Rebecca Case in Hunterdon County, who, together with her family, preserved the family farm, realizing her mother's dream. Like so many preserved farmland owners, she is dedicated to her farm, engaged in the agricultural operation and land management in cooperation with an excellent tenant farmer.

"It gives you a better understanding and sense of familiarity to watch and listen to preserved farm owners and operators," says New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas Fisher.

To date, more than 2,800 farms covering approximately 247,000 acres have been preserved under the New Jersey State Farmland Preservation Program.

Link to SADC's YouTube Channel – These new videos are in the "Meet New Jersey Preserved Farm Owners":  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SADCfarms/featured>

To learn more about preservation and the SADC, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/>