

MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**RECOMMENDATION OF A SITE SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL
MANAGEMENT PRACTICE**

John A. Giunco
4 JG's Orchards & Vineyards
Block , Lot ; ± 56 acres
Township of Colts Neck

Board Member Potter offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1 et seq. and the State Agriculture Development Committee regulations, N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3, a commercial farm owner or operator may make a request to the County Agriculture Development Board (hereinafter "Board") to determine if his or her operation constitutes a generally accepted agricultural management practice; and,

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2000, John A. Giunco owner/operator of 4 JG's Orchards & Vineyards in Colts Neck Township, made a request in writing to the Board for the development of a site-specific agriculture management practice (hereinafter, "AMP") for the care and maintenance of the vineyard and apple orchard, installation and maintenance of deer fencing, tillage of rotational crops, on-site disposal of organic agricultural waste, and the processing, bottling and sale of apple cider and juices; and,

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2000, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-3(c), the Board advised in writing the State Agriculture Development Committee and the Township of Colts Neck of John A. Giunco's request; and,

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2001, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3(b), the Board requested that John A. Giunco provide proof that his/her agricultural operation is a commercial farm as defined at N.J.S.A. 4:1-C-3 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.1; and,

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2001, John A. Giunco provided to the Board his/her commercial farm certification, including supporting documentation, attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2001, Karen C. Fedosh, CADB staff, Bill Sciarappa, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service Agent, and Janice Reid, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist conducted a site inspection of 4 JG's Orchards & Vineyards; and,

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2001, at its regular meeting, the Board was presented with the findings of the site inspection; and,

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2001, the Board unanimously agreed to develop a site specific AMP for 4 JG's Orchards & Vineyards after making the following findings of fact, based on information and documentation provided to the Board by John A. Giunco and information gathered during the site inspection:

1. The ± 56 acre farm management unit is located in Colts Neck Township at Block , Lot .
2. 4 JG's Orchards & Vineyards is a commercial farm as defined at N.J.S.A. 4:1C-3 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.1, which currently produces field crops worth \$2,500 or more annually and satisfies the eligibility criteria for differential property tax assessment pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964; and,
3. 4 JG's Orchards & Vineyards has been in operation since 1999; and,
4. Applicant intends planting a screen/windbreak along the road in order to make it more difficult for trespassers to damage the crop field over time. Consideration should be given to planting Holly (Ilex sp.) as holly trees can grow 10-20 feet, provide food and shelter to songbirds, and create an attractive barrier year round.

WHEREAS, Karen C. Fedosh, MCADB staff, sought the assistance of Bill Sciarappa, Agent of Rutgers Cooperative Extension; Janice Reid, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation District; and Sherry Dudas, State Agriculture Development Committee staff, in the determination of generally accepted agriculture management practices and standards relating to the care and maintenance of the vineyard and apple orchard, installation and maintenance of deer fencing, tillage of rotational crops and on-site disposal of organic agricultural waste.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the care and maintenance of the vineyard and apple orchard, installation and maintenance of deer fencing, tillage of rotational crops, and on-site disposal of organic agricultural waste on 4 JG's Orchards & Vineyards constitutes a generally accepted agriculture management practice provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The care and maintenance of the vineyard and apple orchard, installation and maintenance of deer fencing, tillage of rotational crops, and on-site disposal of organic agricultural waste must conform to all relevant federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John A. Giunco may come before the Board at a future date for amendment to this resolution to include a determination concerning the processing, bottling and sale of apple cider and juices once that portion of the farm management is operational.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall forward a copy of its written recommendation of the site-specific AMP to John A. Giunco of 4JG's Orchards

& Vineyards, the SADC and any other individuals or organizations deemed appropriate by the Board within 30 days of the recommendation.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Buscaglia	X			
Mr. Hom	X			
Mr. Illmensee				X
Mr. McCarthy	X			
Mr. McCormack	X			
Mr. Potter	X			
Mr. Puglisi	X			
Mr. Pyle				X
Mr. Rifkin	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 2nd day of May, 2001.

Richard Obal, Secretary