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MEDIA ALERT

**NEW JERSEY FARM BUREAU TO HOLD 89TH CONVENTION IN
PRINCETON**

Media invited to attend any sessions of interest

Trenton, NJ (Nov 9, 2007) – The New Jersey Farm Bureau’s annual convention will address topics of particular importance to both the agricultural community and state residents at large. Media area encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to talk with farming issue specialists from Farm Bureau, farmers and other related entities.

“We are gratified that New Jersey residents recognize the importance of sustaining agriculture in our state, as borne out on, voting to maintain funding for the Garden State Preservation Trust,” says Richard Nieuwenhuis, president of the Farm Bureau.

“Presenters at our convention will expound on some of the issues confronting agriculture and farmers will be discussing how to keep their industry viable in a state where so many different interests converge.”

When: Thursday and Friday, November 15th and 16th

Where: Westin at Forrestal Village, 201 Village Boulevard, Princeton (609-520-6256 for directions)

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Topics

•Misconceptions about agriculture: Thurs, 11:30 am

Marsha Purcell, director, program development, American Farm Bureau Federation

•Immigration Issues: Thurs, 1:15 pm
Eileen Scofield, counsel, Alston & Bird, Atlanta GA

•Equine Industry’s impact on state’s economy, agriculture & open space preservation: Thurs, 4:30 pm
Karyn Malinowski, dr, Rutgers Equine Science Center & Paul Gottlieb, Assoc Professor, Dept of Ag, Rutgers

•New Jersey Agricultural Statistics, 2006 & 2007 (to date): Fir, 9:00 am Troy Joshua, dr, National Agriculture Statistics Service, NJ Field Office

Farm Bureau Position/Policy Discussions (reviewing top 10 policies of 2007, Thurs & Fri) :

- Right to Farm
- Farmland Assessment
- Highlands
- Eminent Domain
- Labor Supply and Management
- Farm Viability
- Ag Retention/Farmland Preservation
- Water Supply
- Property Rights
- Land Use Regulation
- Wildlife Management

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