



## BIOGRAPHY

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### **RICHARD NIEUWENHUIS, PRESIDENT NEW JERSEY FARM BUREAU**

As president of the New Jersey Farm Bureau since 2002, Richard Nieuwenhuis sets priorities for study and involvement in agriculture-related issues and policies and acts as chief spokesperson for Farm Bureau positions. He has been on the organization's Board of Directors since 1996, serving on the executive, finance and insurance committees.

He has been involved in New Jersey agriculture since 1980, when he and his wife bought Boslands Flower Shop and Greenhouses in Wayne, developing that business into an award-winning operation, continually designated as one of the top 250 FTD flower shops in the United States. He currently is owner-operator of Scenic Valley Greenhouses in White Township, Warren County. In 1992, he received the New Jersey Florists Association's Golden Flower Award and in 2000, he received a Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the New Jersey Board of Agriculture.

In 1994, he was appointed to the State Board of Agriculture by Governor Christie Whitman, serving as president of that board in 1997-98. He was also chairman of the board's nominating committee and chairman of the committee to re-write the Right to Farm Act of 1983, the revised version being passed into law in 1998.

Over the years, he has served as president of the Passaic Board of Agriculture, New Jersey State Florists Association and New Jersey Plant and Flower Growers Association. He has been on the Advisory Board of First Pioneer Farm Credit, a trustee and vice president of the New Jersey Agriculture Society, chairman of Passaic County Agriculture Development Board and, currently is on the Board of Directors of Hudson, Essex, Passaic Soil Conservation Board.

A native of Wyckoff, New Jersey, he was educated at Ramapo Regional High School and the National Institute of Landscape Design, receiving his landscape design degree in 1972. He lives with his wife in Belvedere.

The New Jersey Farm Bureau is a member organization of more than 19,000 farmers and farm-related entities within the Garden State. It is the only organization solely dedicated to representing the grass-roots interests and directives of its members in educating all levels of government and the public on the farm community's policies and positions. The Farm Bureau also takes a lead in seeking out initiatives, activities and ventures to enhance the profitability of producer members and the ensure the viability of agriculture in New Jersey -- *the Garden State for Good Reason.*

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