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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

The Town of Templeton has adopted a [Right to Farm By-Law](#), copy below:

§152-3 Right to Farm: The right to farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Templeton. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protection of this bylaw are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm Bylaw shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

You may [view the by-law](#) on the Town's official website.

Annual Notification:

It is the policy of the Town of Templeton to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural projects, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform property owners that their property lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Owners, buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.

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