

Sunday out at the Farm!

The Somerset County Board of Agriculture Proudly Presents the 2010 "Agriculture in Action" Day

The Somerset County Board of Agriculture will be hosting its "Ag in Action" open house on September 12, 2010. A regularly held event to promote agriculture and educate the public, 2010 marks the first time the "Ag in Action" will be hosted by two farms in Somerset County. Visiting and touring two adjacent farms will help showcase the amazing diversity of today's Somerset County agriculture.

Rainbow Run Farm, owned by former NY Giant Brad Benson brings a bit of the west to Somerset County. It is home to some of the best cutting horses in the country, and regularly hosts competitions, as well as training and lessons to showcase and support this unique program. Additionally, Brad raises hay and grass-fed beef on the farm's 350 acres.

Laine Farms, a long time family owned farm run by Jim and Tom Laine, raises hay and grain, and operates a grain mill which supplies feed to many of Somerset County's livestock operations. Additionally, the brothers work with the Audubon Society growing birdseed, and are experimenting with alternative fuels in the development of pellets used in furnaces.

Ag in Action will be held from 10 am to 4 pm, with opening ceremonies taking place at Rainbow Run at 12 noon. We hope that you will join for at least an hour or so to enjoy all that "Ag in Action" has to offer. The event is free and open to the public – a food booth will be available for lunch.

Rainbow Hill Farm is located at 86 Rainbow Hill Road in Hillsborough, NJ. More information on our host farm, including driving directions, can be found online at <http://www.rainbowrunfarm.com/>. More information on the Laine Farm's collaboration with the NJ Audubon Society's Support Agricultural Viability and the Environment (SAVE) birdseed, please visit <http://www.njaudubon.org/SectionConservation/FocusontheFarmers.aspx>.

"Agriculture in Action" Day will be held rain or shine. We hope to surpass all previous attendance numbers and invite everyone to come out and take a wagon tour of the farms, have fun with your friends and family, witness modern farming challenges and opportunities, and speak with Somerset County farmers and producers to learn more about important issues that touch all of our lives and impact the future of agriculture here in Somerset County. Call 908-526-6293 or visit www.somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu for further details.