



Interim Guidance for Local Agricultural Demonstrations and Exhibitions

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Agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions shall include efforts by county Cooperative Extension, 4H, local FFA chapters, county soil and water districts, local agricultural businesses, clubs, organizations and others to:

- educate or train agricultural producers, youth, community and residents of the region on agricultural production, technology and animal husbandry and training; and
- evaluate and judge individual or group performance in the breeding, raising and or handling/ use of animals (including bees, equine and companion) and in the productivity and quality of crops, plants, flowers, trees and other agricultural commodities.

Participants in the agricultural demonstration or exhibition must come from the region in which the demonstration or exhibition will take place or a directly adjoining county located in an open region.

Organizers conducting such activities must:

1. Comply with all NY Forward, Phase One: Agriculture Guidance, including “Non-food Related Agriculture Summary Guidelines”, available at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NonFoodAgriShortGuidelines.pdf>.
2. Read and affirm the detailed guidelines for non-food agriculture, available at <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase#phase-one--agriculture--forestry--fishing---hunting>.
3. Develop and implement a business safety plan, available at https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYS_BusinessReopeningSafetyPlanTemplate.pdf.

Demonstrations and exhibitions must be spaced out so that there are groups of no more than 10 people at any one time, including those conducting the demonstration or exhibition. Anytime individuals are in close proximity to each other, face masks must be worn by all individuals in accordance with NYS guidance.