

## **Chapter 68. FARMING**

[**HISTORY:** Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau: Art. I, 7-14-1992 as L.L. No. 2-1992.  
Amendments noted where applicable.]

### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

Subdivision of land — See Ch. 124.

Zoning — See Ch. 149.

## **Article I. Right To Farm**

[Adopted 7-14-1992 as L.L. No. 2-1992]

### **§ 68-1. Legislative intent; purpose.**

The Town of Moreau finds that farming is an essential activity within the Town of Moreau. Farming, as defined herein, reinforces the special quality of life enjoyed by citizens, provides the visual benefit of open space and generates economic benefits and social well-being within the community. Therefore, the Town of Moreau emphasizes to newcomers that this town encourages its agriculture and requests newcomers to be understanding of the necessary day-to-day operations. It is the general purpose and intent of this Article to maintain and preserve the rural tradition and character of the Town of Moreau, to permit the continuation of agricultural practices, to protect the existence and operation of farms and to encourage the initiation and expansion of farms and agricultural businesses.

### **§ 68-2. Definitions.**

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

#### **AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES**

Includes all activities conducted on a farm, necessary to the operation of a farm.

#### **FARM**

Includes livestock, dairy, poultry, fur-bearing animal, aquaculture, fruit, vegetable and field crop farms, plantations, orchards, nurseries, greenhouses or other similar operations used primarily for the raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities.

### **§ 68-3. Farming rights established.**

Farmers, as well as those employed, retained or otherwise authorized to act on behalf of farmers, may lawfully engage in farming practices within the Town of Moreau at any and all such times and all such locations as are reasonably necessary to conduct the business of farming, subject to the provisions of the Code of the Town of Moreau. For any activity or operation, in determining the reasonableness of the time, place and methodology of such operation, due weight and consideration shall be given to both traditional customs and procedures in the farming industry as well as to advances resulting from increased knowledge and improved technologies.

### **§ 68-4. Notice to prospective neighbors.**

The following notice shall be included on all building permits issued in the Town of Moreau:

"This property may border a farm, as defined in Local Law No. 2 of the year 1992. Residents should be aware that farmers have the right to undertake acceptable agricultural practices."