



**Re: Agricultural Producers Security Program
Article 20 – Licensing of Farm Products Dealers – Complaint/Claim Form**

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for contacting the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (Department) regarding Article 20 of the Agriculture and Markets Law. All agricultural products grown or raised in New York State are covered by the law with the exception of dairy, eggs, and timber. Any person who grows farm products or sells livestock in New York is eligible to participate in the Agricultural Producers Security Program.

Regarding your complaint, please note, for a claim to be eligible under Article 20 of the Agriculture and Markets Law: 1) The dealer must have been licensed at the time of the transaction(s); 2) the transactions which are owed must be within 120 days of the earliest unpaid transaction, and; 3) the claim must be filed with the Department no later than 365 days after the sale and delivery of the farm products.

If you believe you have a complaint, which meets the above criteria, please complete the enclosed Agricultural Producers Complaint/Claim and Statement forms. You should make one copy for your records and return the signed originals together with copies of supporting documentation. If the dealer is not licensed, the sale was at your own risk. However, still complete and return the complaint and statement forms so the Department can investigate the matter to determine if the dealer is subject to the license provisions of Article 20.

Please complete and return the enclosed forms by mail or email:

Mail: Division of Agricultural Development
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY

Email: FPDL@agriculture.ny.gov

Upon receipt and review of your complaint/claim and statement forms, a copy may be sent to the dealer for their response. The Department may initiate a formal investigation that could include an audit of your records at your place of business to verify information included in your claim.

For further information on the Agricultural Producers Security Program, please check the Department's website at [Farm Products Dealer Licensing | Agriculture and Markets](#).

If you have any questions, contact (518) 457-7076 or FPDL@agriculture.ny.gov.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Boyer".

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