



## Reference Guide for Researchers and Educators

### Farm Services, Ithaca, NY

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This document is intended to provide essential information for faculty, staff and students conducting work at, or requesting services from, **Farm Services**, one of seven farms managed by the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station (CUAES). It is **highly recommended that you review this document** for farm-specific information, and, to be aware of farm-specific safety and compliance requirements, emergency procedures, and the general availability of labor.

### Farm Staff - Contact Information:

- **Farm Address:** Main facility – 751 Dryden Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

#### **Outlying locations:**

- Warren Farm (close to Hanshaw Rd. and Freese Rd.)
- South Side (close to Game Farm Rd.)
- Hanshaw Area (close to Hanshaw Rd. and Neimi Rd.)
- Mt Pleasant Farm (close to Mt. Pleasant Rd.)

- **Farm Supervisor: Bill Huizinga**



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## Services Offered:

- **Agricultural Services**
  - Primary cultivation (e.g. plowing, discing, harrowing)
  - Planting
  - Harvesting (combining, baling)
  - Commodity sales (hay, straw, corn)
  - Trucking of equipment and commodities
  - Excavating (machinery: bulldozer, backhoe, loader, skid steer)
  - Snow removal
  - Mowing and brush hogging
  - Land use (some areas are available for research projects)
- **Composting services**
  - Collection of raw, compostable materials
  - Sales of finished compost

## Facility Information:

- Facility resources include a diverse fleet of **tractors, implements and construction equipment**.
- Farm Services maintains a small fleet of **pickup trucks, trailers and large trucks** that are available for rent with proper certifications.
- Farm Services operates the University's four-acre **compost facility**.

## Expectations:

- **Sustainability is a cornerstone** of how we operate research farms at Cornell. Please work with CUAES farm staff to encourage sustainable practices within your program and to be good stewards of the resources at your disposal. We are always open to ideas to make sustainable improvements.
- **Be considerate of fellow faculty, staff and students.** Fields, facilities and equipment are shared resources.
- **Timing** in agriculture is critical. Please consult with the farm supervisor regarding the timeline for your projects and requests for service.

## General Requirements:

- After use, **equipment and implements must be cleaned of soil and debris. Equipment should be returned to its original location.**
- **Safe use of farm equipment is mandatory.** All technicians and faculty using CUAES farm equipment must attend an **annual on-farm tractor safety course** to be offered each spring, in cooperation with the N.Y. Center of Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH). To become certified to drive tractors, **new operators must first pass a written and an in-the-seat tractor exam** demonstrating their ability to operate a tractor capably and safely. **Experienced and certified program technicians and/or faculty are then responsible for the proper training of all necessary equipment operators for their program.** Learn more about the [Tractor Certification Process](#). The Farm Manager has the authority to prohibit or restrict on-farm tractor usage by any individuals that are found to operate equipment in an unsafe or reckless

manner. **If you are not comfortable with the operation or function of a piece of equipment, stop and see the farm manager or farm staff.** If something seems faulty with a piece of equipment, stop and see the farm manager or staff immediately.

- Use of the farm forklifts requires completion of **forklift training and obtaining forklift certification.**
- **Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations impact all drivers** intending to use any of the numerous trucks and trailers from the Farm Services fleet. **Additional driver testing and compliance measures are required;** please see farm supervisor for details.
- **All individuals supporting research at Farm Service, where crops may be treated with pesticides, must have completed Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training. In addition, all individuals applying pesticides must also be licensed as a NYS applicator or working under the direct supervision of a NYS applicator.** More information is available at: <http://oeh.cals.cornell.edu/pesticides/>.

## **Emergency Procedures:**

- **In case of a life safety emergency, call 911** from the nearest land- or cellphone. There are no land lines at outlying locations. The farm supervisor should be informed ASAP of all on-farm emergencies/ accidents, including non-critical incidents.
- **Fire Extinguishers** are present in all facilities, fixed to the wall in prominent locations.
- Projects are responsible to carry **first aid kits** for their use while at the farm. Backup first aid kits are also located in the Farm Services shop at 751 Dryden Road.
- Projects are responsible for providing appropriate **personal protection equipment (PPE)** to their staff and students. Individuals operating equipment, including hand tools (e.g. hoes) must wear closed-toe footwear.
- **Essential postings** for the farm, including **information on recent pesticide applications and labor regulations** can be found on the bulletin board outside of the Farm Services shop, next to the front door.
- The farm is in compliance with Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rules, specifically in regards to petrol tanks. **Individuals using farm fueling stations must be aware of the location of spill kits and what to do in case of an accidental spill.** More information on SPCC requirements can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/oem/content/spcc/>. All spills should be immediately reported to the farm supervisor.

## **Labor Availability:**

- Farm staff at Farm Services include the farm supervisor, two field assistants and a seasonal temporary employee. **The farm staff endeavor to meet all requests for general agricultural services and support.** Our aim is to provide world-class support of the applied research, teaching and outreach goals of Cornell faculty and staff. **Labor is not, however, infinite.** As such, farm staff may occasionally have to decline or delay the provision of services which fall outside their scope of duties or when available labor is simply insufficient.