

Seeking Nominations for New Hampshire Farms of Distinction

Since 1997, the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food has recognized those farms that make an effort to keep their busy farmsteads neat and attractive. The New Hampshire Farms of Distinction program honors have been awarded to 110 farms to date. The criteria are as follows:

- The farm must be a commercial farm
- The farm must have signage

The farm must be pleasing in appearance

Buildings and fences in good repair and painted as appropriate

Hedgerows trimmed

Fields well tended/orchards mowed

Animals clean and healthy

Equipment stored or parked neatly (no junk!)

The farm view, as seen from a public way or by public invited approach from the driveway (public invited through roadside signs, advertising, etc.) must be attractive.

Winners are selected each fall by a committee and awards are presented at the NH Farm & Forest Expo in February. Anyone may place a farm in nomination for a NH Farm of Distinction award. Simply submit a brief description, in writing, of the farm and why it is recommended that the farm be placed in nomination. Self nominations are also welcome. Include the address and contact information of the person making the nomination. Send it to Farm of Distinction, NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food, PO Box 2042, Concord, NH 03302-2042, or email it to gmcwilliam@agr.state.nh.us. Nominations received after September 1 may be considered the following year.

