

**To All ESDCTA Board Members, their friends and associates:**

**I have just come from the NJ Equine Advisory Board Meeting. The Farm Bureau and State Ag Board representatives discussed the urgency of contacting local residents, politicians, etc regarding the ABOLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. The Governor is proposing to take the functions that Agriculture is currently doing and roll them into an existing department.**

**THIS EFFECTS EVERY CITIZEN IN THE STATE OF NJ, irregardless of being a farmer or simply a consumer going to the supermarket.**

**On APRIL 1 there will be a rally in Trenton. It will be the only opportunity for the agricultural, as well as the consumer, to voice your opposition to the Department of Agriculture's demise. Start time is approx. 10AM!**

**Please logon to [www.njfb.org](http://www.njfb.org) to find out the details for participation. If you wish to bring your horses, rigs, farm equipment, etc. you need to contact Ed Wengryn so that you may be included on the permits.....OR you can simply show up and be counted!!!!**

**The march will be down main street to the State House where there will be brief speeches by key citizens.**

**PLEASE POST [www.njfb.org](http://www.njfb.org) on our website and any other sites that any of you may have access to.**

**Stand up and be counted in this most important event.**

**Thank you,**

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