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**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OPPOSE
GOVERNOR'S PLAN FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

(Salem, NJ)—Freeholder Director Lee Ware today released the following statement opposing Governor Jon Corzine's proposal to eliminate the Department of Agriculture in his 2008 Budget Address:

“The Board of Chosen Freeholders stands firmly against the elimination of the Department of Agriculture. We applaud Governor Corzine's aggressive efforts to reduce the State budget deficit and put New Jersey back on track toward fiscal responsibility. However, New Jersey is the Garden State and if we are to maintain this designation then we must have and support the efforts of the Department of Agriculture. The Department is an effective advocate and resource for our farming community and Salem County, the Garden Spot of the Garden State, would certainly suffer from its loss.

“We will be voting next week on a resolution urging the legislature and Governor, as well as other counties, to reject this idea and pursue other areas for reductions. Additionally, when this issue goes before the Senate and Assembly we will be visiting the State House to formally testify our opposition to the plan. We urge all Salem County residents to reach out to the Governor and Third District legislators and voice your opposition to the plan. Their contact information is located on our webpage: www.salemcountynj.gov.”