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Farmers Recycling Plastic

WATKINS GLEN, October 14 - Over 1,000 agricultural containers were saved by farmers in the region for recycling and reuse in the fall collection program spearheaded by the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District. This is the third year that the District has collected and stored the plastic for the semi-annual pickup and over 2,500 containers have been collected to-date in a growing program.

The Soil and Water District works in conjunction with USAg Recycling, Inc., and the Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC). USAg Recycling Inc. chips and removes this material throughout New York State and nationwide in an effort to keep these triple-rinsed containers out of landfills.

Last year, USAg Recycling Inc. collected 126,000 pounds in New York State and nearly 8 million pounds of plastic are collected annually throughout the United States. The chipped plastic is used to make corrugated plastic field drainage pipe and other approved products.

This service is **free** to farmers and provides an environmentally friendly alternative to throwing away agricultural containers. Only HDPE #2 plastic containers are accepted, ranging from less than 1 gallon to 55 gallon barrels. Containers must be clean and without tops. For more information about this program, call the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District, 535-0878.

Captions for photo: Chris Wickham of Wickham's Tango Oaks fruit farm drops off his triple-rinsed agricultural plastic containers to the Schuyler Co. Soil and Water Conservation District.

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