# RESUME GERALD J. SKODA

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### **Education:**

Franklin High School, 1959 – Franklin, New Jersey
B.S. Dairy Science, 1963 – Delaware Valley College – Doylestown, Pennsylvania
Advanced study and in-service education – Cornell University – Ithaca, New York

# **Employment:**

Cornell University Cooperative Extension - County Agriculture Agent

Madison County - 1963

Delaware County - 1964-1967

National Bank of Delaware County – Walton, New York 1967 – 1968 Farm Credit Representative Cornell University Cooperative Extension – Executive Director

Sullivan County 1968 to 1998 (retired)

Agricultural Program Leader

Programming – Poultry, Business Management, Land Use, Community Resources Development, Economic Development

Operate a 200 acre hay farm with family 1971 – present

Farm Income Tax Preparation Business 1964 – present

Agricultural Consultant 1998 – present

Mid Hudson Cooperative Insurance Company – Vice President -2005 - present

### Committee/Appointments – Present

Past Chairperson/Founding Director/Chair Strategic Planning Committee/Shovel Ready Task Force Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development

Vice President/Director/Executive Committee – Mid-Hudson Co-operative Ins. Co.

Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee

Emerald Corporate Center Local Development Corp. - President; Chair Architectural

Review Committee; Operations Committee

Emerald Spring Water Company - President

# Committee/Appointments-Previous

Tri-Valley Central School Board of Education – 24 years

President 17 years, Vice President 6 years

Designed, built, and managed - Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, Liberty, N.Y.

National Association of County Agricultural Agents – 32 years

Past National Director and Vice Director 4 years

Chairman, Registration Committee – 1997 National Annual Meeting

Co - Chairperson "Sullivan First"

Negotiating Committee, Sullivan County Casino Advisory Committee

Sullivan County Revolving Loan Fund Committee - Block Grant/Main Street Revitalization

Joint Economic Task Force

## Committee/Appointments - Previous continued

Northeast Regional Vice-Chairman Communications Committee – 2 years

Chairman, Banquet Committee 1981 National Annual Meeting, Ithaca, NY

Attended 21 National Meetings

New York State Association of County Agricultural Agents – 32 years

President 1979, Vice President 1978, Secretary – Treasurer 1977

Regional Chairman, Chairman various committees

Chairman National Officers Committee

Ex Officio N.Y.C. Watershed Agricultural Council – Member, Farmland Retention Committee Sullivan County Farmland Protection Board

Founder, Manager, Secretary-Treasurer of Sullivan County Farmers Market Assoc. 1996-1998

Governor Cuomo "Agriculture 2000" Committee – 1985

New York State "Century Farm" Committee – 1985, 1997

Search Committee - Agriculture Program Coordinator, Cornell University - 1985

Search Committee – N.Y.S. Director of Extension – 1986

Member Farm Service Agency Committee Sullivan County USDA-FSA – 8 years

Sullivan County Dairy Princess Committee – 15 years

N.Y.S. Avian Influenza Task Force

Executive Assistant N.Y.S. Poultry Industry Task Force

Interdepartmental Poultry Committee- Cornell University – 10 years

Sullivan County Agricultural Advisory Committee - Assemblyman Richard Coombe - NY 98th Dist.

Tri-Valley Booster Club – Fund Raising Committee Chairman – 2 years

Sullivan County Farm Home & 4-H Youth Center Fund Raising Committee

Citizen Advisory Council, Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River – 4 years

I-86 Committee 1997-1998

Task Force Chair (Agriculture) Sullivan-Wawarsing Rural Economic Area Partnership

Sullivan 2009 Vision Panel - Sullivan County Legislature

Technical Advisory Council - Catskill Watershed Corp.

Agricultural Advisor – Assemblyman Jake Gunther, New York

New York State Poultry Allied Industries Representatives, Inc. (P.A.I.R.) 14 years

## Memberships:

National Association of County Agricultural Agents – 33 years

New York State Association of County Agricultural Agents – 33 years

New York State Farm Bureau – 31 years

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County – 35 years

Epsilon Sigma Phi Fraternity – 24 years

New York State School Boards Association – 24 years

New York State Field Staff Council – member – 26 years. Director 4 years

New York State Tree Farm System

Northeast Regional Poultry Specialist – member 14 years

Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development – 10 years

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce – 6 years

## Research Projects

- Reintroduction of broilers to Sullivan County 1984 1985 N.Y. State Dept. of Ag & Markets Cornell University, Hebrew National Foods, Gerald J. Skoda
- Affects of High Levels of Poultry Manure on Corn Yields 1972 Cornell University, Gerald Skoda
- Affects of High Levels of Poultry Manure on Herbicides, 1977-1978 Cornell Univ., Gerald Skoda
- Effectiveness of Triazine Resistant Herbicides 1979 Cornell University, Gerald Skoda
- Development & Analysis of Turkey Production in Sullivan County 1985 N.Y. Ag & Markets Inter-County Farmers Cooperative, Hebrew Nat'l Foods, Cornell University, Gerald Skoda

## **Published Papers**

Editor, Sullivan County Farm News – 1968 – 1984

Southeastern New York Farm Business Management Summary

1974 through 1984, S.V. Smith; Cornell University, Gerald Skoda

Southeastern New York Farm Business Management Summary

1984 through 1986, S. V. Smith, Cornell University

Gerald Skoda and Alan White

A Practical Demonstration to Study the Feasibility of Turkey Production in Sullivan County, 1985 Gerald Skoda and David Goodstein

Study Facility Requirements for Sullivan County Cooperative Extension and USDA Agencies to develop a New Sullivan County Farm Home and 4-H Youth Center.

July 1985 Gerald Skoda

Report on Animal Control, Sullivan County

Gerald Skoda, Drs. Hartelius, Bartholf, Fachios, Glick, Nebzydoski, Stein, Wachter Taxes and Farming – 11/99; 02/01; 02/02; 03/03 Gerald Skoda

#### **Awards and Honors**

- Distinguished Service Award 1981 Highest Award of National Assoc. of County Ag. Agents
- Friend of the Poultry Industry 1985 Inter-County Farmers Cooperative
- 1st New York State Department of Agriculture and Market Research and Development Grant 1985 \$39,250.
- School Board "Member of the Year" 1995 Mid-Hudson School Study Council
- Certificate of Accomplishment 1996 Village of Liberty Farmers Market
- Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center (Cornell Cooperative Extension Bldg.) named by the Sullivan County Legislature 1998
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition Congressman Benjamin Gilman 04/04/98
- 1999 Distinguished Service Award Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce
- Distinguished Service Award Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Dev. 10/09/03
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition- Congressman Maurice Hinchey 08/15-05

#### **Recent Consultations:**

 $\bullet \quad \text{Addis Food Products Inc.} - \text{Fowl Processing Plant, Liberty, N. Y.} \\$ 

Financial, Market, and Technical Feasibility Studies

• Thomas Shepstone Consultants – Joint Projects

Sullivan County Farmland Protection Plan

Catskill Watershed Corp. - Agricultural Plan

Schuyler County Farmland Protection Plan

Schoharie County Farmland Protection Plan

Stueben County Farmland Protection Plan

Hudson Valley Regional Meat Processing Facility – Feasibility Study

St. Lawrence County Farmland Protection Plan

Greene County Farmland Protection Plan

Fulton County Farmland Protection Plan

Yates County Farmland Protection Plan

Yasgur Farm Dairy – Milk Processing Feasibility Study

Town of Brandt - Agricultural Development Plan

- Day in the Garden, Woodstock Concert Neighbor public relations-Agribusiness Coordination
- AGY Corp. Advisor: Migrant Housing, Community Development Block Grant, International Trade Actions, Foie Gras Production
- Bella Poultry Agricultural Advisor; Feasibility of Further Processing of Specialty Poultry into a Line of Retail Products
- IDA Tax Incentive Proposals
- Agricultural Tax Applications
- LaBelle Farm Inc. Business Plan