**Section 955.10 Purpose and General Definitions**

a) Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to establish definitions to determine the status of a "qualifying farmer" under the Act, and to outline the process to obtain an advisory opinion from the Department.

b) Definitions

The Department incorporates by reference the definitions of terms in Article 11, Division 15.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code [65 ILCS 5].

"Act" means Article 11, Division 15.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code [65 ILCS 5].

"Department" means the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

"Farmer" means a person who has filed an urban agricultural area application with an urban agricultural area committee.

"Urban agricultural area" means an area defined by a municipality and entirely within that municipality's boundaries within which one or more qualifying farmers are processing, growing, raising, or otherwise producing locally-grown agricultural products, as defined by the Act.

"Urban agricultural area committee" means a committee established under the Act, organized for the purpose of reviewing applications for urban agricultural areas.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.