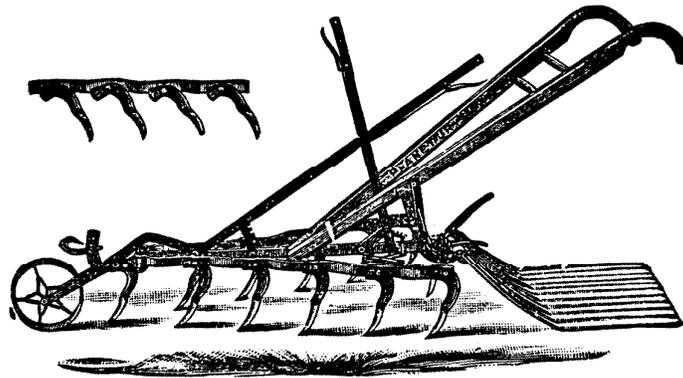


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## ABSTRACT

This document is a fully developed Historic Context on the Archaeology of Agriculture and Farm Life, New Castle and Kent Counties, 1830-1940. The context focuses on agricultural production and on the social and cultural aspects of farm life. Processing, transporting, and marketing of agricultural products, and institutionalized programs of education, aid, and socialization for farmers will be treated in a separate historic context. As a fully developed historic context, this document contains the following components:

- 1) Identification of the temporal period, geographical limits, and theme
- 2) Synthesis of assembled existing historical (based on both secondary and primary research), architectural, geographical, and archaeological information; description of the significant broad patterns of development associated with the context
- 3) Reference bibliography
- 4) Definition of archaeological property types associated with the context and prediction of the potential number, distribution, and location of known and expected property types
- 5) Definition of research questions that archaeological property types associated with the context may be expected to address
- 6) Review of criteria that have been applied in evaluating resources and development of new criteria to evaluate archaeological property types associated with the context
- 7) Evaluation of identified/ inventoried historical archaeological resources associated with the context
- 8) Development of goals, priorities, and information needs relating to the identification, evaluation, registration, and treatment of historical archaeological property types associated with the context
- 9) Development and implementation of a program of public involvement in the historic context development process
- 10) Provision of a mechanism for updating the context.

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