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FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program is part of the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation (which also includes the agency's Marketing unit). Long-time Farmland Preservation Program Director Joseph (J.) Dippel is now director of the bureau, having acted in that capacity since May 2012. In addition, he serves as executive director of the Hartford Regional Market.

At its annual meeting in November, the Working Lands Alliance presented J. with a special recognition award for his 20 years of public service as director of the Farmland Preservation Program, where his knowledge, skills and expertise were put to excellent use.

J. has begun the search for a new director of the program, which oversees the longstanding purchase of development rights program known by the same name (Farmland Preservation Program), as well as the more recent Farmland Restoration Program, Community Farms Preservation Program, and the leasing of state-owned farmland. An update on the status of these programs follows.

The Farmland Preservation Program has closed on three farms in 2013 to date. These include Szegda Farm in Columbia and Hebron, Raffia Farm in Enfield, and Myers Farm in Ellington, for a total of approximately 287 acres.

Protected Farms: CT Farmland Preservation Program

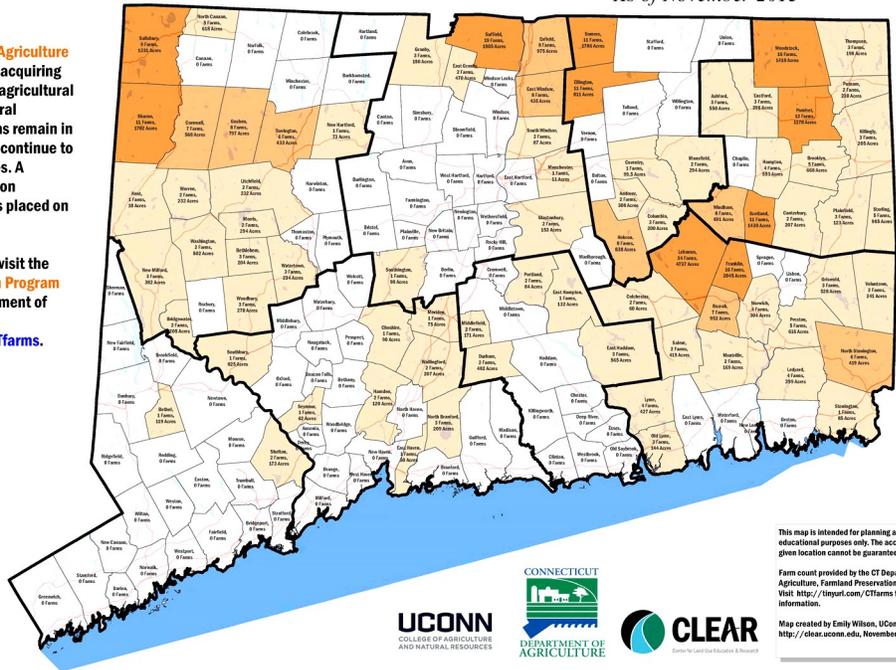
As of November 2013

The **CT Department of Agriculture** preserves farmland by acquiring development rights to agricultural properties in agricultural communities. The farms remain in private ownership and continue to pay local property taxes. A permanent restriction on nonagricultural uses is placed on these properties.

For more information, visit the **Farmland Preservation Program** page on the CT Department of Agriculture's website <http://tinyurl.com/CTfarms>.



Many farms are in more than one town and are counted in each.



This map is intended for planning and educational purposes only. The accuracy at any given location cannot be guaranteed.

Farm count provided by the CT Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation Program. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/CTfarms> for more information.

Map created by Emily Wilson, UConn CLEAR, <http://clear.uconn.edu>, November 2013.



Two of the three were joint state-town projects. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture appreciates the towns of Columbia and Ellington for their participation and joint cost share. It also hopes for federal funding reimbursement in part by the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

An additional 14 farms totaling 1,475 acres are expected to be completed by early 2014.

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**WHOLESALE LETTUCE
U.S. GROWN**

	Low	High
BOSTON,24ct,AZ	17.00	18.00
OAK LEAF,2.2lb,AZ	12.00	13.00
RED LEAF,24ct,AZ	15.00	18.00
ROMAINE,24ct,AZ	17.00	21.00
GREEN LEAF,10lb,AZ	17.00	18.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
49-54	220-300 lbs	75.00-78.00	
	300-400 lbs	73.00-76.00	
45-49	220-300 lbs	69.00-72.00	
	300-400 lbs	68.00-71.00	
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	69.50-71.00	
	500-700 lbs	71.00-74.50	
Boars	300-700 lbs	15.00-19.00	

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.
December 4, 2013

		Low	High
Gr US 1-	wt 20-25	280.00	280.00
	wt 30-40	200.00	225.00
	wt 40-50	175.00	190.00
	wt 50-60		n/a
	wt 60-80		n/a

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, December 9, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	24.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	47.50	50.00
106 lbs. & up	52.00	57.50
Farm Calves	70.00	85.00
Starter Calves	25.00	30.00
Veal Calves	75.00	120.00
Open Heifers	70.00	110.00
Beef Steers	95.50	123.00
Beef Heifers	81.00	91.50
Feeder Steers	79.00	120.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	96.00	112.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	25.00	215.00
Kid Goats	n/a	n/a
Canners	up to	80.75
Cutters	81.00	85.00
Utility Grade Cows	86.00	89.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	15.00
Chickens each	3.00	15.00
Ducks each	4.00	10.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	n/a	n/a

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPRT,5lb	14.00	14.00
APPLE, mcntsh,8/5lb,tote	20.00	22.00
APPLE,crtnd,fcy,12/3lb	18.00	20.00
APPLE,crtnd,xfcy,80ct	24.00	24.00
APPLE,empr,xfcy,80ct	24.00	26.00
APPLE,fuji,bu	20.00	20.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,fcy,80ct	26.00	28.00
APPLE,mcntsh,12/3lb,2 1/4"	18.00	20.00
APPLE,mcntsh,no1,140ct	16.00	17.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
CRANBERRY,24/12oz	33.00	36.00
KALE,12s	10.00	12.00
PARSNIP,18/11b	23.00	23.00
PARSNIP,25lb	22.00	22.00
POTATO,10lb	2.50	2.75
POTATO,rd,50lb	13.00	13.00
POTATO,szA,50lb	11.00	13.00
RUTABAGA,50lb	14.00	14.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,md,1 1/9bu	15.00	18.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,sm,1 1/9bu	14.00	17.00
SQUASH,kbcha,1 1/9bu	21.00	22.00
SQUASH,spghti,md,1 1/9bu	20.00	20.00
TURNIP,prpl,25lb	8.00	10.00
TURNIP,wht,bu	20.00	22.00

SHIPPED IN

AVOCADO,32ct,MX	38.00	39.00
CILANTRO,60s,TX	22.00	28.00
CLEMENTINES,5lb,SP	4.00	4.75
GARLIC,col,30lb,CA	60.00	60.00
ONION,wht,25lb,NY	18.00	20.00
STRAWBERRY,8/1lb,FL	18.00	22.00
SWT POTATO,40lb,NJ	20.00	20.00



**RETAIL BEEF, USDA
NORTHEAST U.S. MAJOR SUPERMARKETS**

Prices per pound

	Low	High
BOTTOM ROUND,roast	2.49	4.49
BRISKET	5.99	4.99
GROUND,80-89%	2.99	3.99
LONDON BROIL	2.99	4.99
PATTIES	4.39	4.39
RIBEYE,roast,bone-in	9.99	9.99
RIBEYE,steak	9.99	9.99
SIRLOIN,grnd	3.99	4.99
SIRLOIN,steaktips	2.99	3.99
T-BONE,steak	5.89	7.99
TENDERLION	9.99	9.99

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

December 6-9, 2013
Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	75.50	80.00
boners 80-85% lean	70.75	75.50
lean 85-90% lean	65.00	70.25
CALVES graded bull		
No.1 95-120lbs	132.25	153.25
No 2 95-120lbs	115.00	130.75
No 3 80-120lbs	74.25	96.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr		
High dressing	102.75	108.00
Avg.dressing	88.25	98.25
Low dressing	81.00	88.25
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	128.50	133.00
Ch2-3	122.00	127.50
Ch1-3	105.00	118.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/prm2-3	131.50	134.75
Ch1-3	125.00	130.75
Sel1-2	111.50	117.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm2-3	116.00	118.75
Ch 2-3	110.00	115.00
Sel1-2	100.00	107.00
VEALER 60-120lbs	29.25	55.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	n/a	
60-80lbs	182.00	198.00
80-110lbs	182.00	202.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
110-120lbs	n/a	
120-160lbs	n/a	
150-200lbs	92.00	100.00
Bucks 120-150lbs	87.00	110.00
180-200lbs	88.00	90.00
200-250lbs	72.00	86.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.		
40-60lbs	112.00	132.00
60-80lbs	137.00	196.00
80-110lbs	152.00	190.00
Nannies/Does: 90-125lbs	140.00	172.00
130-150lbs	148.00	180.00
Bucks/Billies: 110-150lbs	237.00	330.00
150-250lbs	265.00	310.00

EASTERN PA GRAIN

December 9, 2013
Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.01
CORN	4.13
OAKS	3.05
SOYBEANS	12.82
WHEAT	6.71

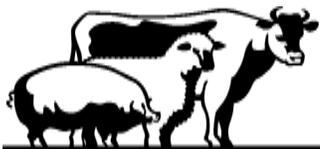
NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA
Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons
(volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.63	1.67
LARGE	1.61	1.65
MEDIUM	1.20	1.24

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons
(delivered)

XTRA LARGE	2.15	2.25
LARGE	2.11	2.21
MEDIUM	1.36	1.46



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CT VEG AND SMALL FRUIT GROWERS' CONFERENCE

The Connecticut Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers' Conference will be held January 16, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Maneley's Conference Center in South Windsor. It is the last chance to obtain Pesticide Applicator Re-certification Credits for 2013.

Pre-registration by Jan. 7 is \$35; late or walk-in is \$50. This program is presented by the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Go to www.ipm.uconn.edu or email Linda.Marino@UConn.edu for full program, directions, or registration form. Questions can be directed to Jude.Boucher@UConn.edu or 860 875-3331. Please call two weeks prior to this event if special accommodations are needed.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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Szegda Farm, located on the southerly side of state Route 66, is the picturesque landscape one sees to the south when entering the town of Columbia from Hebron. In addition to its scenic vista, this farm includes a residence, barn, greenhouse, and about 76 acres of prime and important farmland soils. Cropland is in hay that owner Ronald Szegda harvests and sells directly off the farm for livestock and dairy support. Another local start-up farmer grows annual and perennial flowers in a hoop house on the farm.

Szegda Farm occurs opposite the 43-acre Robinson Farm, protected in 1987. A former dairy farmer, Mr. Szegda desires to live out his life on the farm, and preserve the property for future generations of farmers.

Myers Farm in Ellington contains about 60 acres of prime and statewide important soils. It is leased by local farmers for hay and dairy support, and is adjacent to a block of agricultural lands that includes the 66-acre Pease Farm and 69-acre Swann Farm, protected in the 1980s. Louis Myers of Myers Nursery, Inc., wishes to keep the land in agriculture due to its quality and surrounding compatible land use.

Mitchell Raffia of Raffia Farm in Enfield considered protecting his family's farm for decades. A farmer knows when the time is right for him or her, and Mr. Raffia decided that time was now.

Raffia Farm contains 102 acres of prime and statewide important farmland soils—nearly 100% of the farm—with cropland in tobacco, corn, hay, and vegetables. It also contains several tobacco barns and other barns of agricultural infrastructure that support the farm. Several abutting farms have been preserved in Enfield, including Collins (164 acres), Osiers (63 acres), and Grande (69 acres). Raffia Farms received the highest score available in the Farmland Preservation Program's scoring criteria.

Through Governor Malloy's pioneering decision and the efforts of many stakeholders and the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, more than 825 acres (exact acreage to be surveyed) of state-owned agricultural lands at Southbury Training School were preserved in 2013.

Southbury's Ed and Ben Platt lease these agricultural lands for pasture, hay, and corn silage to support their active dairy operation, while the school continues to operate a poultry and Christmas tree farm on the site.

Care, custody and control of the land and farm buildings were transferred from the Department of Developmental Services to the Department of Agriculture through Public Act 13-90, and a permanent conservation covenant is being conveyed to the Southbury Land Trust.

This farm is the largest-ever parcel of farmland preserved through the Farmland Preservation Program. A plan for the agricultural reserve will provide opportunities for new farmers through an incubator farm program.

The Farmland Preservation Program began as a pilot in 1978 through Public Act 78-232. It primarily has protected active farms in Connecticut with a large quantity of prime farmland soils and farmland soils of statewide importance. It also leases state-owned agricultural lands with the cooperation of other agencies that may have custody and control of such lands. In addition, it manages the Lebanon Agricultural Reserve, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's farm demonstration project.

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FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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The Farmland Restoration Program, which began in 2011 through Public Act 11-1, has allocated \$1.3 million of funding to farm projects that increase the resource base for Connecticut agriculture. Part of the jobs bill, this program received state bond funding that put farmers to work to increase the state's farmland resource base for agriculture with an emphasis on human and livestock food production.

To date, 88 applications totaling more than 1,060 acres have been received. An average of approximately 12.5 acres per project are being restored, with each project being managed in accordance with a current farmland restoration plan. Many are on farms preserved by the Farmland Preservation Program.

The Community Farms Preservation Program was created through Public Act 08-174 and began as a pilot in 2011. This program is designed to preserve smaller farms of local economic importance with a demonstrated level of community support.

Although no funding for the program existed the first few years after the enacting legislation was passed, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with stakeholders and the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, worked to prepare criteria with special emphasis on increasing local capacity to participate in farmland preservation efforts.

The pilot of the Community Farms Preservation Program is proceeding with two farms under contract, one offer to purchase development rights already extended, and three offers to be extended once the joint state-town offers are approved by the participating towns.

Nine applications were eligible for the pilot and an additional six applications have been received. Applications cover seven counties. Towns eligible for the Community Farms Preservation Program total 23, more than double the number that have participated in joint state-town purchase of development rights projects leading up to the introduction of the Community Farms Preservation Program.

Connecticut agriculture depends on the viability and sustainability of its farm businesses and prime and important farmland soils resource base. Preserving farms, and investing in these farms, helps to protect the state's agricultural heritage and support Connecticut agriculture's future adaptation to a changing world.

If you would like more information about the Farmland Preservation Program, Farmland Restoration Program, and/or Community Farms Program, please call 860-713-2511 or inquire in writing to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation Program, 165 Capitol Avenue, G8A, Hartford, CT 06106.

CT FARM ENERGY 2013/2014 WORKSHOPS

Free informational workshops about incentives and funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on Connecticut farms will be held on December 12, 2013, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., in Norwich; January 9, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in New Haven; and January 16, 2014, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., in Vernon. (Snow date is the following day for each one.)

Workshops are hosted by the Connecticut Farm Energy Program with state and federal partner organizations. Registration is required by contacting CTFarmEnergy@aol.com or 860-345-3977.

Go to www.CTFarmEnergy.org for more information.



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