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A view of hay and corn fields at May Farm in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK FARM LATEST TO BE PROTECTED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE UNDER STATE'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

A 123-acre farm in Woodstock used to grow hay and corn is the latest to be permanently protected for agricultural production under the state's Farmland Preservation program.

The crops raised at May Farm on Woodstock Road are used to support the dairy herd at adjacent Elm Farm, owned by the Peckham family and protected under the state program last year.

May Farm is the seventeenth farm preserved in Woodstock and is part of a cluster of protected farms in town that exceeds 1,300 acres.

"One of the major goals of the Farmland Preservation Program is to create large areas of preserved farmland with supportive infrastructure in close proximity to one another," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Revczky said. "Adding May Farm to Woodstock's significant number of preserved farms is another example of the town's commitment to maintaining and growing its vibrant agricultural community."

May Farm contains about 71 acres of prime and statewide important farmland soils, capable of producing high crop yields. Dairy cows were raised on the farm until

the late 1960s. It is now owned by four brothers in the May family: Douglas, Derek, Darrell and Dale.

The Mays have lived in the area for more than 300 years, and the farm has been in the family since 1929, said Dale May, a retired state wildlife biologist.

"This land means a lot to us – it's the fabric of our life," May said. "My grandfather worked it his whole life and my father spent his whole life here, as well. Now our goal is to have future generations of Mays working and living on the land."

May said the property also contains woodlands and a portion of Muddy Brook.

"All of those features make it a very unique piece of land," he said. "We wanted to lead by example in preserving this whole farm ecosystem."

The Town of Woodstock, through a vote held at a town meeting, and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service were partners in the project.

May Farm is the 13th farm protected by the state in the current fiscal year. The state has preserved a total of about 42,000 acres of farmland since the program was created in 1978.

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	81.00	84.00
boners 80-85% lean	75.00	81.00
lean 88-90% lean	73.00	79.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	129.00	132.50
Choice 2-3	124.00	129.50
Sel 1-2	126.00	129.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 2-3	127.50	129.00
Ch 2-3	124.00	126.00
Sel 1-2	104.00	112.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	127.50	129.00
Ch 2-3	124.00	126.00
Sel 1-2	119.00	123.50
CALVES Graded bull		
No 1 98-128 lbs	172.00	180.00
No 2 102-128 lbs	162.00	172.00
No 3 100-130 lbs	169.00	170.00
Utility 90-100 lbs	137.00	157.00
FRESH COWS		
Supreme	2000.00	2350.00
Approved	1750.00	2000.00
Medium	1425.00	1700.00
Common	925.00	1425.00
SPRINGING COWS		
Supreme	1900.00	1900.00
Approved	1575.00	1800.00
Medium	1250.00	1575.00
Common	850.00	850.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MOS)		
Supreme	1875.00	2150.00
Approved	1650.00	1850.00
Medium	1200.00	1550.00
Common	625.00	1100.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MOS)		
Supreme	1850.00	2075.00
Approved	1550.00	1800.00
Medium	1350.00	1500.00
Common	950.00	1225.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
70-80 lbs	235.00	265.00
90-110 lbs	217.00	218.00
110-130 lbs	200.00	200.00
130-150 lbs	180.00	197.00
150-200 lbs	137.00	170.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	117.00	145.00
120-160 lbs	82.00	122.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	112.00
200-300 lbs	72.00	90.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	87.00	107.00
200-300 lbs	62.00	105.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
50-60 lbs	195.00	225.00
60-80 lbs	225.00	235.00
80-100 lbs	230.00	280.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	210.00	245.00
130-180 lbs	235.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	290.00	350.00
150-250 lbs	370.00	400.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LBS	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLES,EMPIRE,120/140,#1,BU	15.00	16.00
APPLE, HNCRSP, XFCY, 100	55.00	55.00
APPLES, MACS,FNCY, 80, 88	18.00	18.00
APPLES, MACS,FNCY, 120, 140	18.00	18.00
APPLES,MAC,#1,CELLPK,120	15.00	16.00
APPLE,MACS,FCY,12-3LB,2-1/2"	15.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS,RED,ORGANIC, 25 LBS	10.00	10.00
PARSNIPS, MED, 20 LBS	19.00	23.00
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,SZA, 10LB	2.25	2.25
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,CHF, 50LB	9.00	9.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF,50LB	12.00	13.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9	12.00	13.00
TOMS, GHSE, CHERRY,8-10 OZ	23.00	24.00
TOMS,GHS,CHRY,ONVINE,5LB	16.00	16.00
TOMS,GHSE, 11 LB FLATS	28.00	28.00
TOMATO, GHSE, LOOSE, 25LB	24.00	26.00
TOMATO,HEIRLM,GHSE, 10LBS	24.00	28.00
TURNIP,PRPLTP, ORG, 25LBS	13.00	14.00

SHIPPED IN

APPLE,BRAEBRN,XFCY,WA,80	34.00	36.00
APPL,BRBRN,ORG,XFCY,WA,80	52.00	52.00
APPLE,FUJI,XFCY,NY,80	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GALA, XFCY, PA, 100	33.00	33.00
APPL,GLD DEL,ORG,XF,WA,80	46.00	46.00
APPL,GLD DEL,XF,NY,80	23.00	23.00
APPLE, JONAGOLD, NY,XF,64	20.00	20.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, NY, 80	26.00	26.00
APPLE,RED DEL,ORG,XF,WA,72	45.00	45.00
APPLE, RED DEL,NY,FCY, 125	19.00	19.00
APPLE,PINKLADY,PA, XF, 100	38.00	38.00
BOKCHOY,BABY, FL, 50 LBS	40.00	44.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LBS	10.00	12.00
CARROTS, ONTARIO, 50 LBS	15.00	17.00
CORN, FL, 4-41/2 DOZ	31.00	35.00
CUKE,LNG,GHSE,FLMWRP,12	12.00	16.00
EDIBLE FLWRS, MIX,CA, 96	12.00	12.00
EDIBLE ORCHID, TAIWAN, 96	20.00	22.00
ENDIVE, CA, 24	18.00	22.00
FRISEE,RED/GRN,CA, 24/FLAT	20.00	24.00
HORSERADISH, NJ, 5LBS	14.00	14.00
KALE, MIXD COLR,CA, 24	30.00	34.00
LETTUCE,BSTN,GHS,12-4OZ	16.00	17.00
LETT,OAKLF,CA, 2.2 LBS	11.00	13.00
MESCULIN MIX, RED,CA, 3LBS	6.00	6.50
MESCULIN MIX, ORG,CA, 3LBS	8.00	8.00
PARSLEY, FLAT, AZ-CA, 60	22.00	26.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, AZ-CA, 60	24.00	24.00
PARSNIPS, MED, MI,18-1 LB	20.00	22.00
PEARS,D'ANJ,ORG,#1,WA,80	69.00	69.00
PEAR,BOSC,OR, #1,WPR, 70	40.00	42.00
PEAR,BOSC, ORG, #1, WA, 80	69.00	69.00
PEPPR,RED,ORG,GHS,ISR,5LB	30.00	30.00
RADISHES, FL, 14-1LB	21.00	25.00
RUTABAGAS, CANADA, 50 LBS	14.00	18.00
SPINACH,SAVOY, NJ,1.3 BU, 24	13.00	15.00
TARRAGON, FL, 1 LB BAG, 12	10.00	10.00
THYME, FL, 1 LB BAG, 12	8.00	8.00
TOMS, ORG, GHSE, GA, 11 LBS	20.00	23.00
WATRCRSS, FL, 12	10.50	12.00
WINTRCRSS, GHS, PA, 2.2 LBS	26.00	26.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, February 15, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.50	25.00
61-75 lbs.	37.50	45.00
76-90 lbs.	152.50	155.00
91-105 lbs.	160.00	165.00
106 lbs. & up	167.50	172.50
Farm Calves	175.00	180.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	100.00	150.00
Open Heifers	120.00	170.00
Beef Heifers	86.00	120.00
Feeder Steers	95.00	120.00
Beef Steers	110.00	130.00
Stock Bulls	1@	90.00
Beef Bulls	all@	110.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	1@	105.00
Lambs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	75.00	170.00
Kid Goats	n/a	n/a
Canners	up to	81.50
Cutters	82.00	85.00
Utility Grade Cows	86.00	89.00
Rabbits each	4.00	16.00
Chickens each	5.00	17.00
Ducks each	2.00	9.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.19	1.34
LARGE	1.13	1.27
MEDIUM	.89	1.02

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.73	1.95
LARGE	1.66	1.85
MEDIUM	1.14	1.29
SMALL	.86	.96

NEW HOLLAND, PA., HOG AUCTION

All prices per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	58.00	62.00
	300-350 lbs	57.00	60.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	52.00	58.00
	300-350 lbs	48.00	56.00
	350-400 lbs	45.00	55.00
Sows 1-3	450-500 lbs	42.50	45.50
	550-600 lbs	38.50	41.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA., HAY REPORT

All prices per ton, FOB, Small Square

Alfalfa - Supreme	310.00	320.00
Premium	240.00	290.00
Good	160.00	205.00
Grass Hays - Premium	300.00	380.00
Good	175.00	225.00
Alfalfa/Grass - Supreme	360.00	375.00
Premium	275.00	290.00
Good	175.00	220.00
Straw	190.00	200.00

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

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20. For Sale: A.I. Tank MVE Cyro Biologic MACH WM33, capacity 600 straws, 180 day charge; excellent condition. \$700.00. Moosup 1-860-564-5908.

WANTED

7-R. Maple Lane Farms is a hydroponic grower of produce for the retail and food service markets. Due to increased demand from our customers, we are seeking greenhouse owners to grow our products on a contract basis. If interested, call 860-227-8786.

10-R. Orange Community Farmers' Market: Vendors Wanted – Bee Products; Cheese Monger; Fruits; Fish & Shellfish; plus, Artisanal Food Products. Market begins June 2016. If interested, please call Paul Grimmer – 203-891-1045.

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15-R. Boulder Knoll Community Farm, Cheshire, looking for Farm Manager for small scale, sustainable 75 shareholder CSA farm. Farm Manager responsible for all aspects of operation. Visit www.friendsofboulderknoll.com/hiring for more info.

WOODSTOCK FARM LATEST TO BE PRESERVED BY STATE (Continued from Page 1)

The program allows farmers to convey their property's development rights to the state, but still own and work the land and contribute to the local tax base.

Owners also may convey their land to others, but a permanent deed restriction assures the property will always remain available for agricultural production.

FARM TRANSITION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 7

Grant guidelines and applications for the Dept of Agriculture's Farm Transition Grant program are available online and must be submitted by April 7.

The program provides grants up to \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 1 to 1 match. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the economic viability of Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives.

Funding priorities for this year include projects that address anticipated on-farm food safety requirements, strengthening infrastructure to meet changing climate conditions, processing of Connecticut Grown products for year round availability, and diversification of existing farm operations. Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

A workshop on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be held February 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Hartford Regional Market, 101 Reserve Road, Hartford. Please send RSVP to Jaime Smith, Jaime.Smith@ct.gov or call 860-713-2559.

CHANGES IN USDA RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Is your risk management plan adequate for 2016? The 2014 Farm Bill has a number of enhancements to existing programs as well as a number of new programs to help manage your crop risk. Protection for crops not listed above may be available from a crop insurance agent by written agreement.

NAP, Noninsured Crop Disaster Program, provides financial assistance for non-insurable crops. For NAP, contact your local county FSA USDA office.

Additional information is also available at: www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu and to find a RMA Insurance Agent go to <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html>

This information is part of the Connecticut Crop Insurance Education and Information Project, a cooperative effort of the USDA Risk Management Agency, UConn Extension, and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

2016 USDA CROP INSURANCE SIGN-UP DEADLINES

- March 15: Whole Farm Revenue Protection; Corn; Fresh Market Sweet Corn; Potatoes; Tobacco
- Last business Friday of each month: Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) Dairy & Swine
- May 1: Nursery

Farm Fantasy to Reality: Creating a Successful Business Plan

A business plan is a critical element to farm success. This hands-on program will outline the necessary steps to developing a plan for your farming enterprise.

Joseph Bonelli
UConn Extension Educator

A must for new, transitioning and existing farm businesses.



Joseph Bonelli will also discuss USDA crop insurance options to manage farm risk.

Wednesday February 24, 2016 6 – 8:00 pm

(Snow date: Wednesday March 16, 2016)

Middlesex County Extension Center
1066 Saybrook Road Haddam, CT

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NOFA CONFERENCE RETURNS FOR 34th YEAR

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (CT NOFA) is pleased to invite the public to its 34th Annual Winter Conference on March 12 and 13 at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. Guests will discover new ways to strengthen Connecticut’s local food system and help combat climate change using practices rooted in organic farming and land care.

Left: A childhood photo taken at the farm showing (left to right) Doug May, Dale May and three neighborhood boys. Photo and cover photo courtesy of the May family.

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