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WORKED SINCE 1701, OWENECO FARM IN LEBANON FOREVER PRESERVED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

LEBANON - In a town widely regarded as a statewide leader in agricultural production and preservation, Oweneco Farm stands out as a landmark that has been worked by the same family and graced one of the main gateways into town since 1701.

And last week, after years of negotiation with town officials and the Department of Agriculture, 240 acres of the 300-acre farm owned by the Grabber family was preserved forever for agricultural production through the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

Pictured above, the Exeter Road (Route 207) farm's main crops are hay and silage corn, grown to support area dairy farms.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the farm is the 21st preserved this fiscal year by the state.

It is the 36th to be protected in Lebanon, where more than 5,000 acres of farmland have been preserved.

The town is home to a wide variety of large and small scale agriculture, including New England's largest egg farm and wholesale nursery, as well as numerous

goat, sheep and cow dairies and a variety of vegetable farms and those used for dairy support.

"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," Reviczky said. "Adding Oweneco Farm to Lebanon's significant number of preserved farms is another example of the town's commitment to maintaining and growing its vibrant agricultural community."

Lebanon Town Planner Philip Chester, who worked with the Grabber family and the Department to reach a plan of succession and preservation, said the farm is valued not only for its production, but for its rich history and aesthetics.

"Few farms epitomize the beauty and legacy that agriculture can provide than Oweneco Farm," Chester said. "This preservation is an important part of the concerted effort of Lebanon's town government to preserve its agricultural heritage and promote farming as a sustainable and economic resource."

LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	77.00	81.00
boners 80-85% lean	76.00	81.00
lean 88-90% lean	73.00	77.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	125.00	129.50
Choice 2-3	123.00	127.00
Sel 1-2	118.00	123.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	120.00	120.00
Ch 2-3	110.00	117.00
Sel 1-2	104.00	109.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	124.00	124.00
Ch 2-3	114.00	120.00
Select 1-2	108.00	113.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-128 lbs	197.00	197.00
No 1 94-118 lbs	227.00	245.00
No 1 90-92 lbs	195.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	260.00	285.00
50-60 lbs	250.00	255.00
70-80 lbs	230.00	242.00
80-90 lbs	227.00	227.00
90-110 lbs	225.00	250.00
110-130 lbs	225.00	225.00
130-150 lbs	222.00	230.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	90.00	97.00
120-160 lbs	85.00	107.00
200-300 lbs	75.00	75.00
BUCKS		
120-160 lbs	82.00	82.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	110.00
200-300 lbs	52.00	122.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	200.00	245.00
60-80 lbs	235.00	265.00
80-100 lbs	255.00	280.00
100-120 lbs	295.00	310.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Select 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	190.00	225.00
130-180 lbs	245.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	250.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	300.00	370.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	52.00	58.50
	300-350 lbs	52.00	53.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	48.00	51.50
	350-400 lbs	35.00	40.00
Sows, US	1-3 400-500 lbs	39.00	46.00
	500-700 lbs	34.00	43.50
Boars	200-300 lbs	32.00	37.00
	400-900 lbs	5.00	11.00

NEW ENGLAND CUT FLOWERS

CALLA, WT, LNG,5/BNCH	20.00	25.00
CORNFLWR, 10/BNCH	6.50	7.50
DELPHINIUM, XL,10/BNCH	17.50	17.50
LISIANTHUS, 10/BNCH	18.00	18.00
SUNFLWR, SM HEAD, 10	10.00	10.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	5.00	6.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS, 12 LBS	18.00	18.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	45.00	50.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 12 CT	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 24 CT	20.00	20.00
LETTUCE, RED/GRN LEAF, 12	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE, RED/GRN LEAF, 24	20.00	20.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 12	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 24	20.00	20.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB BAGS	22.00	23.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, BU	21.00	40.00
PEAS, SNOW, 10 LBS	20.00	20.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, PER LB	2.00	2.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, 10 LBS	20.00	20.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1 CHEF, 50LB	16.00	16.00
POTATO, RNDWT, 10-5LB, #1-SZA	12.00	12.00
POTATO, YLW, #1 CHEF, 50 LBS	15.00	15.00
RADISHES, 24 LBS	12.00	12.00
RHUBARB, OPEN FIELD, 20LBS	35.00	35.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, #1, 1/2 BU	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, GREEN, #1, 1/2 BU	18.00	18.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8-1 QT	26.00	32.00
TOM, CHRY, GHSE, ONVINE, 5 LB	16.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, GHSE, 8-10 OZ	24.00	26.00
TOMS, HEIRLOOM, GHS, 10 LBS	24.00	25.00
TOMS, ONVINE, GHSE, 11 LBS	12.00	12.00
TOMS, GHSE, VINERIPE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

BLUEBERRIES, NJ, 12-1PT	18.00	21.00
BLUEBERRY, ORG, NC, 12-1PT	19.00	19.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU	20.00	22.00
BROCCOLI, FL, BNCHD, 14	18.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, NJ, 1-3/4BU	18.00	18.00
CARROTS, CA, LG, BNCH, 24	20.00	22.00
CHERRY, WA, 16 LBS, 9.5, BAGS	43.00	45.00
CHRRY, RANIER, WA, 15LBS, 9.5	67.00	67.00
CHINSE CABBG, LONG, NJ, 12 CT	16.00	16.00
COLLARDS, NJ, 12 BNCH	12.00	13.00
CORN, BICOLOR, GA, 4-41/2 DZ	14.00	15.00
CUKES, NJ, MED, WAXED, 1-1/9	32.00	32.00
CUKES, PCKL, NJ, 150-200	26.00	30.00
CUKES, PCKL, NJ, 200-300	34.00	35.00
DAIKON, W/TOPS, NJ, 1-1/9, 12	25.00	26.00
DANDELION, NJ, 12 BNCH	18.00	18.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 16	13.00	15.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 16	13.00	15.00
KALE, NJ, 12	12.00	14.00
KOHLRABI, NJ, BNCH, 12	16.00	16.00
MUSHRM, ENOKI, PA, 12-3.5 OZ	18.00	19.00
MUSHRM, OYSTR, PA, 6-4OZ	11.00	11.00
MUSHRM, SHITAKE, PA, 6-3.5OZ	8.50	8.50
NECTARINE, CA, 60-64SZ, 25LB	24.00	24.00
OKRA, FL, SM-MED, 1/2 BU	20.00	22.00
PEACHES, GA, 2-3/4", 1/2 BU	20.00	20.00
PEPPER, CHRRYHOT, NJ, 1/2 BU	25.00	25.00
PEPPER, JALAPENO, NJ, 1/2 BU	20.00	20.00
PLUMS, BLK, CA, 28 LBS, 40-45	33.00	36.00
RASPBERRIES, CA, LG, 12-6OZ	21.00	24.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, BNCH, 24	18.00	18.00
TURNIP, PRPLTOP, NJ, 25 LBS	14.00	14.00
WATERCRESS, FL, BNCH, 12	10.50	12.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - June 20, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	87.00	95.00
76-90 lbs.	137.50	142.50
91-105 lbs.	147.50	152.50
106 lbs. & up	157.50	160.00
Farm Calves	162.50	165.00
Starter Calves	52.00	55.00
Veal Calves	75.00	145.00
Open Heifers	85.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	100.00	108.00
Feeder Steers	86.00	100.00
Beef Steers	88.00	110.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	85.00
Beef Bulls	100.00	122.50
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	12.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	190.00	210.00
Lambs each	75.00	200.00
Goats each	110.00	280.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	205.00
Canners	up to	81.00
Cutters	82.00	87.00
Utility Grade Cows	88.00	93.00
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.00	16.00
Ducks each	10.00	17.00

Auction is open Monday, July 4, 2016**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.53	.71
LARGE	.47	.61
MEDIUM	.32	.45

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.04	1.19
LARGE	.94	1.07
MEDIUM	.49	.58
SMALL	.46	.56

HAY REPORT, LANCASTER, PA

Small squares, per ton.

Timothy/Orchard		
Premium	270.00	350.00
Good	170.00	215.00
Fair	105.00	150.00
Utility	60.00	60.00
Straw	175.00	225.00

USDA-EASTERN US HERBS

BASIL, NJ, 1 LB	23.00	26.00
CHIVES, MA/NH, 1 LB	8.00	10.00
CILANTRO, NJ, 1/2BR, 30	11.00	13.00
CIPOLINOS, NY, 10 LBS	16.00	18.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2BRUCE, 24	17.00	18.00
ESCHALLOT, NY, 10 LBS	8.00	8.00
METHI, NJ, 1/2BRUCE, 24	20.00	20.00
MINT, MA/NH, 1/2BR, 12	10.00	14.00
TARRAGON, NH, 1 LB, 12	8.00	10.00

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

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

45-R. Retiring from farming. Greenhouse and vegetable equipment for sale. www.wagonroadgreenhouse.com for pictures and details.

47-R. For Sale: Model 580B backhoe loader. \$4,500.00. Ford 8N. \$1,000.00. Sylvan Tetrault 860-684-3458.

49-R. For Sale: Parts for Grimm hay tedders. Also, rough lumber. Sylvan Tetrault. 860-684-3458.

67-R. 99 Dart Hill Road, South Windsor. 5.5 acres, Rural Residential. Fully approved building lot with sewer available, well required. Ideal for horses, ambitious gardener, agricultural or home business. 800 foot driveway. Creative owner financing available. \$248,000.00. Annette Griffin, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services N.E. Properties. 860-604-7845.

68-R. JD MT mower, side delivery rake, tedder, PTO pulley, ground plow, snow plow. Two NH balers #66, parts. 860-617-4002.

69-R. Sweet corn available June 29. Latte & Espresso no Temptation. Contact Barbara Higgins @ 860-508-5811.

70-R. Kubota RCK6027BA Mower Deck easy mount fits Kubota B7800. Excellent condition. \$1,500.00. Ken Scappini 203-592-6530.

72-R. Ashley McCullough proudly representing Farm Family, a company that has been providing clients with reliable service for more than 60 years. Let me help you with your insurance needs. Specializing in Farm, Business, Home and Life Insurance. Get a quote today. Ashley.McCullough@Farm-Family.com or 401-397-1050.

73-R. For Sale: Mulch hay in 500 lb round bales. Asking \$19.00 per bale. Call Mike Sr. – 860-528-4660.

74-R. IH886 tractor, 2550 hours, 358 ci. German 6 cycle diesel motor. Fresh paint - very sharp - super clean, spotless, open 4 post cab w/glass windshield. 2 pto's, 3 pt. hitch, 50 gallon plastic fuel tank. Motor, trans., clutch, T/A, brakes excellent. 2 new batteries, 2 remotes, new seat, NO oil leaks. Shifts easy. Comes w/IH quick mount loader w/joystick – new bucket. Asking price--\$12,500.00. You will not be disappointed. (203) 283-4472 leave message or email cidermill5@yahoo.com

75-R. 11'6" aluminum row boat with new oars. \$350.00. James A. Fazzone 203-250-6677.

WANTED

71-R. Bee keepers wanted to keep bees in buckwheat field. West Suffield and East Windsor area. 860-490-0874.

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR PERMITS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS LOCATED AT THE FORMER FAIRFIELD HILLS HOSPITAL PROPERTY

The State of Connecticut, acting through the Department of Agriculture, will accept agricultural crop permit proposals through July 25, 2016, from interested parties wishing to farm the following lands of the Connecticut Military Department ("CT MD") and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture ("DOAg"):

- 119.5+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the former Fairfield Hills Hospital property, located off Mile Hill Road, Craft Road, Old Farm Road and Queen Street in Newtown, consisting of the following parcels:
- 8± acres under the care, custody and control of CT MD, located off Mile Hill Road in Newtown, consisting of sloping and gently sloping hayland. **Parcel 1 must remain as hayland and will be available for cutting all year; however, it must be cut a minimum of two times per calendar year.**
- 11.5± acres under the care, custody and control of CT MD, located off Craft Street in Newtown, consisting of sloping and gently sloping hayland. **Parcel 2 must remain as hayland and will be available for cutting between November 1 and July 31 of each year. It cannot be cut or used by the permittee between August 1 and October 31 of each year. However, it must be cut a minimum of two times per calendar year,** and
- 100± acres under the care, custody and control of DOAg, located off Craft Road, Old Farm Road and Queen Street in Newtown, consisting of corn fields and gently sloping cropland/hayland.

Proposals will be accepted on the entire property described above. Food and fiber producing agricultural activities (row crops, hay, fruits and vegetables, etc.) and their overall impact on the productivity and condition of the land by the submitted applications will be taken into consideration by the state.

Applicants will be required to submit and utilize a soil conservation plan and follow best management practices for utilization of the land during the term of the agreement. The conservation plan should contain measures to minimize soil erosion and maintain the productivity of the land. The permittee will be required to establish a permanent cover on the areas being actively farmed in accordance with the conservation plan, including at the end of the permit period.

In accordance with C.G.S. 22-6e, the permits are to be for a term of five years, with the option to renew for an additional five years at the discretion of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The submission of proposals will not be binding on the State of Connecticut, nor does it constitute a

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A truckload of kale picked today at The Lewis Educational Agriculture Farm (LEAF) in Southington. Photo was shared on social media using the hashtag #CTGrown.

CONNECTICUT GROWN STORE NOW ACCEPTING WHOLESALE ORDERS

The Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that its online storefront, www.ConnecticutGrownStore.com, is now accepting wholesale orders from farmers and farmers' market masters.

The store offers a wide selection of apparel for men, women, children and infants, plus coffee mugs, knit and baseball hats. Ideal for farm stands, markets or employee/volunteer appreciation gifts.

All proceeds benefit the Connecticut Grown program, which promotes Connecticut's farmers and the diverse array of agricultural products they grow. For more information and wholesale pricing, contact us directly at 860-713-2503.

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competitive bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals not in the best interest(s) of the State of Connecticut.

Anyone wishing to submit a proposal must forward a completed **Connecticut Department of Agriculture Permit Proposal Form for Agricultural Use of Vacant Public Land**, plus any accompanying materials to: **The Resource Preservation Unit, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Room G-8, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.**

Proposals must be postmarked or hand-delivered by July 25, 2016.

The Permit Proposal Form is available online at www.ctfarmlink.org. Additional information and the parcel location map(s) are included with the Permit Proposal Form.

If you are unable to access the internet, have any questions or need to request additional information, you may call 860-713-2531 or email lance.shannon@ct.gov

FARMS ASKED TO TAKE PART IN ENERGY SURVEY

Energize CT, along with Eversource, United Illuminating and the CT Farm Energy Program are requesting that Connecticut farms take part in a brief 10-question survey.

The above companies and organizations are currently developing an agriculture-focused program for energy efficiency, and are seeking feedback from agricultural customers who may have or have not utilized current offerings.

They are seeking insight from farms in order to develop a program that addresses the needs of the agricultural community.

To access the survey, click on the link below: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHWGKF5>

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