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## FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM PUTTING MORE ACRES, GROWERS INTO PRODUCTION

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Just a few months ago, much of the former Harris Farm atop Mount Parnassus in East Haddam was so choked with brush and thorny invasive plants it had become a hazard to anyone brave enough to tour it.

"When you walked through you would get really sliced up," town economic development coordinator Peter Simmons recalled. "It was a mess."

But with the help of a Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP) grant awarded by the Dept. of Agriculture (DoAg), 13 overgrown acres at the town-owned site have been cleared for a "community field" leased to small growers and to accommodate a commercial kitchen and agricultural resource center.

The long-fallow plot, part of a former family dairy farm, is not only producing vegetables like tomatoes and corn – it is creating more farmers.

"We are providing incubator space for people who want to get started in farming and then graduate to another property," Simmons said.

The FLRP was created in 2011 by Governor Dannel P. Malloy. The goal of the \$5 million program is to assist about 250 farms, and applications are received on a continual basis.

To date, 34 applicants have been granted more than \$1.5 million. Each grant restores an average of 12.1 acres of cropland at approximately \$2,500 per acre.

"Connecticut is a recognized leader in the number of new farms being created, and this program is a very direct way the state can assist in getting more acres into production," Gov. Malloy said. "These grants are not only helping farmers, they are also helping meet the rising demand for locally-grown food and creating jobs on these farms."

Under the FLRP, farmers are eligible for grants of up to \$20,000 per project, and are required to match at least half the grant amount. Eighty percent of applications are from full-time farmers, and the remainder from part-time farming operations, non-profits and municipalities.

Recipients are required to submit a conservation plan or farmland restoration plan developed in consultation with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and/or Connecticut Conservation District specialists.

The plan identifies specific farmland areas to be restored and the costs associated with the work. Municipal and land trust farmland, with agricultural leases of five years or longer, are also eligible. Restoration activities include:

- Reclamation of grown over pastures, meadows and cropland including the removal of invasive plants and hedge row management.



**Reclamation of overgrown farmland at the town-owned former Harris Farm in East Haddam is among more than 30 projects funded by DoAg's Farmland Restoration Program since 2011. The town leases vegetable plots to small growers and plans to break ground this fall on a commercial kitchen and community center.**



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**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
49-54	200-300 lbs	80.00	85.00
	300-400 lbs	68.00	76.00
54-58	200-300 lbs	87.00	90.50
	300-400 lbs	74.00	78.00
Sows,US1-3	300-500 lbs	65.00	69.50
	500-700 lbs	69.00	73.00
Boars	400-720 lbs	38.00	43.00

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt. June 18

		Low	High
GR US 1-	WT 20-40	310.00	360.00
	WT 50-75	235.00	250.00
	WT80-100	175.00	175.00
GR US 2	WT20-50	285.00	330.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, June 23, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	46.00	52.00
61-75 lbs.	60.00	72.00
76-90 lbs.	195.00	205.00
91-105 lbs.	210.00	215.00
106 lbs. & up	220.00	225.00
Farm Calves	230.00	240.00
Starter Calves	50.00	60.00
Veal Calves	90.00	155.00
Open Heifers	150.00	152.50
Beef Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	110.00	115.00
Feeder Steers	145.00	150.00
Stock Bulls	145.00	150.00
Beef Bulls	128.00	130.00
Boars	1 at	10.00
Sows	1 at	84.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	85.00	320.00
Kid Goats	60.00	175.00
Canners	up to	107.00
Cutters	108.00	111.00
Utility Grade Cows	112.00	115.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	40.00
Chickens each	3.00	30.00
Ducks each	2.00	20.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	100.00	250.00
Sheep	40.00	90.00

**EASTERN, PA HAY**

average price per ton

	PREMIUM	GOOD
ALFALFA	225.00-227.00	165.00-185.00
MIXED	200.00-395.00	155.00-195.00
TIMOTHY	220.00-320.00	N/A
STRAW		120.00-220.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
RHUBARB,20LB	28.00	32.00
ARUGULA,4LB	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES 25LB LG	20.00	21.00
SPINACH,1 1/9BU	12.00	12.50
CHIVES,1LB	8.00	8.00
CORN,5DZ	20.00	20.00
STRAWBERRIES 8/1QT	30.00	32.00
CILANTRO,30'S	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, YELLOW,FCY,1/2BU	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, MED,1/2BU	8.00	12.00
SQUASH, GREEN,FCY,1/2BU	12.00	16.00
SQUASH, GREEN, MED,1/2BU	8.00	10.00
PEA, SUGAR, 10LB	15.00	20.00
PEA, ENGLISH, BU	55.00	65.00

**SHIPPED IN**

BEETS, 12'S, NJ	14.00	16.00
BEAN, RD grn, bu, NC	24.00	26.00
BOK CHOY, 50LB NJ	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 50LB NJ	16.00	18.00
CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9BU, NJ	24.00	28.00
KALE, 12ct, NJ	18.00	20.00
KOHLRABI, 12'S, NJ	16.00	16.00
HORSERADISH, 5LB, NJ	14.00	14.00
ONION, VIDALIA, 40 IB, GA	18.00	21.00
BLUEBERRIES 12/1PT, NJ	18.00	19.00
CHERRIES, 9 1/2 ROWS, BING	32.00	36.00
PEACHES, 1/2BU.2 1/2UP, GA	18.00	22.00

**WHOLESALE GREENS, LETTUCE**

COLLARD GREENS, 12'S NJ	13.00	15.00
DANDELION GREENS, 12'S, NJ	18.00	20.00
ESCAROLE, 1 1/9BU, NJ	12.00	16.00
BOSTON BIBB, 24, NE	14.00	16.00
RED LEAF, 24'S, NE	12.00	12.00
GREEN LEAF. 24'S NE	12.00	12.00
ROMAINE, 24'S, CAN	14.00	14.00
SWISS CHARD, 12'S, NJ	16.00	19.00

**USDA WEEKLY RETAIL BEEF PRICES****NORTHEAST USA, PER LB., CHOICE**

	Low	High
BNIN RIBEYE STEAK	8.99	9.99
STEW MEAT	3.79	4.99
T-BONE STEAK	8.99	8.99
PORTER HOUSE STEAK	8.99	8.99
SIRLOIN STEAK	3.98	6.99
LONDON BROIL	2.99	4.98
BRISKET	7.99	8.99
GROUND BEEF, 80-90%	2.99	3.49
TOP ROUND STEAK	3.99	3.99

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Average Dressing

	Low	High
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	97.25	102.50
boners 80-85% lean	93.75	97.50
lean 85-90% lean	88.50	93.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 95-120lbs	244.75	283.50
No 2 95-120lbs	231.00	268.50
No 3 80-120lbs	175.00	239.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	147.50	151.00
Ch2-3	139.25	143.50
Sel1-2	131.00	135.25
SLAUGHTER STEERS.		
HiCh/prm3-4	150.25	154.50
Ch2-3	143.75	147.00
Sel	141.00	144.75
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm2-3	129.00	133.00
Ch2-3	125.50	127.75
Sel2-3	118.00	123.00
VEALERS	41.50	77.75
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	190.00	215.00
50-60lb	N/A	
60-80lbs	186.00	210.00
80-110lbs	184.00	210.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	68.00	77.00
120-160lbs	N/A	
Bucks		
150-160lbs	96.00	98.00
160-190lbs	64.00	72.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
20-40lb	n/a	
40-60lb	157.00	180.00
60-80lb	170.00	207.00
80-100lb	142.00	165.00
Nannies/Does: 90-130lbs	150.00	180.00
130-180lbs	140.00	185.00
Bucks/Billies: 120-150lbs	162.00	230.00
150-170lbs	212.00	250.00

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.15	1.19
LARGE	1.13	1.17
MEDIUM	.99	1.03

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.64	1.73
LARGE	1.59	1.69
MEDIUM	1.33	1.43

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- Clearing and removal of trees, stumps, stones, invasive plants, such as multi-flora rose or autumn olive, and brush to create or restore agricultural use.
- Installation of fencing to keep livestock in reclaimed pasture areas and/or out of riparian areas. Installation of wildlife management fencing to protect crop fields.
- Restoration of water runoff and drainage of crop fields to improve cropland areas and restore water runoff patterns and water conservation.
- Renovation of farm ponds including farm pond management/irrigation and irrigation wells incidental to the restored cropland areas.
- Restoration of shellfish beds or aquaculture ponds.

FLRP applications are prioritized as follows:

**Tier One** - Human food production agriculture is considered to be the highest priority, including fruit production.

**Tier Two** - Livestock, livestock feed and livestock support production.

**Tier Three** - Other agricultural uses may be considered based on land use, food production and acreage to be restored.

Recipients range from small start-ups to large farms that that have been active for decades. A restoration grant to Maple Leaf Farm in Hebron – in dairy production for more than a century - helped restore about 11 acres through land-clearing and drainage.

In Clinton, a grant to the Our Community Cares project restored a half-acre that will be used for growing vegetables – all of which will be donated to local food pantries.

At the Harris Farm, besides helping pay the cost of clearing brush, stumps and rocks, the grant was used to build an 8-foot high fence that keeps deer and other animals out of the 4-acre community field.

The town also recently received a \$431,000 state Small Town Economic Assistance grant to build on the site what will be known as the Center for Community Agriculture.

The 2,000 square-foot building will house a commercial kitchen, a technical resource center for new and existing agricultural businesses, and an agricultural education center for area residents. Planners estimate that the facility will support at least 20 full and part-time jobs.

"There's really nothing like it in Connecticut," project architect George Fellner said while walking the site recently. "We think this is going to be a model for all of New England."

Others involved in the project include the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, UConn Agricultural Extension Service, 4-H, and the Vo-Ag program at the town's Nathan Hale-Ray High School for technical resources and education.

"This project is a great example of how agriculture is thriving in Connecticut in so many different ways," DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "I am proud of the role our agency is playing in Governor Malloy's initiatives to support new and existing farmers across our state. These investments are helping create a new era of agriculture that will benefit our state's farmers and residents for generations."

**For more information on how to apply or to receive an application, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at [CTgrown.gov](http://CTgrown.gov). FLRP applications are accepted on a continual basis, and interested farmers are encouraged to apply now for 2014 projects. Each farm/farmer is allowed one application per calendar year.**

**To discuss whether a farm is eligible for the program please call 860-713-2511 or email :**

**[Cam.Weimar@ct.gov](mailto:Cam.Weimar@ct.gov) or [Lance.Shannon@ct.gov](mailto:Lance.Shannon@ct.gov)**

## FARMERS' MARKETS OPENING THIS WEEKEND, NEXT WEEK

**For a complete listing of Connecticut's more than 125 farmers' markets, please visit the Department of Agriculture's website at [CTGrown.gov](http://CTGrown.gov)**

### Danbury

Fri., 11am-5pm  
Main Street  
Kennedy Park

### East Windsor

Sun., 11am-2pm  
58 North Road  
CT Trolley Museum

### Glastonbury

Sat., 10 am-1 pm  
Hubbard Green - Corner of  
Hubbard Street & Main Street

### Granby

Tues., 3-6:30 pm  
Farmington Valley YMCA

### Hamden, South

Mon., 3-7pm  
Highwood Square  
943 Dixwell Ave.

### Hamden, Spring Glen

Tues., 3-6pm  
Spring Glen Church  
1825 Whitney Ave.

### Hartford - Homestead

Wed., 3-6 pm.  
255 Homestead Ave.  
Chrysalis Center

### Hartford - North End

Wed., 10am-1 pm  
80 Coventry Street  
North End Senior Center

### Ivoryton Village

Sat., 10 am-1:30 pm  
Main Street

### Newington

Thurs., 3-6 pm  
Sat., 9 am-1 pm  
Rear of 100 Market Square

### Newtown - Fairfield Hills

Tues., 2-6 pm.  
Wasserman Way  
Fairfield Hills Campus

### Old Saybrook

Wed., 10 am-1 pm  
Sat., 9 am-12:30 pm  
210 Main Street

### Plainfield

Tues. 4-6 pm.  
Rte. 12,  
Doyle's Dollar Store

### Plainville

Fri., 3-6 pm  
Route 10  
Plainville High School

### Stratford

Mon., 2-6 pm.  
Paradise Green  
Main St.

### Winsted

Fri., 3-6 pm.  
Route 44  
East End Park



**Architect George Fellner takes photos of recently-cleared land at the former Harris Farm in East Haddam, where a commercial kitchen and community center will be built alongside a 4-acre crop field. Fellner will include the photos in a public presentation on the project to be held Wednesday June 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the town's Grange Hall.**



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