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Doug and Cris Carlson (left) and Lillian Kuslis recently conveyed their farms' development rights to the state in order to keep the farms operating within their families.

TWO LITCHFIELD COUNTY FARMS LATEST TO BE PROTECTED UNDER STATE'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Two multi-generational family farms in Litchfield County are the latest to be forever dedicated to agricultural use through the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

Carlwood Farm in North Canaan and Kuslis Farm in Watertown are the ninth and tenth farms to be protected this year from non-agricultural development under the program, which has preserved a total of 313 farms and more than 40,000 acres.

"I am thrilled that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture was able to work with the Carlson and Kuslis families to permanently protect their farms," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "We are pleased that the Farmland Preservation Program provides opportunities and options to farm families across Connecticut."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program partnered with the state in both preservation projects, which bring the total protected farmland in Litchfield County to nearly 7,800 acres.

Carlwood Farm, owned by Doug and Cris Carlson, has been a working dairy farm since the 1940s. It supports a milking herd of about 50 Holstein cows as part of the AgriMark dairy cooperative.

The 90-acre farm on Canaan Valley Road contains 65 acres of prime and statewide important soils.

Doug Carlson, who has managed the farm since he was teenager after his father passed away, said conveying the farm's development rights to the state will allow his daughter and business partner, Sandy Carlson Boardman, to take over the operation when he retires.

"She's very interested in continuing on with the farm so it seemed like the best idea was to preserve it so she can carry on." Doug said.

Proceeds from the conveyance will be used to purchase additional farmland, he said, and to make infrastructure improvements.

"We're not interested in milking a thousand cows or anything," Doug said. "We just want to keep the farm about where it is right now."

Doug's grandfather had begun farming in town after emigrating from Sweden in the early 1900s. His father, also named Doug, later bought a single acre that eventually became Carlwood Farm.

"We produce good, clean milk every single day," said Doug, known for his lifelong involvement in 4-H and FFA. "I'm extremely proud of that."

Carlwood is the sixth North Canaan farm to be included in the state program, bringing the total preserved farmland in town to 721 acres.

Nearby farms include the 220-acre Anderson Farm, which was preserved earlier this year.

The farm, which borders the Massachusetts line, also contains a colonial-style residence, a 72-cow free-stall barn with milk house, heifer barn, and a concrete bunker silo.

The 73-acre Kuslis Farm, on Barnes Road in Watertown, is mainly used to grow hay to feed beef cattle raised there by

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	76.00	81.00
boners 80-85% lean	76.00	82.00
lean 88-90% lean	72.50	77.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	132.00	135.50
Ch2-3	128.00	133.50
Sel2-3	101.00	109.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 2-3	117.00	121.00
Ch2-3	110.00	117.00
Sel2-3	101.00	109.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm 2-3	130.00	132.50
Ch 2-3	124.00	129.50
Sel 2-3	120.00	125.00
CALVES Graded bull		
No 1 106-128 lbs	390.00	400.00
No 1 90-104 lbs	405.00	415.00
CALVES Graded heifers		
No 1 95-110 lbs	275.00	320.00
No 1 80-90 lbs	320.00	350.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Wooled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice 2-3		
60-70 lbs	220.00	230.00
70-80 lbs	200.00	215.00
80-90 lbs	185.00	202.00
90-110 lbs	177.00	198.00
110-130 lbs	162.00	177.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	80.00	100.00
160-200 lbs	67.00	92.00
200-300 lbs	60.00	88.00
BUCKS		
150-200 lbs	72.00	140.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
50-60 lbs	162.00	180.00
60-80 lbs	185.00	225.00
80-100 lbs	207.00	217.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel1,by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	175.00	185.00
130-180 lbs	195.00	215.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	240.00	280.00
150-250 lbs	285.00	290.00
SLAUGHTER WETHERS: sel 1, by head		
150-250 lbs	320.00	325.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA., HOG AUCTION

All prices per cwt.

52-56	250-350 lbs	49.00	55.00
48-52	250-350 lbs	42.00	50.00
Sows1-3	500-650 lbs	51.00	57.00

HAY - LANCASTER, PA

Small squares, each

ALFALFA	Supreme	360.00	410.00
	Premium	345.00	365.00
	Good	285.00	290.00
GRASS HAYS	Premium	345.00	400.00
	Good	285.00	340.00
ALFALFA/GRASS			
	Supreme	380.00	385.00
STRAW		240.00	320.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
APPLES, CORTLAND, NG, BU	14.00	14.00
APPLES, CORTLAND,120 #1,BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES,CORTLAND,USFCY,BU	16.00	16.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, 140, #1, BU	20.00	20.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, 120, #1, BU	19.00	19.00
APPLES, FUJI, FCY, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES,GALA, FCY, BU	16.00	16.00
APPLES, GALA, NG, BU	20.00	20.00
APPLES,HNYCRSP,XFCY,64	30.00	30.00
APPLES,HNYCRSP,XFCY,88	30.00	30.00
APPLES,HONYCRSP, NG,BU	35.00	35.00
APPLES, MACS,FNCY, 12-3LB	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MAC, NG, BU	14.00	14.00
APPLES,MAC,120,US1,CELL PK	17.00	18.00
APPLES,MAC,140,US1,CELL PK	17.00	18.00
APPLES, MACOUN, FCY, BU	16.00	16.00
APPLES, MACOUN, NG, BU	20.00	20.00
APPLES, MUTSU, FCY, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES, SPENSER, NG, BU	18.00	20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CABBAGE,GREEN, 50LBS	12.00	15.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 40 LBS	15.00	16.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	18.00	18.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	20.00	22.00
CORN, BLUE, 20-3	28.00	30.00
CORN, INDIAN, 20-3	40.00	40.00
CORN, STRAWBERRY, 20-3	28.00	30.00
CRANBERRIES, 24-12 OZ	28.00	30.00
GOURDS, 1/2 BU	28.00	32.00
PARSNIPS, MED, 20 LBS	23.00	24.00
POPCORN, 20-3	28.00	30.00
POTATO,WHT,#1,CHEF,50 LB	9.00	12.00
POTATO, RNDWHT, #1, 10-5LB	12.00	12.00
POTATO,RNDRED,SZ A,50 LBS	10.00	11.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZ A, 50LB	14.00	14.00
POTATO, RUSSET, #1, 50 LBS	14.00	15.00
PUMPKIN, HOWDEN, 36"BIN	150.00	225.00
PUMPKINS, PIE, 1-1/9	14.00	16.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, 24" BIN	160.00	170.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, 36" BIN	200.00	250.00
RHUBARB, OPEN FIELD, 20LB	36.00	36.00
RUTABAGAS, 50 LBS	12.00	13.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT,1-1/9	13.00	15.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1-1/9	16.00	17.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1/2 BU	9.00	10.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, GREY, 1/2 BU	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9	15.00	18.00
STRAW BALES, STANDARD	7.50	8.00
TOMATO, GHSE, LOOSE, 25LB	15.00	19.00
TOMATO,GHSECHERRY,5LBS	12.00	14.00
TURNIPS,PURPLE TOPS,25LBS	16.50	18.00

SHIPPED IN

MUSHROOM,ENOKI,PA,12-3.5OZ	18.00	19.00
MUSHROOM, OYSTER,PA,5 LBS	18.00	20.00
MUSHROOM,WHITE,PA,12-8OZ	11.00	12.25
MUSHROOM, SHITAKE, PA, 3LB	14.00	15.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, November 2, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	40.00	85.00
61-75 lbs.	80.00	180.00
76-90 lbs.	290.00	295.00
91-105 lbs.	300.00	310.00
106 lbs. & up	315.00	320.00
Farm Calves	325.00	330.00
Starter Calves	45.00	60.00
Veal Calves	115.00	160.00
Open Heifers	104.00	106.00
Beef Heifers	80.00	166.00
Feeder Steers	125.00	145.00
Beef Steers	90.00	115.00
Stock Bulls	120.00	175.00
Beef Bulls	60.00	108.00
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	14.00	35.00
Sheep	80.00	120.00
Lambs	40.00	170.00
Goats each	80.00	240.00
Kid Goats	25.00	150.00
Canners	up to	76.50
Cutters	77.00	79.00
Utility Grade Cows	80.00	83.00
Rabbits each	5.00	22.50
Chickens each	3.00	16.00
Ducks each	5.00	15.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.64	1.81
LARGE	1.58	1.72
MEDIUM	1.48	1.61

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.08	2.17
LARGE	2.00	2.10
MEDIUM	1.77	1.87
SMALL	1.03	1.13

NORTHEAST/USDA WEEKLY RETAIL TURKEY PRICES

$/lb

Fresh Hens/Toms	n/a	n/a
Frozen Hens/Toms	.59	1.69
Frozen breasts, b/in	1.59	1.99
Breast cutlets, bnls	4.79	5.99
Drumsticks	1.99	1.99
Wings	1.99	1.99
Ground Turkey		
Patties	3.99	3.99
Sausage	3.03	3.03
85% lean	2.50	3.99
93% lean	2.74	3.99
Breast (99-100% lean)	4.61	6.15

FOR SALE

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WANTED

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TWO LITCHFIELD COUNTY FARMS LATEST TO BE PRESERVED BY STATE

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Debbie Kuslis, a daughter-in-law of owner Lillian Kuslis.

Debbie was married to Lillian's son, William, who was running the farm when he passed away in 2013.

Conveying the development rights to the state will allow Debbie and her son, Andrew, to continue farming and leasing other acreage to a local farmer who grows corn, pumpkins and other vegetables.

"I wanted to keep the farm in the family so when William passed away I had to do something so his wife and son could continue working it," Lillian said.

The farm, which contains 45 acres of prime and statewide important soils, has been owned by the Kuslis family since 1934 and was formerly a dairy farm.

It is surrounded by fields, forest and, increasingly, residential neighborhoods.

Kuslis said she and her late husband, Edward, had received several offers from developers over the years for the property, but they "didn't want to see houses all over it."

The farm is the fourth in Watertown to be protected by the state, including the 80-acre Wookey Farm about a half-mile away, which was one of the first farms to enter the program after it was created in 1978.

NEW ENGLAND VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW REGISTRATION OPEN

The New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference and Trade Show will be held Dec. 15-17 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, New Hampshire.

The conference will include 32 educational sessions covering major vegetable, berry and tree fruit crops, as well as special topics such as hard cider and hops production.

'Farmer-to-Farmer' information-sharing sessions after each morning and afternoon session will bring speakers and farmers together for informal, in-depth discussions on timely issues of interest to growers.

There is also an extensive trade show with over 100 exhibitors that is open throughout the conference, and social mixers to help facilitate meeting fellow growers.

The featured speaker for the evening of the Dec. 15 will be Jean Martin Fortier, from Les Jardins de la Grelinette in Quebec, who will speak on how to make "$100,000 Per Acre on a Small Farm."

Pre-registration to attend any part or all of the conference or trade show is $115 for the first member of the farm or business and $85 for each additional member (family or employee) when pre-registered with first member.

Pre-registration fee for students (high school or college) is $50 each, when pre-registered by the instructor. There is an additional fee of $30 per person for late registration or walk-ins.

Additional information on the NEVFC, including on-line and downloadable registration material, may be found at: www.newenglandvfc.org

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Pre-registration must be received by November 30.

Right: a view of the Kuslis Farm in Watertown and (below) Carlwood Farm in North Canaan, the latest farms to be protected under the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

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DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for the following Dept. of Agriculture grant programs must be submitted by November 19 at 4 p.m.

- ***Farm Reinvestment Grant***

Provides matching funds to Connecticut farms to expand, diversify, and improve existing working farms through projects with a lifespan of 10 years or more.

Applicants need to be in production for the previous three years. Maximum award is $40,000. A 50% cash match or a 1-to-1 match must be provided by the applicant.

- ***Farm Viability Grant***

A competitive matching grant program open to municipalities, regional planning organizations, association of municipalities, and 501c (3) agricultural non-profits.

The maximum grant award is $49,999. A 40% match must be provided by the applicant through cash or in-kind services.

Applications will be accepted via email beginning Monday, November 16. Awards will be available in early 2016. For more information, applications forms and guidelines, visit:
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