



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Agriculture

COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

FARM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ County: _____
(Street/Town/State/ZIP)

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____ TAX ID Number: _____

FARM LOCATION (street/town): _____

DEED REFERENCE(S): Volume _____ Page _____ ZONING OF PROPERTY: _____

TAX MAP REFERENCE(S): Map _____ Block _____ Lot _____ (Attach sheet if more space is needed for multiple deed and/or tax map references)

ARE YOU A FARMER? (check one) Yes No
If not, please explain: _____

DO YOU OWN THE FARM? (check one) Yes No
If not, please explain: _____

Have you applied to the FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM before? Yes No
If yes, please indicate approximate year your farm application was submitted: _____

I. PROBABILITY OF FARM CONTINUATION (please check all that apply):

1. Probability of land continuing in active agricultural production High Medium Low
2. Active transfer negotiations or estate planning _____
3. Farm listed with Real Estate Agent _____
4. In need of funds to reinvest in farm operation _____
5. A succession plan is in place for heir(s) to inherit and continue farming _____
6. A long-term lease is in place to an area farmer(s) _____
7. Other situation (explain below) _____

Briefly explain why you are applying to the Community Farms Preservation Program: _____

8. Abutting and area land use (please check all that apply):

- Is the area highly developed? ____Yes ____No;
- Is there public water and sewer available to the site? ____Yes ____No;
- Does the farm abut other active farmland? ____Yes ____No;
- Does the farm abut other preserved farmland? ____Yes ____No; Name of Farm _____
- Does it abut other permanently preserved open space? ____Yes ____No;
- Name of Area _____

Briefly explain the type of uses and activities on the lands adjacent to the farm: _____

II. DESCRIPTION OF FARM OPERATION (Please describe your farm operation and then answer the specific questions listed below):

- 1. Number of acres owned: _____;
- 2. Number of acres offered to the PDR Program _____;
- 3. Number of cropland acres offered _____;
- 4. Number of pasture acres offered _____;
- 5. Number of acres offered in woodland, swamp, water or other use: _____;

6. Current production of land offered (list each crop, crop acreage and gross annual receipts from unit production):

CROP	Acres	Gross annual sales

(If more space is needed, please attach sheet and continue.)

7. Farm income from other than crop production. (list each source and their gross annual sales):

8. If applicable, indicate size of herd, flock, etc.: _____

9. If not farmed by owner, please indicate who leases the farm, the number of acres leased, and the annual rent paid:

10. List all structures on the farm and indicate which are, or will be, used exclusively for agriculture:

11. Does farm contain a residence? Yes _____; No _____; If yes, indicate the estimated square footage: _____ft²

13. If yes, is it included in the application as a Farmstead? Yes _____; No _____

14. Are farm products marketed on the farm? Yes _____; No _____
Are the marketed products produced on the farm? Yes _____; No _____
Percent of products marketed not produced on the farm _____%; What are they? _____
Do you have an agricultural business plan? Yes _____ No _____

15. Type of farm marketing if any (check all that apply):

No marketing of any product _____;
Community and/or educational supported agriculture (explain) _____
Delivery Route _____; Farmer's markets _____; Other off-site markets _____; Contract _____
Cooperative _____; On-site farm stand _____; Off-site farm stand _____; Mail order _____
Pick-your-own _____; Other _____

Briefly explain any marketing of agricultural products on the farm (include a copy of any marketing brochures or materials with this application): _____

16. What are the farm's gross sales? _____;
Explain how the sales are derived and percentages of each (if multiple and not fully accounted for on previous page): _____

17. Do you participate in any Agricultural Incentive Program(s)? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, explain which program(s) and year entered in each: _____

18. Does the farm have a current USDA-NRCS Soil Conservation Plan? Yes _____; No _____

19. Have the soils on site been upgraded through the removal of stones, stumping, topsoil amendments or conditioning, or any other method(s)? Yes _____; No _____ Please explain: _____

III. EVALUATION OF COST AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT (please answer questions below):

1. How much do you estimate the development rights to be worth? (indicate range):
\$ _____ to \$ _____

2. Are you willing to sell the development rights at a discount below fair market value?
Yes _____; No _____

If yes, up to a 25% bargain sale _____; up to a 50% bargain sale _____; up to 75% bargain sale _____

I am willing to make a gift a development rights to my farm _____

Briefly explain your expectations of the negotiations to sell development rights: _____

3. Does your municipality have a farmland preservation program? Yes _____; No _____

4. Is the municipality willing to cost share in an amount greater than 10%? Yes _____; No _____

5. Is there a local or regional land trust, whose mission includes support for and preservation of agriculture, that is willing to cost share in an amount 10% or greater? Yes _____; No _____

If so, name of organization: _____

Briefly explain local support (if you don't know, then indicate so): _____

IV. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (without these documents, your application cannot be considered):

1. A detailed soils report prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. (This may be obtained free of charge from your county Ag Service Center, see below.)
2. A map/sketch identifying the land owned by the applicant and covered by this application. (A copy of the tax map of your property is available from your local Tax Assessor's Office.)
3. A copy of the current deed(s) of the subject property. (Available at your local Town Clerk's Office.)
4. A copy of the tax card(s) for the subject property. (Available from your local Tax Assessor's Office.)
5. A copy of your Tax Schedule F, Form 1120S or Schedule C for the past 3 years prior to date of application.
6. A copy of your USDA-NRCS Soil Conservation Plan.
7. If land is leased, a copy of the executed lease if any
8. A copy of your agricultural business plan, if any
9. A map identifying the certified land units (fields, crops grown and acres per field). (Available at your local Farm Service Agency Office.)

If you have any questions on the application, feel free to call the Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation at 860-713-2511. It is necessary for all owners of the farm submitted to give their approval and consent to this application by signing below:

Signed _____

Date _____

Date _____

Date _____

Submit this signed application to the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Office:
450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 703, Hartford, CT 06103-1841

Soils Maps and information on your farm specific may be obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture by contacting your area Agricultural Service Center listed below:

U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Offices and Service Centers

Hartford and Tolland counties

Windsor Service Center
100 Northfield Drive, 4th Floor
Windsor, CT 06095

(860) 688-7725

Litchfield and Fairfield counties

Torrington Service Center
1185 New Litchfield Street
Torrington, CT 06790

(860) 626-8258

New Haven and Middlesex counties

Hamden Service Center
51 Mill Pond Road
Hamden, CT 06514-1703

(203) 287-8038

New London County

Norwich Service Center
Yantic River Plaza
238 West Town Street
Norwich, CT 06360

(860) 887-3604

Windham County

Danielson Service Center
71 Westcott Road
Danielson, CT 06239

(860) 779-0557

State Office

344 Merrow Road, Suite A
Tolland, CT 06084-4011

(860) 871-4011