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FARMS IN NEW MILFORD, SUFFIELD PRESERVED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN PERPETUITY

A New Milford farm used to raise hay for grass-fed beef and a farm in Suffield where vegetables, hay and tobacco are grown are the latest to be protected under the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

The purchase of the farms' development rights ensures that the 53-acre Triple Creek Farm in New Milford and about 60 acres of the Stiles Farm in Suffield will forever remain available for agricultural production.

Hay grown at Triple Creek Farm on Hartwell Road (pictured above) helps feed a herd of about 250 beef cattle raised by Stuart Family Farm of Bridgewater, which leases cropland at the farm and is one of the largest grass-fed beef operations in Connecticut.

The Town of New Milford and the United States Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) were partners in the preservation.

More than 43,000 acres on about 335 farms have been protected under the state program, including nearly 8,800 acres in Litchfield County.

Triple Creek Farm's 1779 farmhouse, restored by current owners Art and Marcia Patterson, and its historic hay barn were also included in the preservation project.

"Preserving the farm was always our priority ever since we purchased the property in 1998," Art Patterson said this week. "We wanted to preserve the farm in perpetuity so that it would never be developed and this seemed the most logical way. This will ensure that the farm is protected for future generations of farmers."

The farm contains 25.4 acres of prime and statewide important farmland soils, and 8.4 acres of locally important soils.

"We plan to continue our haying operation in the years to come," said Patterson, a professional arborist. "Due to the farm's prime soils it will continue to support a healthy crop of hay or other crops if desired."

Triple Creek Farm is in close proximity to a number of active farms on the Ridge Road area of New Milford that comprise over twelve hundred acres, including the 92-acre Davenport Farm and the 80-acre Harris Hill Farm that were protected in recent years through partnerships between the town and the state preservation program.

A section of Triple Creek runs through the property, which is adjacent to lands owned by the Steep Rock Association and Weantinoge Heritage Trust.

It is also designated as part of the Walker Brook Region of the Litchfield Hills Greenprint prepared by the Housatonic Valley Association.

The farm is the final one to be protected under a (Continued on Page 3)

LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing breakers 75-80% lean

LOW

66.00

HIGH

71.50

3.20

23.00

4.50

18.00

11.00

24.00

3.00

4.00

7.00

7.00

21.00

20.00

boners 80-8 lean 88-90%	5% lean	65.00 55.00	69.00 60.00
SLAUGHTER	STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime		130.00	134.00 126.00
Choice 2-3			
Select 1-2 SLAUGHTER	HOI STEINIS	119.00	124.00
Hi Ch/Prime		96.00	100.00
Choice 2-3		89.00	93.00
Sel 1-2		83.50	88.00
CALVES - Gra		400.00	4.47.00
No 1 90-130 SLAUGHTER	IDS IAMBS: Wool	130.00	147.00
	ts: Choice 1-2	eu a Shon	1
40-50 lbs		260.00	
50-60 lbs		265.00	280.00
60-70 lbs		260.00	
70-80 lbs 80-90 lbs		260.00 240.00	270.00 265.00
SLAUGHTER	I AMBS: Wool		
	ts: Choice 2-3	ou a onon	•
90-110 lbs		222.00	
110-130 lb		200.00	
130-150 lb SLAUGHTER		155.00	167.00
80-160 lbs			145.00
160-200 lk		90.00	
200-300 lk	os	80.00	95.00
SLAUGHTER	KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs			185.00
60-80 lbs 100-120 lb		195.00 250.00	
SLAUGHTER			
80-130 lbs		200.00	
130-180 lb		230.00	
SLAUGHTER			
100-150 lb		250.00	270.00
150-250 lb SLAUGHTER		270.00	305.00
100-150 lb		280.00	325.00
150-150 lb		380.00	400.00
NEW HOLLA	AND, PA. HO	OG AUC	TION
Avg dressing. Pe	er cwt. 200-300 lbs	55.00	58.00
32-30	300-350 lbs	50.00	54.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	49.00	55.00
	300-350 lbs	47.00	52.00
0 110.4.0	350-400 lbs	44.00	
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs 500-800 lbs	35.00 37.00	35.00 45.00
Boars	400-500 lbs	5.00	7.00
Board	100 000 100	0.00	7.00
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Muscovy Duck	l, 2017. \$ per lb ss. Drakes	1.75	2.10
Pullets, 4-6		1.05	1.05
Red Fowl, 4-5	lb	.30	.45
Crossbred Roo	oster, 7-11 lbs		1.10
Banty hens, ea	ach	4.00	4.50

Guinea fowl

Pigeons, each

Bunnies, each

Doves, each Turkeys, each

Geese, 9-14, each

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES **Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLE,CORTLND,XF,12-3LB	21.00	21.00
APPLE, HNYCRISP, XFCY, 88	68.00	70.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 120	18.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 140	18.00	19.00
APPLE,MAC,XFY, 2-1/2",12-3LB	22.00	22.00
APPLE,MAC,FCY, 2-1/2",12-3LB	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	22.50
PARSNIPS, 20 LBS	23.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, 18– 1 LB SACKS	22.00	24.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1,SZA,50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1,SZB,50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, NG, SZA, 50LE		11.00
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,CHF,50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATO, RNDWT,#1,10 LB FILM	2.25	2.50
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZB, 50 LB	11.00	11.00
POTATO, YELLOW, #1, SZA, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00 15.00	14.00 15.00
TOMATO CHS ONVINE 11 LBS	20.00	
TOMATOES CHE CHERRY 51 P.	10.00	20.00
TOMATOES, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00
101010, G110, G11KK1, 0-10 OZ	20.00	24.00

NORTHEAST RETAIL WEEKLY REPORT

NORTHEAST RETAIL WEEKL	Y KE	PURI
\$ per lb or as noted.	1 10	1 10
APPLES, BRAEBURN	1.49	1.49
APPLES, FUJI, 3 LB BAG	2.89	2.89
APPLES, FUJI	.89	1.79
APPLES, GALA	.97	1.99
APPLES, HONEYCRISP	1.29	1.29
APPLES, HONEYCRISP, 3 LB	4.99	4.99
APPLES, MCINTOSH, 5 LB BAG	4.99	4.99
APPLES, PINK LADY	1.99	2.29
BEETS, PER BUNCH	.99	1.77
CABBAGE, GREEN RND	.25	.69
CILANTRO, PER BUNCH	.78	.99
COLLARDS, PER BUNCH	2.00	2.00
CHRYSANTHEMUM, 6" POT	7.99	8.99
DAFFODIL, BUNCH OF 10	2.00	2.99
EGGPLANT	.97	2.99
KALE, PER BUNCH	.99	2.00
KALE	.88	1.29
POTATOES, RND RED, 5 LBS	2.47	3.49
POTATOES, RND RED	.79	1.99
POTATOES, RND WHITE, 5 LBS	1.50	2.99
POTATOES, RND WHITE	1.50	1.99
POTATOES, RUSSET, 10 LBS	2.99	3.99
POTATOES, RUSSET, 3 LBS	1.48	1.48
POTATOES, RUSSET, 5 LBS	1.49	2.99
POTATOES, RUSSET	.50	1.29
POTATOES, YELLOW, 5 LBS	2.47	3.99
RADISHES, 1 LB BAG	1.49	1.49
RADISHES, PER BUNCH	.75	.99
SQUASH, ACORN	.79	.79
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT	.79	.79
TOMATO, VINE RIPE HEIRLOOM	4.49	4.49
TOMATO, VINE RIPE	.97	2.99
TOMATO, VINE RIPE, GHSE	.99	2.49
TOMS, VINE RIPE/ON VINE, GHSE	1.29	2.99
TOMATOES, CHERRY, 1 PT	1.50	2.50
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 1 PT	1.50	2.50
TULIPS, BUNCH OF 10	4.99	8.99

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION Middlefield, CT - March 27, 2017

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.86	1.05
LARGE	.80	.94
MEDIUM	.70	.83

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range) XTRA LARGE 1.20 1.32 1.29 **LARGE** 1.17 **MEDIUM** .85 .95 SMALL .54 .64

RETAIL LAMB & VEAL REPORT

Advertised prices for 3/24/2017 to 3/30/2017. \$/lb. LAMB SHLDER BLADE CHOPS 4.99 6.99 SHLDR RNDBONE CHOP 5.49 7.49 RACK 9.99 9.99 **RIB CHOPS** 9.99 16.99 LOIN CHOPS 5.99 12.99 **BONELESS LEG** 5.99 5.99 4.49 LEG, SHANK/BUTT 4.49 **GROUND LAMB** 3.80 3.80 3.99 SHANK 3.99 STEW MEAT-LAMB 5.49 5.49 STEW MEAT-MUTTON 3.99 3.99 SHLDR BLADE CHOP 4.27 5.99 SHLDR RNDBONE CHOP 4.99 4.99 **BREAST** 2.59 3.99 LOIN CHOPS 6.99 9.99 LEG CUTLETS 11.99 14.99 SCALLOPINI 15.99 15.99 **GROUND VEAL** 3.99 3.99

6.99

7.99

STEW MEAT

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state pilot program called the Community Farms Preservation Program, which was created in 2011 to encourage cities and towns to preserve small farms of local economic importance.

Applications are submitted by municipalities, who work with willing farm owners, and projects are completed with a financial contribution from the municipality.

"Protecting this farm not only maintains its value as a source of food for livestock and people, but ensures that it will forever remain a vital part of the area's agricultural community and natural resources," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "The Department of Agriculture is pleased to partner with the town and USDA to leverage funds from our Community Farms Preservation Program."

Stiles Farm on Mapleton Avenue near the Massachusetts border in Suffield is leased by the neighboring Bielonko Farms, which grows hay, tobacco and vegetables, including their specialty sweet corn.

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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- 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.
- 27-R. Quality hay for sale; large bales from fertilized fields no kicker bales. 25 bale minimum \$5.75 per bale. Call 203-453-9865.
- 32-R. For sale: 2013 custom John Deere 2-row corn planter. MaxEmerge XP Row units. Dry fertilizer hoppers. CM-250 planter monitor. \$7,995.00. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.
- 33-R. For sale: Can-Car cable log skidder. \$11,995.00. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.
- 34-R. For sale: Straw bales for bedding, mulch, construction. \$4.00 per bale. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.
- 37-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.

Almost all of the 60 acres of cropland are prime and statewide important farmland soils. The farm is surrounded by more than 1,000 acres of active farmland within a two-mile radius.

The USDA-NRCS was also a partner in the preservation project.

"Protecting the state's valuable working lands is critical," said Thomas L. Morgart, Connecticut State Conservationist for the USDA-NRCS. "Through our Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, NRCS is able to help landowners protect their land and keep it in agricultural use. It was a pleasure working with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the owners of these two beautiful farms."

Under the preservation agreement, no residences may be built on the Stiles property, but construction of a tobacco shed in its historic location on the farm will be allowed.

Stiles Farm is the twentieth farm to be protected in Suffield under the state program, encompassing nearly 1.900 acres.

- 38-R. East Hartford. Former vegetable and green house farm on 4.1 acres. 2 family and building need TLC. Cropland maybe certified organic. City water and sewer. \$219,000.00. Call Clint Charter, Wallace and Tetrault Realty 860-558-3908.
- 39-R. East Windsor. 41 acres, mostly open and tillable. Ideal for crops, horses or green houses. \$459,000.00. Call Clint Charter, Wallace and Tetrault Realty 860-558-3908.
- 40-R. 3rd cutting baleage 4' x 5', 14.3% CP, 48% DM. \$50.00 per bale. 860-668-7419.
- 41-R. JD 4230 100 HP NH TT75A w/bucket, 75 HP NH 185 Spreader, Hay equipment, cow manure. J&S Farm, New Milford. CT. 203-770-4199.
- 42-R. Greenhouse furnaces 300,000 400,000 BTU's. Price range from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Call Alex 203-223-4853.
- 43. Hydroponic equipment: 80' x 24', cropking nft system, nutrient and reservoir tanks, steel piping benching, nutrient monitors. Email sugarwaterfarm@gmail.com.
- 44. 150 feet 160 PSI 1.25 Flex Coil Irrigation Pipe. \$125.00. 203-508-1462.
- 45-R. 1965 Massey Ferguson 135 tractor. 38 HP/with scraper blade. Nice condition. \$2,700.00. Dan Donahue 860-267-8323.

WANTED

- 30-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/softwood, especially sugar maple/white oak. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.
- 35. Wanted: Large Katahdin Ram, one to five years old. Call David 203-453-9865.

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.





Top: A portion of Stiles Farm in Suffield, recently protected under the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

Above: A historic barn at Triple Creek Farm in New Milford that was included in a preservation agreement with the state.

Page 1: Hayfields at Triple Creek Farm, with the barn shown at lower right.

ATTENTION FARMERS' MARKET MASTERS

Farmers' market masters are required to update market information with the Department of Agriculture annually, and this year's deadline is April 3. Masters must submit:

- 2017 Certified Market MOU
- Exempt farmers' market statement
- 2017 Farmers' market date/time information Farmers wishing to sell a fruit, vegetable, freshcut herb, or honey at a Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) authorized market are required to go through a short training/certification meeting.

The listing, above forms and information on FMNP are available at www.CTGrown.gov via the farmers' market link on the homepage

Questions about participating in a market and other market information may be directed to Jaime Smith at Jaime.Smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559.

2017 BIG E APPLICATIONS **BEING ACCEPTED**

The Connecticut Building at the Big E offers a unique opportunity for agricultural businesses, non -profits, and other entities with an agricultural mission to showcase the diversity of Connecticut agriculture. The 2017 Big E is scheduled to run from September 15 through October 1, 2017. Connecticut Day will take place on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is accepting vendor applications for the agriculture booth spaces in the Connecticut Building with the purpose of providing Connecticut farms, small agricultural businesses, and agricultural non-profit organizations the opportunity to market and promote their products and/or service.

Applications are available at www.ctgrown.gov and are due by April 10, 2017.

Please call 860-713-2538 or email Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov to receive the application or more participation information.

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