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## ***BEEF CATTLE FARM FIRST TO BE PROTECTED IN COVENTRY UNDER STATE PRESERVATION PROGRAM***

*Photo courtesy CT Farmland Trust*

**COVENTRY** – An 83-acre beef cattle farm established along the banks of the Willimantic River in the 1920s will forever remain available for agricultural production after being protected under the state’s Farmland Preservation Program.

The development rights to Reynolds Farm on Flanders Road (pictured above) were sold to the state under a partnership that included financial contributions from the Town of Coventry and the Connecticut Farmland Trust.

It is the first farm to be protected in Coventry under the state preservation program.

More than two-thirds of the farm, used for cattle pasture and to grow corn and hay for the herd, is prime farmland soils.

It also includes 1,870 feet of frontage on the westerly bank of the Willimantic River and is adjacent to Hytone Farm, a member farm of The Farmer’s Cow dairy collaboration.

Reynolds Farm is also located within a town Preservation Focus Area due to its functional, cultural and natural resource value.

A portion of the farm is owned by Roland E. Reynolds and his cousin Gary F. Reynolds.

The parcel on the easterly side of Flanders Road is owned by Roland Reynolds’ grandson, Roland D. Peila, who has named his land Rivers Bend Farm.

Roland Reynold’s great-grandparents had bought the farm in the early 1920s, and its preservation accomplishes his desire to protect the farm during his lifetime and to see his grandson run the operation.

“This farm is a valuable resource for current agricultural production by the Reynolds family and for agricultural production by countless generations to come,” Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. “We thank our partners for helping us preserve this land in perpetuity for the benefit of those who enjoy not only the farm’s products, but its beautiful working landscapes and contributions to our local and state economies.”

**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS</b> Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	71.00	76.50
boners 80-85% lean	71.00	75.00
lean 88-90% lean	68.00	74.50
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	133.50	136.00
Choice 2-3	113.00	133.50
Select 1-2	127.00	131.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	105.00	110.00
Choice 2-3	96.00	104.00
Sel 1-2	88.00	96.00
<b>CALVES - Graded bull</b>		
No 1 120-130 lbs	210.00	210.00
No 1 96-118 lbs	250.00	255.00
No 1 92 lbs	200.00	200.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b> Markets: Choice 1-2		
40-50 lbs	255.00	275.00
60-70 lbs	230.00	245.00
70-80 lbs	222.00	245.00
80-90 lbs	230.00	250.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b> Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	262.00	280.00
110-130 lbs	255.00	260.00
130-150 lbs	217.00	217.00
150-200 lbs	195.00	195.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
120-160 lbs	80.00	120.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	100.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	105.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
20-40 lbs	90.00	125.00
60-80 lbs	200.00	250.00
80-100 lbs	255.00	265.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
80-130 lbs	190.00	240.00
130-180 lbs	230.00	265.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-150 lbs	245.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	290.00	345.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	51.00	56.00
	300-350 lbs	46.00	49.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	48.00	52.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	48.00	51.00
	500-650 lbs	50.50	54.00
Boars	400-700 lbs	5.00	5.00

**BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS & HERBS**

Wholesale price. \$/unit.

Basil, Florida, 1 lb bag	4.00	5.00
Fenugreek, NJ, 24 bn	24.00	24.00
Lemon Grass, CA, 30 lbs, 24	36.00	40.00
Mint, NJ, 1 lb film bag, 12	10.00	12.00
Peony, Netherlands, 10 long	25.00	30.00
Peony, Oregon, 10 long	20.00	30.00
Peony, New Jersey, per stem	2.50	2.50

**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
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
CHIVES, 1 LB FILM BAG	8.00	10.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	55.00	75.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, NG, SZA, 50LB	10.00	11.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, CHF, 50LB	13.00	14.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, 10-5LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZB, 50 LB	11.00	11.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZA, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB, OPN FIELD, 20 LB	36.00	38.00
TOMS, GHS, VINERIPE, 11 LBS	14.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, VINERIPE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ASPARAGUS, NJ, L, 28 BN	65.00	68.00
BASIL, GA, 2 - 1-1/2 LB FILM	15.00	20.00
BEANS, GREEN, GA, HNDPK, BU	15.00	2.100
BEANS, CRNBRY, GA, BU	50.00	50.00
BEANS, FAVA, CA, BU	42.00	42.00
BEANS, WAX, GA, BU	56.00	36.00
BEETS, RED, TX, 25 LBS	16.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-1 PT	40.00	40.00
BLUEBERRIES, ORG, CA, 12-1PT	38.00	39.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 50 LBS	32.00	32.00
CHINESE CABBAGE, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BN	12.00	13.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, FL 4.5 DOZ	15.00	18.00
CUKES, GA, 1-1/9 BU	26.00	30.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, 12 BN	16.00	18.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2 BRUCE, 24	17.00	22.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	20.00	24.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	18.00	20.00
KALE, MIXED COLORS, NJ, 12	18.00	18.00
KALE GREENS, NJ, 12 BN	14.00	14.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24	12.00	15.00
LETT, BSTN, GHS, CAN, 12- 4 OZ	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, NJ, 24	12.00	14.00
LETT, MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3LB	5.50	7.50
LETT, MESC MIX, ORG, CA, 3LB	8.00	9.00
LETTUCE, OAKLF, CA, 2.2 LB	12.00	14.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24	12.00	14.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24	12.00	16.00
LEEKs, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MUSTARD, CURLY, 12 BN	14.00	15.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ 60	35.00	40.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60	40.00	50.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU	55.00	58.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CTN, NJ, 24	22.00	22.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	11.00	13.00
STRAWBS, ORG, CA, 8-1 LB	32.00	32.00
SWISS CHARD, NJ, 12	16.00	16.00
TOMATO, GHS, OH, 15 LBS	15.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, ORG, FL, 1 PT	29.00	29.00
TURNIP TOP GREENS, GA, 12	14.00	14.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - May 22, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	60.00
76-90 lbs.	190.00	200.00
91-105 lbs.	205.00	210.00
106 lbs. & up	215.00	220.00
Farm Calves	225.00	230.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	77.50	130.00
Feeder Heifers	100.00	115.00
Beef Heifers	105.00	111.00
Feeder Steers	60.00	105.00
Beef Steers	72.50	110.00
Feeder Bulls	85.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	73.00	90.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	40.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	2 each	97.50
Sheep each	62.00	200.00
Lambs each	80.00	380.00
Goats each	180.00	500.00
Kid Goats each	75.00	400.00
Canners	up to	72.50
Cutters	73.00	76.00
Utility Grade Cows	77.00	80.00
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	3.00	28.00
Ducks each	5.00	22.00

**Auction is open and sale will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017.****NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	.63	.84
LARGE	.57	.71
MEDIUM	.44	.57

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

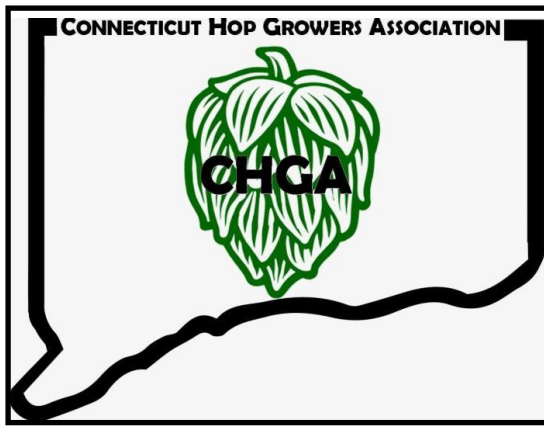
XTRA LARGE	1.15	1.29
LARGE	1.05	1.19
MEDIUM	.78	.88
SMALL	.48	.58

**DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS**

Sold by the head.

<b>FRESH COWS:</b>		
SUPREME	1750.00	1575.00
APPROVED	850.00	1225.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1150.00
<b>SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
SUPREME	1625.00	1650.00
APPROVED	1100.00	1425.00
<b>SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	1075.00	1325.00
MEDIUM	975.00	1100.00
<b>BRED COWS (4-6 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	1000.00	1000.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	1075.00	1325.00





**CT HOP GROWERS ASSOC. WORKSHOP AND  
BEER PAIRING DINNER JUNE 17  
AT DEFRANCESCO FARM,  
43 AUGUR ROAD, NORTHFORD**

Come join us for a day full of learning and networking followed by a fantastic 4-course meal with beer pairings for each course.

Please see the homepage of our website at <https://cthopgrowers.org/> for more information about both events and a link to purchase tickets to the dinner on Eventbrite.

Dinner tickets are not being sold at the door. If you have any questions or would like to reach out to us, please send us an email at:

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**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](http://www.bludon.com)

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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.

50-R. Retiring from farming. Greenhouse and vegetable equipment for sale. [www.wagonroadgreenhouse.com](http://www.wagonroadgreenhouse.com) for pictures and details.

54-R. Tolland. 21 mini farm includes a 2300 sq.ft. Contemporary with 2-1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage and post and beam barn with 3 garage bays. Geothermal and solar heating/cooling, 30x96 greenhouse and spring fed pond. Suitable for horses, vegetables, small livestock or Christmas trees. \$409,000.00. Call Clint Charter, Wallace & Tetreault Realty, 860-558-3908.

**FARMERS' MARKETS SEEKING VENDORS**

For a list of markets currently searching for new vendors, visit [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) and click on "Farmers' markets looking for vendors" under Featured Links on the homepage.

Also, the CT Department of Transportation is seeking a certified farmer at the West Hartford/ Flatbush Avenue CT Fastrak Station on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m.

Interested farmers should contact Jaime Smith, 860-713-2559 or [Jaime.Smith@ct.gov](mailto:Jaime.Smith@ct.gov) no later than June 1.



61-R. IH 710 5 bottom auto reset plow with on land hitch, \$900.00. IH Cyclo 400 6 row corn planter with dry fertilizer, \$600.00. 860-917-4275.

62-R. IH F756D 76 horsepower tractor with wide front end, 540/1000 rpm pto and boom sprayer, \$7,500.00. 860-917-4275.

63-R. IH 1800 silage truck with 345 gas engine, \$1,500.00. IH 1750 silage truck with DT466 diesel engine, \$2,500.00. 860-917-4275.

64-R. Tew Produce wash line, 5' table, 24" line – wash, grade and pack. Make a reasonable offer. 203-521-3141 or 860-619-8030 leave message or [mortensen23@aol.com](mailto:mortensen23@aol.com)

65-R. JD #5 mower w/attach, 2 way plow. Farmall Cub 2 way plows, snow plow, saw table. International 3 bottom plow quick hitch. 203-521-31-41 or 860-619-8030 leave message or [mortensen23@aol.com](mailto:mortensen23@aol.com)

66-R. For Sale: Mulch hay. \$2.50 per bale. Stafford Springs 860-684-7112.

**WANTED**

57-R. Hydraulic wood splitter, 30 ton, PTO or engine. Telephone: 860-779-2107.

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## LICENSING PROTECTS DOGS, HELPS CONTROL OVERPOPULATION AND DISEASE

Dog owners who license their pets as required during June are not only helping to ensure their dog's safety, but are contributing to the health of other dogs in need of vaccination and sterilization through the Dept. of Agriculture's Animal Population Control Program (APCP).

State law requires that all dogs over six months old must be licensed through local town clerks, and all licenses expire annually on June 30.

The license fee is \$8 for a dog that has been spayed or neutered, and \$19 for an unaltered dog.

Owners receive a new license tag for the upcoming year to attach to their dog's collar. The tags' color and shape changes each year, allowing animal control officers to determine if a dog's license is current.

While licenses are commonly and correctly thought of as "a lost dog's ticket home," many owners may not understand that a portion of the license fee also produces vital funding for the APCP, which has provided vaccination/sterilization services for more than 200,000 animals since its inception in 1994.

The APCP is a dedicated account that offers vaccination/sterilization benefits to pets being adopted from municipal facilities and those owned by low-income Connecticut residents, as well as feral

cats being helped by non-profit organizations. It is estimated that in the past 20 years the APCP has helped to reduce impounded pets by about 40 percent, and euthanasia of dogs and cats by about 70 percent.

Having fewer pets in municipal pounds has prompted significant budget savings for cities and towns due to lower costs associated with feeding, housing and euthanasia.

Licensing also encourages owners to have their dogs vaccinated for rabies, because proof of a current rabies vaccination status is required in order to issue a license.

Compliance with the licensing requirement, however, has declined in recent years, and it is estimated that only about 25 percent of owners license their dogs annually.

Owners of unlicensed dogs may be issued a \$75 fine by Municipal Animal Control Officers, and the fine for having an unvaccinated dog or cat is \$136.

Dog licenses may be purchased at local town clerks' offices. Applications can be downloaded at [www.ct.gov/doag/apcp](http://www.ct.gov/doag/apcp) and mailed to town clerks. A Spanish-language version of the dog license application is available at: [http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/animal\\_control/2016/spanish\\_dog\\_license\\_application2016.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/animal_control/2016/spanish_dog_license_application2016.pdf)



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