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PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT ON STATE-OWNED FARMLAND IN SOUTHBURY

SOUTHBURY - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is seeking agricultural permit proposals from interested farmers wishing to reside in a house located on the state-owned farm at the former Southbury Training School.

The house (pictured at right and below) is located at 2039 Purchase Brook Road and includes two bedrooms and one bathroom.

Residents will be responsible for maintenance of the house and sheds, as well as the .66-acre house lot and an adjoining .91-acre field.

The permit will be for a period of 12 months, with a four-year option to renew.

Applicants should specify a proposed monthly rate for use and occupancy of the house and house lot in their proposals.

An open house will be held on Wednesday, January 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to allow prospective permittees to view the lot and the interior of the house.

Proposals must be emailed or submitted to the address below and postmarked by Friday, January 19.

The house lot must be kept in compliance with all state, federal and municipal laws and regulations, including but not limited to the proper storage and disposal of all trash, waste, manure, and spoiled feed.

The permittee will also be required to mow, shovel, snow plow, connect to and pay for all utilities and services for the house and house lot.

In addition, the permittee shall also be responsible for brush-hogging, mowing, and maintaining the adjacent .91 acre field.



The land is owned by the State of Connecticut, and is under the care, custody and control of the Department of Agriculture.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Agriculture Commissioner and an advisory committee. The submission of proposals will not be binding on the State of Connecticut, and does not constitute a competitive bid.

The Agriculture Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals not in the best interest of the State.

For a proposal form and packet, which includes photos of the house, and maps of the house lot and field, please call 860-713-2511 or email

Lance.Shannon@ct.gov and provide your name, email or mailing address, and phone number.

**Proposals should be emailed to Lance.Shannon@ct.gov or mailed to:
Resource Preservation Unit, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, The Farm at the Southbury Training School Residence Permit Proposal, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 703, Hartford, CT 06103-1841**



NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.36	1.51
LARGE	1.30	1.44
MEDIUM	1.04	1.17

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.29	2.39
LARGE	2.28	2.38
MEDIUM	1.35	1.47
SMALL	.76	.86

LANCASTER, PA, LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	55.00	59.50
boners 80-85% lean	53.50	57.50
lean 88-90% lean	48.00	53.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	116.50	122.50
Choice 2-3	111.00	115.50
Select 1-2	103.50	111.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	82.00	84.00
Sel 1-2	73.00	81.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	110.00	114.50
Choice 2-3	106.00	110.50
Select 1-2	100.00	105.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-130 lbs	90.00	90.00
No 1 96-120 lbs	120.00	135.00
No 1 84-94 lbs	100.00	130.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	160.00	185.00
110-130 lbs	135.00	167.00
130-150 lbs	130.00	140.00
150-200 lbs	120.00	122.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	80.00	100.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	94.00
200-300 lbs	75.00	82.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	120.00	137.00
40-60 lbs	135.00	155.00
60-80 lbs	160.00	185.00
80-100 lbs	170.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	170.00	15.00
130-170 lbs	210.00	240.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
80-100 lbs	210.00	225.00
100-150 lbs	245.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	275.00	325.00

HAY - LANCASTER, PA

December 18, 2017 Small squares, each.

ALFALFA	Good	185.00	210.00
ALFALFA/GRASS	Supreme	300.00	355.00
	Premium	265.00	310.00
	Good	200.00	250.00
GRASS HAYS	Premium	250.00	310.00
	Good	175.00	240.00
STRAW		135.00	195.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	18.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,XFCY, 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,XFCY, 88	30.00	31.00
APPL,CRTLAND,FCY,12-3LB,	22.00	22.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY,100	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY,125	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB	24.00	24.00
APPL,HNYCRSP,XFCY,TRAY,80	60.00	60.00
APPL,HNYCRSP,XFCY,TRAY,88	60.00	60.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,XFY,TRAY100	31.00	32.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,FCY,TRAY,80	31.00	32.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,FCY,TRAY,88	31.00	32.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,FCY,TRAY,72	31.00	32.00
APPLE,LADY,XFCY,1/2BU,2-1/8"	24.00	24.00
APPLE,MACOUN, XFCY, 72	30.00	30.00
APPLE,MACOUN, XFCY, 80	30.00	30.00
APPLE,MACOUN, XFCY, 88	30.00	30.00
APPLE,MACOUN, XFCY, 100	24.00	24.00
APPLE,MAC, XFCY,TRYPK 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 80	21.00	21.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 88	21.00	21.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 100	21.00	21.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	23.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	23.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, RED DEL, #1, 12-3LB	24.00	24.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET,CHIOGGA,25 LB,M-L,LSE	14.00	15.00
BEETS,GOLD, 25 LB, M, LOOSE	14.00	14.00
BEETS, RED, 25 LB, M, LOOSE	7.00	7.00
BEETS, RED, 25 LB, M-L, LOOSE	14.00	14.00
BRUSSELSPROUTS,25 LB,CTN	40.00	40.00
CARROT, L, 25LB SACK,LOOSE	11.00	11.00
CIDER, 4- 1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
CRNBRY,LATEHOWE,M,24-12OZ	28.00	28.00
ORNMNTL CORN, 3/BN, 20	40.00	50.00
ORNMNTL GOURD, 20 LBS	15.00	15.00
ORNMNTL GOURD,SHEL,1/2BU	22.00	24.00
ORNMNTL GOURD,SHEL, BU	32.00	35.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, LOOSE	22.00	23.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, 18-1LB	23.00	24.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, M-L, BUSHEL	20.00	24.00
SQUASH, ACORN, L, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, ACORN, M, 1-1/9	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, M, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, M, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, M, 1-1/9	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, M, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
STRAW BALES, MINI, EACH	6.00	6.00
STRAW BALES, STD, EACH	8.00	10.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - January 1, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	28.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	66.00	70.00
76-90 lbs.	72.50	75.00
91-105 lbs.	80.00	82.50
106 lbs. & up	85.00	92.50
Farm Calves	100.00	105.00
Starter Calves	22.00	25.00
Veal Calves	120.00	170.00
Feeder Heifers	90.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	68.00	85.00
Feeder Steers	90.00	140.00
Beef Steers	90.00	97.00
Feeder Bulls	80.00	140.00
Beef Bulls	79.00	82.00
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 each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	145.00	172.50
Lambs each	150.00	290.00
Goats each	125.00	380.00
Kid Goats each	165.00	200.00
Canners	up to	61.00
Cutters	62.00	65.00
Utility Grade Cows	66.00	71.00
Rabbits each	4.00	25.00
Chickens each	8.00	20.00
Ducks each	10.00	19.00

**Auction will held Martin Luther King Day,
Monday, January 15****NEW HOLLAND, PA FEEDER PIG**December 19, 2017. All pigs weighed upon arrival.
Sold by cwt.

US #1-2		
16-17 lbs	260.00	275.00
20-30 lbs	275.00	310.00
36-39 lbs	198.00	240.00
40-49 lbs	156.00	212.00
51-58 lbs	145.00	188.00
64 lbs	140.00	140.00
71-79 lbs	88.00	134.00
82-84 lbs	70.00	150.00
96-98 lbs	76.00	85.00
103-129 lbs	70.00	85.00
US #2		
19-28 lbs	255.00	285.00
32-39 lbs	130.00	140.00
40-48 lbs	139.00	180.00
50-58 lbs	139.00	185.00
63 lbs	160.00	160.00
83 lbs	95.00	102.00
110-123 lbs	77.00	94.00
US #2-3		
31-44 lbs	170.00	230.00
69 lbs	80.00	80.00
AS IS (no US Grade)		
11-45 lbs	75.00	170.00
55-79 lbs	98.00	102.00
51-111 lbs	69.00	148.00

USDA CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE UNDERWAY, FARMERS URGED TO COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE

Many Connecticut farmers have recently received a 2017 Census of Agriculture questionnaire from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), and are urged to complete it promptly.

The Census is conducted every five years, and is the only complete count of U.S. farms and the people who operate them.

From small plots of urban and rural land to large farms with thousands of acres, the Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, and income and expenditures.

The data can be used to educate legislators, local officials and consumers about the importance of Connecticut agriculture to the state and local economies.

It also provides farmers an opportunity to decide if they'd like to expand or diversify their operations to fill a gap that may show in the trends.

There is no other source for detailed agricultural data, and NASS urges all farmers to accurately respond to the Census in order to provide accurate, timely data to the agricultural community.

The latest Census also contains new demographic questions that will better demonstrate who owns, runs and makes decisions for the farms in America.

After the last Census in 2012, NASS received feed-

back that the way it measured farm operators may not be fully capturing the role of women and new and beginning farmers.

"We ask for farmers to report all persons involved in making decisions for the farm, not just persons involved in day-to-day decisions," said Ginger Harris, a demographics statistician with NASS.

"We used to ask detailed questions for up to three people per farm, but now they can report for up to four," Harris added. "We removed the concept of principal operator from the form to better acknowledge that many farms operate with joint principals – husbands and wives may manage the farm together, or two brothers, or a father and daughter."

The 2017 questionnaire also asks specific questions concerning decision-making on the farm and what kind of decisions each person is involved in.

It also asks for the first time whether a farmer is serving or has ever served in the military, which will allow USDA to measure the number of veterans who have taken up farming and develop programs to meet their needs.

NASS also is using a new Internet response tool for this year's Census that saves time, calculates totals automatically, and skips questions not applicable to your operation.

FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY OF NEEDS OF THE DISABLED IN THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

UConn Extension and the Dept. of Agriculture are seeking input from the agricultural community to gauge interest in a program that will support farmers and agricultural workers with disabilities.

Called Connecticut AgrAbility, the program will provide resources and opportunities for farmers and workers struggling to accomplish their daily farm tasks due to a wide spectrum of conditions such as physical injuries, aging-related conditions, arthritis, vision loss and mental health or behavioral issues.

AgrAbility is a national program headquartered at

Purdue University that was created in 1991 and now has 26 states participating.

The link below will access a confidential 5-minute survey that will be used to assess the needs of the agricultural community and the interest in such a program. Please consider sharing the survey with five farmers to increase the response rate.

Questions may be directed to Mary Joaquin, Dept. of Agriculture, at 860-510-2452.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6PHVB9X>

FOR SALE

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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.

111. Large flashing highway arrow sign, one cylinder, diesel. \$1,200.00. Army truck, diesel. \$3,000.00. D-8 CAT bulldozer. \$6,000.00. 1,000 gallon water tank, stainless. \$1,100.00. Dump hoist. \$600.00. 203-598-0807.

112-R. Hay for sale from fertilized fields. \$4.50 per bale. 203-453-9865.

WANTED

110-R. Livestock wanted: Dairy cattle, heifers of any age, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeder cattle, veal, groups of sheep and goats. RyanM01@comcast.net or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned.

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.



All fruit, vegetable, and honey producers currently certified with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) must attend a recertification meeting to maintain their certification.

The certification allows farms to accept the FMNP checks for fresh fruits, vegetables, and honey from WIC clients and income-eligible seniors over the age of 60.

Below is the current list of meeting dates and locations:

- Wed., Jan. 17, 9-11 a.m., Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam
A Farm Transition Grant Training Workshop will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 1, 7:30-9:30 a.m., CT Farm Bureau Association, 78 Beaver Road, Wethersfield.
A Farm Transition Grant Training Workshop will immediately follow at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
CAES Windsor, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor.

- Wednesday, February 21, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., New London County Extension Center, 562 New London Turnpike, Norwich.
- Monday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, CAES New Haven, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven.

Please RSVP no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting to Mark Hood at 860-713-2503 or

Mark.Hood@ct.gov

Should a meeting be cancelled due to weather, attendees who RSVP will be contacted.

Additional meetings may be added. Please check the agency website at www.CTGrown.gov throughout January and February.

Questions can be directed to Jaime Smith at 860-713-2503 or Jaime.Smith@ct.gov

FARM TRANSITION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE IN FEBRUARY, WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Applications and guidelines for the Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Transition Grant program are available online and must be submitted by February 14.

The program provides grants to up to \$49,999, and applicants must provide a 1 to 1 match. Funding priorities for 2018 include:

- On-farm improvements to comply with the Produce Safety Rule of the Food Safety Modernization Act, and meeting food safety requirements for advanced positioning in the marketplace.
- Strengthening infrastructure to meet changing climate conditions.
- Diversification of existing farm operations into new and emerging crops and/or product lines.

Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants

Three workshops on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be offered on **Jan. 11, 1– 2:30 p.m.** at the Litchfield County Extension Center, 843 University Drive, Torrington; **Jan. 17, 11 a.m.– Noon** at the Middlesex County Extension Center 1066 Saybrook Rd, Haddam and **Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** at the CT Farm Bureau Assoc., 78 Beaver Road, Wethersfield.

Please RSVP your name, email, and phone number 24 hours prior to the meeting date to Mark.Hood@ct.gov or 860-713-2530.

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