

Agricultural Report

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PRESERVES FIVE CONNECTICUT FARMS *Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) recently helped ensure that five Connecticut farms will remain in agricultural use in perpetuity.

Recent closings on the Butler Farm in New Hartford, the Polek Family Farm in Enfield, the Shepard Farm in South Windsor, Cheetham White Oak Farm in Stonington, and the Spalding Farm in Woodstock brings the total number of farms preserved by DoAg in 2018 to nine. Preservation was made possible through the purchase of development rights (PDR) for these farmlands.

PDR involves placing a permanent restriction on the deed of a property that limits its use to agriculture only. The farm remains in private ownership and continues to pay property taxes. The program is voluntary and gives farmers a realistic alternative to selling off their land for residential, industrial, or other commercial development.

The development rights of two parcels of the Shepard Farm were purchased and deed recorded on July 26, 2018 in the town of South Windsor. Both parcels, one 53 acres and the other 48 acres, consist of Connecticut River Valley soils, which are classified as prime or important farmland soils.

“The Connecticut River Valley contains some of the best agricultural soils in the country,” said DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky. “South Windsor’s history is steeped in the fertility of this land. Preserving the best of the best soils for future generations to farm is critical to maintaining a high quality of life for the community and entire state of Connecticut.”

Commissioner Reviczky thanked the Shepard family, the town, and legislators during an August 29, 2018, ceremony on one of the two parcels, which

is located at the easterly side of Main Street and the southerly side of Pleasant Valley Road in South Windsor.

The farm has four tobacco sheds and the historic Adler-Dobkin warehouse on Main Street and is currently used to produce a variety of crops.

“This is an important piece of property we are actually getting to put into play in terms of forever,” remarked South Windsor Deputy Mayor Andrew Paterna. “And that’s a really powerful word.”

The town of South Windsor contributed \$245,500, and the state of Connecticut \$462,254, to purchase the development rights from the landowners.

Preservation of the 86-acre Butler Farm was finalized in the town of New Hartford on August 9, 2018, upon recording of the deed. The total purchase was \$436,050, with the state contributing \$239,827, the town of New Hartford contributing \$171,223, and Connecticut Farmland Trust \$25,000.

The Butler Farm is the second farm preserved through DoAg’s Community Farms Preservation Program in 2018. The Community Farms Preservation Program was created through Public Act 08-174 and began as a pilot in 2011. This program is designed to preserve smaller farms of local economic importance with a demonstrated level of community support.

The town of New Hartford is also establishing a recreational path and providing access along the Farmington River, outside the agricultural easement area. In 2013 and 2014, matching funds through DoAg’s Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP) helped restore some of the farm’s fields back to production.



The historic Adler-Dobkin warehouse on Main Street in South Windsor sits on land permanently preserved for agricultural use.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.99	1.26
LARGE	.93	1.07
MEDIUM	.56	.69

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.71	1.89
LARGE	1.58	1.69
MEDIUM	1.14	1.24
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	110.00	115.50
Choice 2-3	105.00	110.00
Select 1-2	104.50	107.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 1-2	77.00	79.50
Select 1-2	68.00	77.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	106.00	109.00
Choice 2-3	102.00	104.50
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	53.00	57.50
boners 80-85% lean	53.00	57.50
lean 88-90% lean	45.00	50.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-130 lbs	85.00	85.00
No 1 96-108 lbs	97.00	97.00
No 1 90-94 lbs	50.00	50.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	130.00	145.00
60-80 lbs	155.00	185.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	175.00	200.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	250.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	235.00	250.00
150-250 lbs	265.00	310.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56	200-300 lbs	44.00 54.00
	300-350 lbs	43.00 49.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	34.00 50.00
	300-350 lbs	38.00 42.00
Sows, US 1-3		
	300-500 lbs	22.00 28.50
	500-600 lbs	22.00 33.00
Boars		
	400-700 lbs	5.00 5.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. GRADED FEEDER PIG AUCTION

Per cwt.

FEEDER PIGS		
US 1-2	20-30	100.00 135.00
	30-40	60.00 75.00
	40-50	70.00 80.00
	50-60	75.00 95.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. Aug. 31.

ALFALFA/GRASS		
PREMIUM	325.00	350.00
GOOD	220.00	240.00
GRASS HAYS		
GOOD	175.00	220.00
FAIR	125.00	165.00
STRAW	195.00	250.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, GNGER GLD, LOOSE,NG	20.00	20.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, LOOSE,NG	18.00	18.00
APPLE, ZESTAR, LOOSE, NG	24.00	24.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET,CHIOGGA,25LB,M-L,LOOSE	20.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 8 QT, SMALL	42.00	42.00
BROCC, CRN CUT, 20 LB LOOSE	22.00	23.00
CAULIFLWR,WHT, 12 CT,FLMWRP	18.00	18.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	26.00
CORN, INDIAN, BUNCHED 3, 20	40.00	50.00
CORN, STRAWB,BNCH 3, 16	25.00	28.00
CORNSTALKS, /BUNDLE, 5	7.00	8.00
CUKES, 1-1/9, M	24.00	28.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, M	15.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, L	10.00	15.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	20.00	22.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	20.00	23.00
PEACH,1/2BU, WHT, 3" UP	22.00	22.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9,JMBO	15.00	16.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9, XLARGE	14.00	15.00
PEPPER,CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, M-L	16.00	20.00
PEPPER, JALEPENO, 1-1/9, M-L	20.00	24.00
PEPPER, LONG HOT, 1-1/9, GREEN	16.00	20.00
PEPPER, POBLANO, 1-1/9	18.00	20.00
PMPKN,CNDERL,OR,24"BIN,L	285.00	300.00
PMPKN,FAIRYTL,OR,24"BIN,L	285.00	300.00
PMPKN,HOWDN,OR,24"BIN,JBO	200.00	225.00
PMPKN,HOWDN,OR,24"BIN,XL	175.00	200.00
PMPKN,HOWDN,WH,24"BIN,JBO	400.00	400.00
PMPKN,PIE,OR, 1/2 BU, M	20.00	25.00
PMPKN,PIE,OR,36"BIN, M	270.00	300.00
PMPKN,BGMACK,OR,36"BIN,JB	200.00	225.00
PMPKN,BGMACK,OR,36"BIN,M	175.00	200.00
PMPKN,BGMACK,OR,36"BIN, S	175.00	200.00
PMPKN,BGMACK,OR,36"BIN,XL	175.00	200.00
RHUBARB, FIELD, 20 LBS	35.00	38.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9,M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK,1/2 BU,M	20.00	22.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK,1/2 BU,S	24.00	26.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, M	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, S	20.00	22.00
TOMS, GHS, 10 LBS,HEIRLOOM	14.00	16.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE,11LBS,S-M	13.00	13.00
TOMS, GHS, HEIRLOOM, 15 LBS	28.00	30.00
TOMS,VINERIFE,LT RED, 25 LBS	19.00	19.00

ORGANIC

BLACKBERRIES, 12 6-OZ CUPS	36.00	36.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12 1-PT CUPS	39.00	39.00
CABBAGE, RND GRN, 45 LB	24.00	24.00
CARROTS, 24 2-LB FILM BAGS	24.00	24.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, M	24.00	25.00
KALE, GRN, 12 BNCH/CTN	22.00	22.00
MUSHROOMS, 12 8-OZ TRAYS	17.00	17.00
PEPPER, GRN BELL, 1 -1/9, L	26.00	26.00
RASPBERRIES, 12 1-PT BSK	36.00	36.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1BU, M	28.00	28.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1BU,M	30.00	32.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1BU, M	27.00	28.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1BU, M	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1BU, M	31.00	32.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8 1-LB CTN	20.00	26.00
SWEET POTATOES, 12 3-lb BAGS	30.00	32.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - September 10, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	57.50	65.00
91-105 lbs.	70.00	75.00
106 lbs. & up	87.50	90.00
Farm Calves	92.50	97.50
Starter Calves	25.00	32.00
Veal Calves	95.00	120.00
Feeder Heifers	120.00	130.00
Beef Heifers	58.00	60.00
Feeder Steers	130.00	140.00
Beef Steers	73.00	101.00
Feeder Bulls	65.00	80.00
Beef Bulls	68.00	79.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	2@	.05
Sows	35.00	53.00
Butcher Hogs	62.00	75.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	105.00	135.00
Lambs each	115.00	250.00
Goats each	125.00	355.00
Kid Goats each	80.00	160.00
Canners	up to	51.00
Cutters	52.00	55.00
Utility Grade Cows	56.00	58.00
Rabbits each	4.00	22.00
Chickens each	3.00	21.00
Ducks each	3.00	10.00

RETAIL GRASS FED BISON MEAT

\$/lb. Frozen. August 17, 2018.

RIBEYE STEAKS	19.46	48.00
FILET MIGNON	39.95	52.03
NEW YORK STRIP	12.50	26.95
FLAT IRON	14.99	30.00
FLANK STEAK	15.49	17.95
SKIRT STEAK	12.95	20.00
CHUCK ROAST	11.99	13.32
EYE OF ROUND ROAST	12.80	13.33
TOP SIRLOIN	12.99	42.00
SIRLOIN TIP	11.91	13.83
BRISKET	11.49	16.66
RIBS	8.49	12.36
PRIME RIB	26.95	39.98
TENDERLOIN	39.95	65.86
STEW MEAT	11.49	15.95
JERKY	34.49	43.80
HEARTS	6.95	9.99
LIVERS	7.45	20.38
TONGUES	8.54	10.99
HOT DOGS	13.49	15.99
GROUND BISON:		
BULK LEAN	10.79	14.95
PATTIES	11.39	14.83

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale. \$/unit listed.

Long stem unless noted. September 11, 2018.

AMRNTHS,HANG,NENG,/BN	12.50	12.50
DAHLIA, NENG,5/BN	12.50	13.50
DELPH,HYB,NENG,10/BN	16.00	16.00
FEVRFWE,NENG,/BN	7.50	7.50
SNAPDRGN, XL,NENG,/BN	12.50	13.50
SUNFLWR,NENG, 5/BN	7.50	8.75
SUNFLWR, NENG, EA	1.00	1.00
YARROW, NENG, /BN	7.50	7.50
ZINNIA,XL,NENG, /BN	12.00	12.00

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Those fields are used by Gresczyk Farms to grow vegetables.

The PDR for the 55-acre Polek Family Farm was deed recorded July 24, 2018, in the town of Enfield. The total cost for preservation of the farm was \$443,200 with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) contributing \$249,900 through the Agricultural Lands Easement (ALE) Program.



DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, the Shepard family, Town and State representatives at an August 29, 2018 ceremony celebrating preservation of the Shepard Farm in South Windsor.

The state of Connecticut has successfully applied for millions of dollars in federal funds annually for PDR through the ALE Program. DoAg has partnered with NRCS to leverage a total of \$1,714,829 in federal contributions through the ALE Program so far this year.

Preservation of the 184-acre Cheetham White Oak Farm was finalized on March 28, 2018, when the deed was recorded in the town of Stonington. NRCS will contribute \$396,253 of the \$774,480 total PDR amount, with the state share coming to \$378,227, or \$2,051 per acre.



*The Spalding Farm in Woodstock, CT.
Photo courtesy of Stephen R. Flanagan, Flanagan Associates.*

Most recently the 82-acre Spalding Farm in Woodstock was preserved. The total PDR was \$271,029, \$3,300 per acre. This project received an NRCS contribution of \$135,515, through the ALE Program.

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75-R. Farm for sale. 9.2 acre about 40,000 sq. ft. greenhouses in Eastford, CT. Used to produce lettuce, cucumbers, herbs, tomatoes. \$329,000.00. Negotiable. 860-336-8000.

76-R. Registered Angus and Hereford cattle for sale. Open heifers, bred heifers, mature cows safe in calf to industry leading A.I. sires. Contact Eric at CJR. 860-567-9423, Extension 217.

77-R. Nursery hoops for sale in Suffield, CT. 100's available in 3 sizes, 14'W x 6'H, 17' x 9', 20' x 9'. Call Paul for more details 860-668-7371.

WANTED

7-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.

68-R. Bulldozing in Eastern CT. Farm ponds up to 3 acres. Need farm water, call Don Kemp. Also, land clearing. 860-546-9500.

2018 FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK

Connecticut's annual statewide Farm-to-Chef Week is scheduled for September 16-22, 2018. Open to all restaurants and foodservice businesses in the State, it invites participants to create a special Farm-to-Chef menu showcasing Connecticut Grown ingredients and beverages.

This promotion is an initiative of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program, which connects farmers and producers of Connecticut Grown products with chefs and other culinary professionals.

Farm-to-Chef Week is pleased to partner with the Coventry Farmers' Market at the Nathan Hale Homestead, one of the largest and most diverse farmers' markets in the State, for this year's kick-off event on Sunday, September 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chefs from around the State will shop the market and prepare delicious Connecticut Grown bites for marketgoers to sample.

To find a participating dining venue, or view participant menus, please visit www.ctfarmtochef.com. Farm-to-Chef Week is made possible by the following sponsors: Connecticut Milk Promotion Board, New Morning Market, Spotlight Theatres/Front St. Bistro, and Skyline Studios, LLC.

For more information about participating in Farm-to-Chef Week, or being a sponsor of the event, contact Erin Windham at Erin.Windham@ct.gov or 860-713-2543.

PEST & PRODUCTION UPDATE FOR GREENHOUSE CROPS

UConn Extension is hosting a program for growers of greenhouse crops to learn more about managing plant height, green-

house lighting, important insect pests of annuals and perennials including root pests, managing the root zone and an update on USDA Crop Insurance and Risk Management.

The event will be held September 27, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT. Five pesticide recertification credits are available for attendees. The registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch and refreshments. The registration deadline is September 20, 2018. For more information visit <http://ipm.uconn.edu/root> or contact Leanne Pundt at 860-626-6855 or leanne.pundt@uconn.edu. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from UConn Extension and is a cooperative effort of UConn Extension, and the Risk Management Agency/USDA.

FARM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

DoAg is collaborating with UConn Extension to support Connecticut produce growers covered by the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. In order to do that DoAg and UConn have developed a survey questionnaire to gather information that will help accurately characterize Connecticut's produce industry.

The questionnaire should take only 5-10 minutes to complete. Every farmer that fills out the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of two Connecticut Grown pop-up tents. In order to participate in the drawing the survey must be completed/returned by October 1, 2018. To complete the farm survey online [click here](#) or contact Diane Hirsch at diane.hirsch@uconn.edu or 203-407-3163 to request a survey.



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