

Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
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PARTNERSHIPS ENABLE PRESERVATION OF BRISTOL'S FARM IN CANTON

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) partnered with multiple entities to ensure the 27-acre Bristol's Farm in Canton, CT remains in agricultural use in perpetuity.

Dan Bristol, a fourth-generation owner said the family started to pursue protecting the farm in 1999, but not all of the family-owners were on board.

"We started the process again in 2015, and it's taken from then to now to work things through to sell the development rights on the property," he said. "The biggest thing is that the family is all on board this time."

To protect the farm's 27 acres of prime and statewide important farmland soils, the Bristol family utilized DoAg's Community Farms Preservation Program (CFPP).

The CFPP was designed to preserve smaller farms of local economic importance.

"This program is a valuable component of the state's long-term plan to cultivate sustainable agriculture and food production for the residents of Connecticut," said DoAg Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt.

"Preserving prime farmland soils for future generations to farm is critical to maintaining a high quality of life for the community and entire state of Connecticut."

CFPP is for farms that



Bristol's Farm in Canton, CT was preserved through DoAg's Community Farms Preservation Program. Bristol's Farm Market is open May through October and offers seedlings, flowers, produce, and CSA shares.

do not meet the criteria of the state's flagship Farmland Preservation Program for reasons of size, soil quality, or location, but may contribute to local economic activity through agricultural production.

Such farms typically have fewer than 30 acres of crop land, are active farms in food or fiber production, contain prime farmland

soils and/or additional farmland of statewide importance, and have a demonstrated level of community support.

The program is intended to increase the capacity of municipalities to plan for, and participate in, farmland preservation efforts. The program also requires the protected farms to be in active food production.

To participate, municipalities should recognize agriculture in the town's plan of conservation and development, and establish a source of funds for agricultural land preservation. A local match is also a requirement of the CFPP.

The Town of Canton contributed \$94,870 and the Canton

Land Conservation Trust contributed \$45,000 to supply the local match needed for the program.

"At 27 acres, the farm was the perfect candidate for the Community Farms Preservation Program because it's designed to protect smaller, food-producing farms," said Kathleen Doherty, Conservation Coordinator for

HEMP GROWER AND PROCESSOR INFO MEETINGS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture will be hosting informational meetings for potential growers and processors of hemp:

- **May 29, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Torrington UConn Extension Office**
- **May 30, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Tolland Agricultural Center**

During this meeting a review of the applications and license agreements, guidance on compliance with the new law, and reporting forms will be reviewed. RSVP's are not required. Questions can be directed to 860-713-2502 or AGR.Hemp@ct.gov. Additional information on the Connecticut Hemp Research Pilot Program can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/hemp.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.48	.64
LARGE	.42	.56
MEDIUM	.40	.53

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.06	1.49
LARGE	.97	1.39
MEDIUM	.78	.88
SMALL	.69	.79

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	112.00	118.00
Select 1-2	108.00	109.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice AND PRIME 3-4	112.00	113.50
Choice 2-3	101.00	107.50
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	57.00	69.00
boners 80-85% lean	53.00	69.50
lean 88-90% lean	40.00	65.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-108 lbs	105.00	175.00
No 2 90-99 lbs	75.00	185.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-89 lbs	227.00	250.00
90-98 lbs	220.00	245.00
100-128 lbs	225.00	260.00
155-170 lbs	170.00	185.00
Choice 1-2		
50-58 lbs	210.00	255.00
60-68 lbs	215.00	260.00
70-79 lbs	210.00	240.00
80-89 lbs	205.00	235.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	205.00	235.00
100-145 lbs	180.00	222.00
182-188 lbs	152.00	160.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Choice 2-3		
100-145 lbs	120.00	130.00
153-180 lbs	100.00	135.00
200-238 lbs	100.00	132.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
35-39 lbs	135.00	160.00
40-49 lbs	165.00	185.00
50-59 lbs	285.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight		
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	200.00	245.00
150-180 lbs	240.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	275.00	330.00
150-199 lbs	340.00	390.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
U.S. 1	201-298 lbs	58.00 66.00
U.S. 2	210-295 lbs	50.00 57.00
	302-335 lbs	47.00 56.00
Sows, US 1-2		
	357-398 lbs	43.00 48.00
	421-479 lbs	43.00 54.00
	505-590 lbs	42.00 47.00
Sows, US 2		
	308-388 lbs	35.00 41.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, GHS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 72	28.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	27.00	27.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB, LSE, M	32.00	36.00
PARSNIPS, 18 1-LB BAG, M	28.00	34.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	35.00	36.00
TOMS, GHS, 15 LB, L	26.00	26.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LB, S-M	25.00	25.00
TOMS, GHS, ON VINE, 11 LB	14.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 10 LB	24.00	24.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 12 10-OZ	24.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, NY, 125, #1	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, NY, 138, #1	18.00	18.00
ASPARAGUS, NJ, 28 LB, BNCH	68.00	68.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	20.00	20.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12S, BNCH	24.00	24.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-1 PT	24.00	25.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 1 3/4 BU	20.00	20.00
BROCCOLI, CTN, CA, 14'S	23.00	26.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LB	18.00	20.00
CABBAGE, RED, FL, 50 LB, M/L	26.00	30.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, FL, 40 LB, M/L	24.00	26.00
CABBAGE, NAPA, FL, 1 7/8 BU	26.00	28.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	22.00	24.00
CAULIFLOWER, CA, 12's	27.00	28.00
COLLARDS, NJ, 1 3/5 BU, 12'S	16.00	16.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	6.00	7.00
ENDIVE, 1.35 BU, CRT, 24S	16.00	17.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24'S	16.00	19.00
FIDDLE HEADS, NJ, 10 LBS, CTN	3.00	3.75
KALE, NJ, CTN, 1 3/5 BU, 12'S	16.00	16.00
KALE, TUSCAN, NJ, 1 3/5 BU, 12S	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24S	15.00	15.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24S	17.00	17.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, NJ, 24S	17.00	17.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24S	18.00	18.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, PORTABELLA, 5 LB	9.00	10.50
ONION, GREEN LEEK, CA, 12S	17.00	22.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, CTN, 60'S	28.00	30.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, CTN, 60'S	28.00	30.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	70.00	70.00
RADISHES, NJ, CRT, BNCH, 24S	20.00	20.00
SPINACH, SAV, NJ, 1.3 BU, LSE	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, ZUC, GA, 1/2 BU, S	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, GA, 1/2 BU, S	18.00	20.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	27.00	30.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 24's	18.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - May 27, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	45.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	60.00	70.00
91-105 lbs.	85.00	140.00
106 lbs. & up	145.00	155.00
Farm Calves	175.00	200.00
Starter Calves	25.00	40.00
Veal Calves	85.00	120.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	107.50
Beef Heifers	82.50	85.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	110.00
Beef Steers	1@	.61/lb
Feeder Bulls	75.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	80.00	115.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.02/lb
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	45.00	65.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	70.00	150.00
Lambs each	n/a	n/a
Goats each	92.50	430.00
Kid Goats each	57.50	190.00
Canners	up to	71.00
Cutters	72.00	75.00
Utility Grade Cows	76.00	79.00
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	4.00	25.00
Ducks each	4.00	21.00
Pigeons each	5.50	8.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH/MILKING COWS		
APPROVED	825.00	1375.00
MEDIUM	625.00	800.00
BRED COWS:		
APPROVED	900.00	1175.00
BRED HEIFERS:		
APPROVED	825.00	1125.00
SPRINGER HEIFERS:		
SUPREME	1300.00	1450.00
APPROVED	850.00	1250.00
MEDIUM	625.00	825.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
APPROVED	400.00	475.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. May 24, 2019

ALFALFA/GRASS		
SUPREME	470.00	500.00
PREMIUM	380.00	410.00
GOOD	280.00	350.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	395.00	430.00
GOOD	270.00	350.00
FAIR	170.00	240.00
STRAW	270.00	315.00

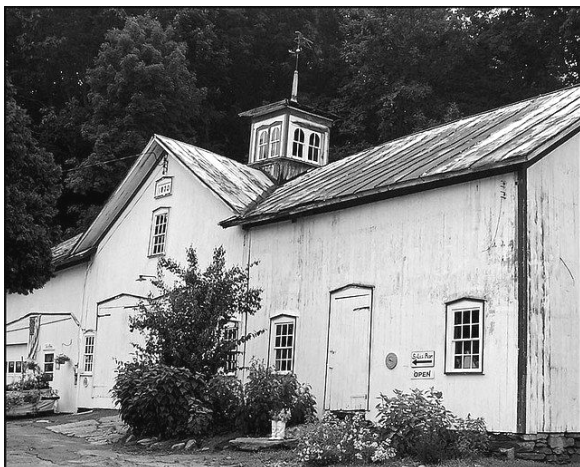
BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

CABBAGE, GRN, 45 LB CRT	26.00	26.00
CABBAGE, RED, 45 LB CRT	34.00	38.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	26.00	26.00
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SWEET POTATOES, 40 LB	35.00	40.00

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the Connecticut Farmland Trust.



The historic barn at Bristol's Farm was built in 1870 by the Connecticut Valley Railroad and is now used for general farm and retail use. Photo courtesy of Bristol's Farm.

The Connecticut Farmland Trust assisted with the due diligence for the purchase of development rights (PDR) and contributed \$25,000 to the purchase price. DoAg provided \$201,504 through the state CFPP for a total purchase price of \$366,371 or \$13,360 per acre.

DoAg partnered with the Connecticut Farmland Trust, the Town of Canton, and the Canton Land Conservation Trust to hold an easement interest on the property.

Agricultural conservation easements prohibit residential and industrial development but may allow for construction of agricultural structures on designated areas of the land.

The Bristol family continues to own the property, which they have farmed since 1888, but the PDR places a permanent restriction on the deed that limits its use to agriculture only.

Dan's son, Josh Bristol, is the family's fifth-generation farmer and runs the operation, which grows berries, sweet corn, flowers, and a variety of vegetables such as kale, cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, radishes, beans, snap peas, tomatoes, peppers, beets, eggplant, and squash.



Josh Bristol runs Bristol's Farm Market. Photo courtesy of Bristol's Farm.

Bristol's Farm Market is open May through October. For more information about the farm's seedlings, flowers, produce, and CSA shares go to www.bristolfarmmarket.com.

DoAg's long-term goal is to preserve 130,000 acres of agricultural land. Working with partners has enabled DoAg to preserve more than 44,000 acres on 367 Connecticut farms.

Commissioner Hurlburt says he is working to increase the number of farms protected per year, with the goal of preserving 400 farms covering 47,000 acres by the end of 2020.

Located along Albany Turnpike (Route 44), the farm's fields and farm stand are highly visible, drawing customers that keep the operation's CSA and farm stand viable.

"It's a lucky spot for us because we're on a main thoroughfare," said John Forker, one of the owners of the farm. "And as long as Josh is willing to farm it, I just hope it stays the way it is."

ADVERTISEMENTS

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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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 Zyskowski today at 203-444-6553

27-R. Pollination services for small scale farms. Call Hilltop Apiaries for information at 860-408-9039

32-R. 20 KW Genset, 4 cylinder engine propane, skid mounted full cabinet, runs good \$1,200. Call 203-457-1949. Leave message

33-R. Potting soil, Berger BM1. 5 pallets available, 3.8 cu ft bags. Dzen Brothers Farm 860-648-1355

34-R. Saanen dairy goats and boar buck. Good milk lines. Very good confirmation. 860-564-3615.

35-R. Former garden shop and greenhouse, retail store, house, storage barn. 4 acres. Busy road Route 194. \$399,999. 860-648-9017

WANTED

6-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

SERVSAFE MANAGER CERTIFICATION

A ServSafe Manager Certification course will be offered by CLiCK on Monday, June 3, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The course will be held at 41 Club Road, Windham, CT.

The cost of the class is \$150 per person. If you are a Connecticut farmer the class is free courtesy of a Farm Viability Grant provided by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

For more information visit <https://clickwillimantic.com> or call 860-786-7907. To register email Rachel LaPorte at rachael.clickwillimantic@gmail.com.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SEEKS STATE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

The Department of Agriculture has openings for two State Animal Control Officers in its Bureau of Regulatory Services.

Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications specified in the posting and must apply no later than June 5, 2019, through the State of Connecticut's employment portal.

In this position you will be accountable for independently performing a full range of tasks in the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to the control of domestic, companion and exotic animals, and animal cruelty laws.

For more information go to <https://www.jobapscloud.com/CT/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=190517&R2=1405PS&R3=001>.

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NRCS EQIP/AMA APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 21, 2019

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a third opportunity to sign-up for FY2019 conservation program funding.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program for those engaged in livestock, forestry, or agricultural production – including organics. It offers financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. It also provides payments for implementing practices that have a positive environmental impact, while protecting long-term production and sustainability. Eligible crop production includes, but is not limited to, field-grown ornamentals, fruits, orchards, plant materials in greenhouses, row crops, vegetables, and vineyards.

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations. Producers may construct/improve water management structures or irrigation structures or mitigate risk through production diversification or resource conservation practices including soil erosion control, integrated pest management, or transition to organic farming.

Applications are accepted year-round; however, to be eligible for current year funding you must ensure your application is submitted to your local NRCS office by June 21, 2019.

For more information visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ct/programs/financial/> or contact your local USDA Service Center: Danielson 860-779-0557; Hamden 203-287-8038; Norwich 860-887-3604; Torrington 860-626-8852; Windsor 860-688-7725.

DOAG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FARMERS' MARKET AT THE REGIONAL MARKET

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is now accepting applications for the Farmers' Market at the Regional Market. The 2019 farmers' market season runs from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. Stall use agreements are available for periods of three months up to one year.

Applications and information can be found on DoAg's website at https://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/regional_market/2018/Farmers_Market_Application_2019.pdf. For more information call 860-713-2543 or email Erin.Windham@ct.gov.

Advertising Rates: Fifteen or fewer words: \$3.75 per insertion. More than 15 words: 25 cents per word per insertion. Ads must be related to agriculture in Connecticut and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be received by noon on Friday before publication the following Wednesday. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture, and mail copy and remittance to the department at 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 701, Hartford, CT 06103. For more information contact Crystal.Morris@ct.gov or call 860-713-2533.

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