

Agricultural Report

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SIGNIFICANT PARCEL OF FARMLAND PRESERVED IN ROCKY HILL **Hintz Farm Conservation Easement Permanently Protects Farmland** *The Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) has preserved a significant parcel of farmland in Rocky Hill.

Approximately 70 acres of farmland at the Hintz Farm was preserved through the placement of a permanent conservation easement recorded on land records at Rocky Hill town hall on January 26, 2018.

The Hintz Farm was historically a dairy farm, providing milk to the greater Hartford area in the 1950s and 1960s. The farm currently consists of a series of managed hayfields, with plans for free range chickens and beef cattle.

Preservation efforts began in 2005 when the town of Rocky Hill developed a plan for farmland and open space preservation which targeted several large farms including the Hintz Farm.

When the Hintz Farm was advertised for sale in 2008 the town began discussions with the Hintz family regarding preservation of the farm.

In 2015, DoAg entered into an agreement with the town of Rocky Hill and the Hintz family for the purchase of the development rights (PDR) to maintain and preserve the agricultural land for farming and food production.

DoAg utilized funding available through the Connecticut Farmland Preservation Program and the Community Farms Preservation Program (CFPP) for the Hintz Farm PDR.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said partnerships with farm families and municipalities are essential to preservation of farmland in Connecticut.

“The preservation of large parcels of farmland in this part of the Connecticut River Valley, like the Hintz Farm, is a once in a lifetime opportunity that would not be possible without the par-

icipation of a willing farm family and municipal leaders,” Reviczky said.

DoAg also partnered with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which contributed through its Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).

Ray Carpentino, the town of Rocky Hill’s economic development director, said farms and farming are a large part of the history and character of the town and contribute to the overall community in many ways.

“Preservation and support of agricultural lands and activities are important aspects of encouraging a more livable community and a sustainable future,” said Carpentino. “Hintz Farm is a key component in our continued effort to preserve our agricultural lands for future generations.”

The Hintz Farm is adjacent to two large parcels of town-owned land designated as open space by the town of Rocky Hill—a 20-acre parcel north of the farm known as France Street Open Space and a 51.3-acre parcel of forestland west of the farm which was purchased by the town in 2003 with financial assistance provided by the state’s Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program.



Hintz Farm, Rocky Hill, CT.

“In addition to being one of the last large parcels of farmland, Hintz Farm is contiguous on the north and west sides by 71 acres of town of Rocky Hill open space land, which in turn is more or less contiguous to over 300 acres of active farmland,” said Carpentino.

Rocky Hill Mayor Claudia Baio said the town is commitment to preserving agricultural lands.

The town of Rocky Hill contributed to the project through funds made available through a bond referendum passed in 2012, for the acquisition of

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.30	1.44
LARGE	1.24	1.38
MEDIUM	.90	1.03

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.27	2.39
LARGE	2.26	2.37
MEDIUM	1.58	1.85
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	55.00	60.50
boners 80-85% lean	54.00	59.50
lean 88-90% lean	49.00	54.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	117.00	122.50
Choice 2-3	113.00	118.00
Select 1-2	106.50	113.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	86.00	90.00
Choice 2-3	80.00	84.50
Select 1-2	74.00	79.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	118.50	121.50
Choice 2-3	113.00	117.00
Select 1-2	106.00	109.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 104-130 lbs	100.00	110.00
No 1 90-102 lbs	110.00	125.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	285.00	310.00
130-150 lbs	235.00	245.00
150-200 lbs	190.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	120.00	140.00
120-160 lbs	100.00	145.00
160-200 lbs	92.00	120.00
200-300 lbs	77.00	100.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	170.00	205.00
60-80 lbs	210.00	245.00
80-100 lbs	240.00	250.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	215.00	235.00
130-180 lbs	230.00	265.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	240.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	275.00	325.00

USDA WEEKLY RETAIL LAMB

April 20. Per lb.

SHLDR BLADE CHOPS	3.99	5.49
SHLDR RND BONE CHOP	4.99	4.99
LOIN CHOPS	6.99	8.99
BONE-IN LEG	4.59	9.99
BONELESS LEG	8.99	8.99
BUTTERFLIED, BNLS LEG	7.49	7.49
STEW MEAT-MUTTON	3.99	3.99

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,CORTLAND,XFCY, 72	28.00	29.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,XFCY, 80	28.00	31.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,XFCY, 88	30.00	31.00
APPL,CRTLAND,FCY,12-3LB	22.00	22.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 56	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, GALA, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	21.00	21.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 88	26.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 100	24.00	26.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 80	21.00	21.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 88	21.00	21.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 125	17.00	18.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 138	17.00	18.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 88	22.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
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	26.00	26.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	25.00	25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	23.00	23.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1,SZA,50LB	11.00	12.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1, SZB,50LB	13.00	14.00
PTATO,RDWHT,NONSZA,10-5LB	14.00	15.00
PTATO, YELLOW, #1CHEF, 50LB	15.00	16.00
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, 11 LB	20.00	20.00

BOSTON SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

ASPARAGUS,CA,11LB/BNCH,STD	32.00	32.00
ASPARAGUS,CA,11LB/BNCH,JBO	28.00	28.00
BOK CHOY, CA, 30 LBS	22.00	26.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, FL, 50 LB, M	14.00	16.00
CABBGE,GRN,ORG,FL,45LB,M/L	28.00	28.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, FL, 1-3/4, M	18.00	18.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
CUKES, WAXED, FL, 1-1/9, M	16.00	20.00
DANDELION GRNS, FL, 12	18.00	18.00
ENDIVE, FL, 1-1/9, 24	14.00	16.00
ESCAROLE, FL, 1-1/9, 18	16.00	16.00
GARLIC, ELEPHANT, CA, 10 LB	40.00	42.00
KALE, LACINITO, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
KALE, MULTI, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
LETT,RED/GRNLF,CA/AZ, 24	18.00	22.00
MACHE, GHS, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	7.50
MUSTARD, CRLY, GA, 12	14.00	14.00
ONIONS,BULB, GA, 24 BN/CTN	27.00	27.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, TX, 60BN/CTN	19.00	21.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, TX, 60 BN	20.00	22.00
PEAS,SGRSNP,GUATMLA, 10 LB	12.00	14.00
PEPPERS, FL, 1-1/9, LARGE	15.00	16.00
PEPPER,CUBNL, FL, 1-1/9, M-L	20.00	24.00
POTATO,YELW,FL,3/4-1-5/8", 50LB	50.00	55.00
RADISHES, FL, 24 BN/CRATE	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB,OR,OPNFIELD,20 LB	48.00	48.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CA, 24	25.00	27.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, CA, 24	20.00	24.00
TOMS, CHRRY, FL, 12-1PT BSKT	14.00	16.00
TOMS, GRAPE, FL, 20 LB, LOOSE	18.00	19.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - April 23, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	32.00	34.00
61-75 lbs.	42.00	48.00
76-90 lbs.	95.00	105.00
91-105 lbs.	110.00	115.00
106 lbs. & up	120.00	122.50
Farm Calves	127.50	140.00
Starter Calves	25.00	30.00
Veal Calves	80.00	140.00
Feeder Heifers	87.50	100.00
Beef Heifers	67.00	79.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	105.00
Beef Steers	76.00	110.00
Feeder Bulls	80.00	155.00
Beef Bulls	82.00	90.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	1@	1050.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs each	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	122.00	132.00
Lambs each	250.00	280.00
Goats each	100.00	312.50
Kid Goats each	45.00	155.00
Canners up to		59.50
Cutters	60.00	62.00
Utility Grade Cows	63.00	66.00
Rabbits each	5.00	23.00
Chickens each	5.00	23.00
Ducks each	10.00	47.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	48.00	53.00
	300-350 lbs	36.50	40.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	36.50	49.00
	300-350 lbs	32.00	33.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	28.00	33.00
	500-750 lbs	30.00	35.00
Boars	350-400 lbs	5.00	6.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIG

Per cwt.

US 2	20-40 lbs	210.00	230.00
	48 lbs	160.00	160.00

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale price. \$/unit listed.

ANEMONE,NENG,10/BN,L	4.00	5.00
CALLA,STD,NENG, EA	5.50	5.50
FORSYTHIA, CD, /BN, L	11.50	11.50
HYACINTH, NL, 5/BN, L	6.50	6.50
LILAC, PRPL, NL, /BN,XL	42.00	45.00
LISIANTHUS,NENG,/10,L	18.00	18.50
PEONY,SEMIDBL,NL,EA	5.50	5.50
SNAPDRGN,NENG,10/, L	12.50	15.00
SWEETPEA,IT, 10/BN,L	12.50	15.00
TULIP,STD,NJ,10/BN,L	5.95	5.95
TULIP,FRNCH,WA,10/,L	14.50	15.00

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SHOULDER ROAST	3.99	3.99
SHLDR BLADE CHOPS	2.99	4.99
BREAST	2.69	3.99
RIB CHOPS	12.99	15.99
LEG CUTLETS	7.99	10.99
SCALLOPINI	15.99	15.99
STEW MEAT	3.99	5.99

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development rights and/or for the outright purchase of agricultural properties and passive open space properties.

"Since the bond passage, the town has purchased, on its own, the development rights to 113 acres of farmland," said Baio.

In 2014, the town of Rocky Hill used the open space and farmland bond funds to purchase the development rights of the 44-acre Hayes Farm. The development rights to the Hayes Farm were the first to be purchased using the funds authorized by the referendum.

The Hintz Farm is the first in Rocky Hill to have an agricultural conservation easement funded through a combination of the DoAg Farmland Preservation Program, the NRCS ACEP, and the town's open space and farmland bond funds.

Other nearby farms that were recently protected through a partnership between DoAg and the NRCS include the 48-acre Phoenix Farm in Cromwell (2015) and the 82-acre Blaque Farm on the Connecticut River in Portland (2016).

Several other Rocky Hill farms are pursuing conservation easements through collaboration with DoAg and the NRCS.

Preservation of the Hintz Farm would not have been possible without the cooperation of the Hintz family. Arthur Hintz said the family didn't want to see the land developed for housing. "We wanted to see it as open space," says Arthur.

Arthur Hintz moved to the farm from California in 1963. His grandparents purchased the land in 1929. The Hintz family operated a dairy farm on the land until the mid-1960s when they transitioned to a beef operation. Currently Arthur produces about 2,000 bales of hay from the farm each year.

The Connecticut Farmland Preservation Program purchases the development rights of qualified farms to preserve prime and statewide important farmland soils. The collective goal for the State is to preserve 130,000 acres of farmland, with 85,000 in cropland.

FARM BILL UPDATE

Following the release of the Farm Bill draft authored by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, Steven K. Reviczky, NASDA President and Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture issued the following statement on this important first step towards passing a bipartisan Farm Bill this year:

"In this time of uncertainty and low prices in our country's agriculture sector, we are encouraged that Congress is taking important first steps towards reauthorizing the Farm Bill. An on-time and fully funded Farm Bill is more important than ever for agriculture producers, the rural economy, and communities of every size," said Reviczky.

"We are especially appreciative for the committee's work on a host of NASDA priorities including the establishment of a new animal health initiative and improvements to existing programs such as the Specialty Crop Block Grant program. We are committed to continuing our work with agriculture leaders in the House and Senate to get a bipartisan Farm Bill across the finish line."

NASDA's farm bill priorities focus on creating new tools for animal disease coordination and prevention, as well as ensuring investment in programs for foreign and domestic marketing for farmers and value added food producers, invasive species,

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research, conservation, and food safety.

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for a part-time intern. The agency is a member of Food Export USA (FEUSA), which

works with producers of Connecticut food and agricultural products to expand their markets overseas. FEUSA will contract directly with the intern to promote educational activities, events, and other opportunities sponsored by FEUSA that assist Connecticut food companies with international exporting.

The internship will begin in September 2018 and run through the fall semester. Interested applicants can visit www.CTGrown.gov until May 31, 2018, for a complete job description and application instructions.

CT FARM BUREAU WOODLAND MANAGEMENT EVENT

The Connecticut Farm Bureau will hold a program on Managing Your Woodland for Profit and Conservation on Thursday, May 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam, CT. Learn how to utilize your woodland to help diversify farm and household profit on a sustainable basis. Speakers will focus on understanding your forest resource, tools and tips for selling timber and other forest products, and grant and cost-share opportunities for forest landowners.

Guest speakers include Sherwood Raymond, Service Forester, CT DEEP Forestry Division, Thomas Worthley, Associate Extension Professor, UConn Extension, Joyce Purcell, Assistant State Conservationist, USDA NRCS, and Margot Burns, Environmental Planner, RiverCOG. This event is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required. Contact the Connecticut Farm Bureau at 860-768-1100 for additional information or visit: www.cfba.org.



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