



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES

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Application to Operate Crop Protection Noisemaking Device  
 Connecticut General Statute section (C.G.S. §) 22-26g

(Please note: A separate permit application is required for each lot)

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Name (if different from applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of lot to be protected (include bordering streets): \_\_\_\_\_

Size of lot to be protected: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of noisemakers to be used at the location listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of noisemaker:  Propane Cannon  Bird Chirper  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Crops to be protected: \_\_\_\_\_

List animals to be controlled (causing crop damage): \_\_\_\_\_

List other methods used to resolve crop damage problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected crop loss if noisemaker not used: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Dates and times device(s) are to be used: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Written permission to use a crop protection noisemaker device(s) is on file with the applicant, from the owners of any dwelling (other than the applicant's) located within 500 feet of the crop protection device(s) and is available for inspection by the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Commissioners designated agent:  Yes  Not Applicable

Are any local ordinances enacted prior to June 21, 1967 in effect that prohibit the use of an agricultural noisemaker:  Yes  No

Under penalty for false statement (C.G.S. § 53-157b), the undersigned applicant states that all of the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, the applicant agrees that in the event a Crop Protection Noisemaker Permit is granted, said applicant shall comply with all laws and regulations concerning crop protection noisemakers, all conditions stated on the permit and, any lawful order, ruling or directive issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Commissioner's designated agent.

Send application to: State of Connecticut  
 Department of Agriculture  
 Bureau of Regulatory Services  
 450 Columbus Blvd. Suite 702  
 Hartford, CT 06103

Fax: (860) 713-2515

Requirements to operate noise-making devices used in agriculture to repel wildlife.

- Lot size must be 5 acres or more
- Devices must be placed at least 500 feet from a dwelling unless you have obtained permission from the owner of the dwelling (dwellings owned by the applicant are not subject to this).
- Between 10 pm and 7 am peak noise levels cannot exceed 80 decibels as measured at the property line of a receptor residential property.
- Between 7 am and 10 pm peak noise levels cannot exceed 100 decibels as measured at the property line of a receptor residential property.
- Noisemaking devices used in agriculture to repel wildlife must be operated according to the manufacturer's instructions (note: restrictions or other conditions may be placed on the use of noisemakers as is deemed appropriate by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee).
- All noisemaking devices must bear a weather-resistant tag that shall state the name, address and phone number of the operator.

The department recognizes that farmer's and their agricultural crops, particularly fruits and vegetables suffer significant loss due to animals, primarily birds but deer, raccoons and other animals can do damage. In a highly urbanized state such as Connecticut the use of noise-making devices in agriculture to repel wildlife can and does contribute to disputes with residents located nearby these devices.

In addition to the statutory requirements, as the operator of a noise-making device you can mitigate some of the potential conflict by employing best practices such as:

- Only operate noise-makers when crops are ripe or near ready for harvest and actually being damaged
- Point the devices away from the closest residents
- Account for echoes
- Move the devices so birds or other animals do not get used to their location
- Turn off the devices when they no longer are effective
- Adjust timers to account for changes in sunrise and sunset throughout the season
- Tell neighbors surrounding lots where you intend to use these devices about when and how they will be operated and who to call if there is a problem
- Use the devices along with other non-acoustic deterrents
- Obtain expert recommendations to control wildlife, the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services can be contacted at:

Connecticut Wildlife Services State Director  
463 West Street  
Amherst, MA 01002

Phone: (413) 253-2403