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A view of part of the 921-acre, state-owned Southbury Training School property.

PORTION OF SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL PROPERTY BEING OFFERED TO FARMERS FOR LONG-TERM LEASE

The Department of Agriculture is accepting proposals from interested farmers for the long-term agricultural use of state-owned farmland at the Southbury Training School properties in Southbury and Roxbury.

About 370 acres of the 921-acre property are available for farming permits that would take effect March 1, 2016.

The 12 farmland parcels – between 3 and 71 acres in size – are located along Cassidy Road and Purchase Brook Road, northwest of the training school campus.

Most of the land is currently planted in corn, grass hay and pasture to support an active dairy operation, while other acreage requires restoration.

Initial proposals must be submitted to the agriculture department in writing and postmarked or hand-delivered by Friday, October 2.

Two public tours of the property will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 – the first from 10 a.m. to noon and a second from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said food and fiber-producing agricultural uses will be a priority in awarding proposals. The department will consider the overall impact on the productivity and condition of the farmland based on the submitted proposals.

The permits will be for a term of up to ten years, with the option to extend, at the discretion of the Commissioner, for up to an additional 15 years.

“This property is a valuable resource located in an area of the state where demand for quality farmland is high,” Reviczky said. “I believe this program represents a unique opportunity for farmers to compete to access this special place.”

Governor Dannel P. Malloy spearheaded the transfer of the training school farm to the agriculture department earlier this year.

The protection of the land was for many years a top priority of diverse stakeholders, including the Southbury Land Trust and the Town of Southbury, who were included in the agreement.

“Restoring these prime farmlands to active farming will be good for the environment and the economy of Southbury,” First Selectman Ed Edelson said. “Agriculture was historically a major part of Southbury’s economy and I see this program as the beginning of a wave of infrastructure and institutional support to restore more of the town’s farm potential.”

A report prepared by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies on the site concluded that it could serve a variety of agricultural needs in the area, including food proce-

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	90.00	96.50
boners 80-85% lean	88.00	95.00
lean 88-90% lean	85.00	91.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	145.00	146.50
Ch2-3	142.00	144.50
Sel1-3	138.00	142.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	n/a	n/a
Ch2-3	126.50	133.00
Sel1-2	119.00	126.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	145.00	145.00
Ch2-3	138.00	141.00
Sel1-2	n/a	n/a

NEW HOLLAND, PA

CALVES ^{graded bull}		
No 1 120-128 lbs	395.00	395.00
No 1 90-118 lbs	415.00	435.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS:		
No Auction, due to holiday.		
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Select 1		
80-130 lbs	210.00	240.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	250.00
120-160 lbs	70.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	335.00	340.00
150-250 lbs	350.00	365.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.2, by head, est.		
40-50 lbs	145.00	170.00
50-60 lbs	175.00	200.00
60-80 lbs	210.00	235.00
Nannies/Does: Sel.1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	210.00	240.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	250.00
120-160 lbs	70.00	90.00
Bucks/Billies: Sel.1, by head, est.		
100-150 lbs	335.00	340.00
150-250 lbs	350.00	365.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

All prices per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	58.00	62.00
	300-400 lbs	47.00	48.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	53.00	58.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	36.00	44.00
	500-650 lbs	39.00	41.00
Boars	1 @475 lbs	8.00	8.00

NORTHEAST HONEY

Retail, 1 lb	9.00	12.00
Retail, 1 quart	18.00	20.00
5 gallon units (food service)	195.00	240.00

NATIONAL HONEY REPORT**Wholesale Natural/Raw products**

55 gallons, per lb	2.50	2.80
Propolis, 2 oz tincture	14.00	17.00
Pollen, per quart	26.00	30.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
APPLES, GALA, 80 CT	32.00	32.00
APPLES, GINGERGOLD, BU, NG	24.00	24.00
APPLES, HONEYCRISP, NG, BU	50.00	50.00
APPLES, MAC, 8X5 TOTES	24.00	24.00
APPLES, MAC, 96/80 CT	30.00	30.00
APPLES, PAULARED, NG, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES, ZESTAR, BU, NG	26.00	26.00
BEANS, CRANBRY, BU/CRT	35.00	40.00
BEANS, GREEN, FLAT, BU/CRT	20.00	24.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PKD, 1-1/9	15.00	27.00
BEANS, WAX, HND PKD, 1-1/9	15.00	22.00
BEETS, GOLDEN, 25 LB LOOSE	22.00	22.00
BEETS, RED, BNCHED, 12	15.00	15.00
BEETS, GOLD, 25 LBS	22.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-1PT, WRAP	42.00	42.00
BROCCOLI, BUNCHED, 14	15.00	17.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50LBS	11.00	12.00
CARROTS, JUMBO, 25LB, LOOSE	11.00	12.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	18.00	18.00
COLLARDS, 12	11.00	15.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	10.00	18.00
CORN, ORNAMENTAL, 20-3 PER	40.00	40.00
CUKES, PICKLING, 1/2 BU	14.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS, SS, 1-1/9	24.00	26.00
EGGPLANT, BABY ITAL, 1/2 BU	14.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, JAP PRPLE, 1/2 BU	14.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, PRPLE, 1-1/9	10.00	20.00
GRAPES, CONCORD, 8-1QT	24.00	24.00
KALE, 12 COUNT	18.00	20.00
KHOLRABI, 12 BUNCHES	12.00	16.00
LEEKs, 12 BUNCHES	18.00	19.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
NECTARINES, 24 LBS	24.00	24.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LBS	26.00	30.00
PEACHES, 2-1/2" MIN, 25 LBS	24.00	24.00
PEPPERS, BELL, GRN, 1-1/9	10.00	20.00
PEPPERS, CHERRYHOTS, 1/2BU	14.00	16.00
PEPPERS, FRYERS, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 1/2 BU	14.00	16.00
PEPPERS, LONG HOTS, 1/2 BU	14.00	16.00
PLUMS, BLACK, 24 LBS	26.00	26.00
POTATOES, RED, 50LB, SZ A	13.00	13.00
POTATOES, RED, 50LB, SZ B	12.00	12.00
POTATO, RUSSET, US1, 70, 50LB	14.00	16.00
POTATO, YELLOW, SZA, 50LB	14.00	14.00
POTATO, WHITE, SZ A, 50 LB	9.00	11.00
POTATO, WHITE, CHEF, 50 LB	11.00	13.00
PUMPKINS, PIE TYPE, 1-1/9	15.00	15.00
RHUBARB, OPEN FIELD, 20LB	36.00	36.00
SQUASH, ACORN/BTTNT, 1-1/9	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, BTTNUT, 20 LB, PER LB	.95	1.00
SQUASH, GREY, 1/2 BU	26.00	30.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, YEL STRTNECK, 1-1/9	10.00	14.00
SQUASH, GRN, 1/2 BU	8.00	16.00
TOMATOES, 20 LBS	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE 12-1PT	12.00	18.00
TOMATOES, HEIRLOOM, 10LB	22.00	22.00
TOMATO, RED CHERRY, 12-1PT	12.00	18.00
TOMATOES, ROMA, 25 LBS	14.00	20.00
TOMS, YELLOWCHERRY, 12-1PT	12.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, September 7, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	50.00	60.00
61-75 lbs.	130.00	150.00
76-90 lbs.	350.00	355.00
91-105 lbs.	360.00	365.00
106 lbs. & up	370.00	375.00
Farm Calves	390.00	395.00
Starter Calves	55.00	62.00
Veal Calves	1@	217.50
Open Heifers	112.50	147.50
Beef Heifers	97.00	140.00
Feeder Steers	130.00	140.00
Beef Steers	115.00	145.00
Stock Bulls	140.00	217.50
Beef Bulls	120.00	128.00
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	4@	75.00
Sheep	125.00	130.00
Lambs	95.00	240.00
Goats each	120.00	380.00
Kid Goats	160.00	185.00
Canners	up to	95.00
Cutters	96.00	99.00
Utility Grade Cows	100.00	102.50
Rabbits each	4.00	15.00
Chickens each	3.00	20.00
Ducks each	20.00	28.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	2.28	2.42
LARGE	2.25	2.39
MEDIUM	1.55	1.68

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.81	2.91
LARGE	2.34	2.85
MEDIUM	1.89	1.97
SMALL	1.03	1.13

NEW ENGLAND WHOLESALE HERBS

CHIVES, 8 BUNCHES, 1 LB	8.00	8.00
MINT, BUNCHED, 12, 1/2BU	10.00	11.00
DILL, BUNCHED, 24, 1/2BU	20.00	20.00

USDA - NEW ENGLAND RETAIL TURKEYS

Per pound

FRESH HENS	1.79	1.99
FRESH TOMS	1.79	1.99
FROZEN HENS	1.69	1.69
FROZEN TOMS	1.69	1.69

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CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE EVENT SEPT. 26

The 15th annual Celebrating Agriculture event will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Woodstock Fairgrounds on Route 169 in Woodstock. The free event attracts dozens of exhibitors and vendors and encourages education and participation in farming, forestry and all facets of agriculture, and features hay rides, food and children's entertainment. More information is available by contacting the Danielson USDA Service Center at (860) 779-0557, ext. 1 or at www.celebratingagriculture.org.

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-ssing and farmers' markets.

- **Food-processing:**

The agriculture department is making efforts to increase facilities that connect farmers to restaurants, specifically by aggregating, processing, and distributing products.

There are 52 processing facilities in the state, including cheese manufacturing, fruit and vegetable canning, ice cream and frozen dessert, animal slaughtering, fluid milk and butter manufacturing, wineries, seafood preparation and packaging, and poultry processing.

While Southbury is a 45-minute drive from most major food processing hubs, the report said it has the potential to fill a need for food processing in western New Haven County.

- **Farmers' markets:**

The number of farmers markets in Connecticut has nearly doubled over the last decade to a total of more than 125.

And although there is a farmers' market in Southbury and many others within a 45-minute drive of the training school, there are few in its immediate area.

An on-site farmers' market at the training school would serve as a draw for farmland seekers and consumers, and a processing facility could also benefit farmers who sell at markets in surrounding counties.

The report concluded that: *"Southbury has the opportunity to grow unique, value-added foods that can help boost the Connecticut economy.*

Demand for value-added products like honey or maple syrup and out-of-season produce seem to outstrip supply.

There are some major opportunities for Southbury to partner with distributors to grocery stores or institutions, particularly if there is a processing facility on site."

Farmers who are awarded permits will be required to develop and follow a USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Plan, approved by the state agriculture department, and follow best management practices during the term of the agreement.

Proposals will be reviewed by an advisory committee and the Commissioner of Agriculture starting in October.

Based upon the advisory committee's review, a limited number of potential permittees will be invited to meet with staff, and additional information or materials may be requested at that time.

Staff and the advisory committee will then recommend candidates to the Commissioner for his review and approval. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals not in the best interests of the State of Connecticut.

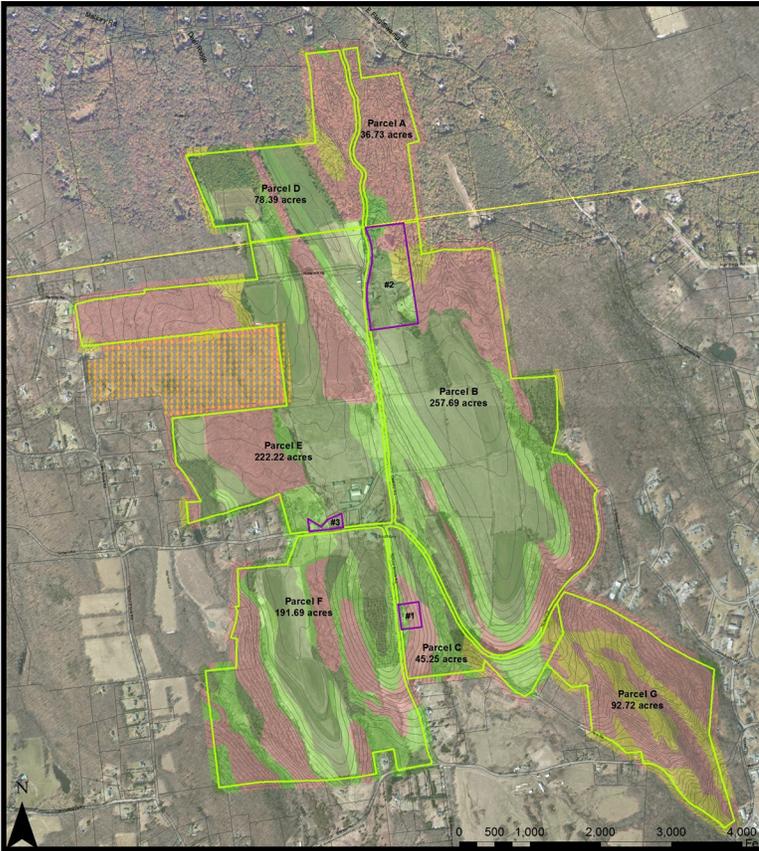
The executed Agricultural Use Permits also will be reviewed by the State Properties Review Board, and submitted to the Office of Attorney General for final approval.

Applicants must submit a Farming Permit Proposal Form, plus any accompanying materials by October 2 to: The Resource Preservation Unit, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Room G-8, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

The Farming Permit Proposal Form is available online at www.ctfarmlink.org.

Additional information and the parcel location map are included with the Farming Permit Proposal Form.

Those without internet access may request the form by calling Sandy Karanian at 860-713-2511.



Clockwise from above: A map of farmland available for lease at the Southbury Training School; Gov. Malloy, Cmsr. Reviczky and other officials during a tour of the site in 2013; various views of the property.



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