

BLUE HILLS FARM, INC.



141 SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

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Town of Wallingford
Town Council
Chairman / Ms Iris Papale.
45 South Main St
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Ms Papale:

Regarding the May Session Public Act # 92-17 which took effect June 19th 1992 which allows towns to abate 50% of Property Taxes on any fruit orchard maintained as a business. a copy of this act is enclosed (Page 51)

as many know Blue Hills Farm is located in the South West corner of the Town of Wallingford. There are 297 acres in Wallingford plus 19 acres across the town line in Hamden. All land was purchased in 1904 with the exception of about 20 acres purchased in 1906. Total 297

Professor W.A. Henry made the original purchase then turned it over to his son Arnon who cleared the land and planted cabbage on a portion then Peaches and more Peaches then apples and cherries. - "A.T." (as he was called) turned the farm over to his son David S. after he graduated from U. Mass Agricultural College. The transfer was partially then and completed at the time of his death in 1964

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David S. has now turned over nearly all of Blue Hills Farm to his son David A., his grandson Eric S. and daughter Rita M. Henry. So Blue Hills has been handed down as a farm year after year but always kept in the Henry family. No land has ever been sold or none purchased since 1906. Now in the 5th generation of Henrys

now we have Apples, Peaches, Pears, Blueberries Raspberries and Blackberries - (no more cherries) We sell about 90% Wholesale - Balance is retail and "Pick your own" - We sell to Wholesale Fruit Dealers all across the United States. A lot of fruit goes to "the chains" (Walden's, Stop & Shop etc) We are also quite heavily into the Export market. Many loads go to Canada, England, Scandinavian Countries - Brazil - anywhere -

1991 was the worst year since the 1938 Hurricane. Early spring blossoming - Summer Drought, Hurricane Bob all combined created a really rough season.

Washington state can produce apples at much less cost than we can and they often "flood" our markets with apples at a price less than our cost of production. However they cannot grow McIntosh or Empire. This is where we "shine".

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Blue Hills Farm is over 300 acres of very beautiful land. We are the highest elevation in Wallingford. Because its all farm land the town of Wallingford does not need more schools, police, fire equipment, road maintenance etc. so actually we are saving the town considerable expense. Consider what happened to Barnes orchards, Youngs orchards, the Martin orchards (now Broadview) and many more orchards and farms sold for development in the rapidly growing town of Wallingford.

Everyone is welcome to view Blue Hills Farm. We'll give a tour to anyone - just give us a call.

A little help with property taxes surely would make our lives brighter, considering all the rapidly increasing costs on the other side of the ledger. Even Gov. Weicker with all his income problems smiled favorably on this bill and signed it.

Please help us keep this corner of Wallingford "Green"

Respectfully,
The Henrys
Dave Sr., Dave Jr., Eric & Rita