

Farmland Available in Little Compton, Rhode Island

Objective:

The Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust (LCACT) seeks farmers interested in farming in a Southern New England coastal farm community located 45 minutes from Providence and 75 minutes from Boston. With its maritime climate moderating extreme seasonal temperatures, Little Compton and its neighboring South Coast towns in Massachusetts enjoy the longest growing season in New England (Zone 7, on par with mid-Atlantic states).

Since 1986, the LCACT has successfully protected 2,142 acres of rural land in Little Compton from development and owns 657 acres, a portion of which is potentially available for lease to farmers. LCACT welcomes farm lease proposals from candidates with:

- 3yrs or more years of farming experience
- Solid farming references
- A plan to develop an agricultural enterprise intended to gross approximately \$50,000 per year within 5yrs of start-up
- Financial resources (or access to financing) for start-up costs.

LCACT welcomes business models that complement the town's traditional land use pattern of open fields bounded by stone walls and new businesses that will not displace established farm businesses that serve local consumers.

Landowner: Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust (www.lcact.net)

Date Available: now

Acres Available to Farm: plots vary in size from two acres to 20+ acres

Lease: 5 years

Rent: nominal if conditioned on making mutually agreed upon land improvements (e.g., improving soil fertility, revealing or repairing stone wall boundaries in public view corridors, clearing invasive species or brush or trees where necessary, installing a well, etc.)

Infrastructure Available: none; structures for agricultural purposes permissible as allowed under existing zoning regulations

Equipment Available: none

Water Available: well installation permissible as allowed under existing regulations

Farm Housing: none provided by LCACT

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