

MARTIN HOUSE FARM

Farmland /Barn/Cottage Lease

Available for immediate lease at Martin House Farm, Swansea, MA, are approximately 8 acres of farmland currently under cultivation, a 25 x 50' barn, adjacent space for a small animal pen and a 1500 sq ' 2+ bedroom /2 bath cottage with an enclosed fenced yard.

The property is owned by the Colonial Dames of Massachusetts. This interesting agricultural lease opportunity could support a CSA, a small organic farming operation, a small heritage breed program or a combination of agricultural activities. The property does not support larger animals.

Both water and electricity can be made available in the barn and a small pond offers irrigation options for the fields. While preference is for a tenant to lease both the rental cottage and farming operation, the 2+ bedroom cottage can be separated from the agricultural lease of MHF. Given the potential agricultural investment required, longer lease terms are negotiable and will be considered.

This opportunity is open for immediate lease. Please contact the NSCDA-MA at 617-359-6518 for further information and details concerning Martin House Farm. Lease terms: Barn and Fields: \$5,000/yr; Cottage: \$1500/ month plus pro-rated utilities.

History of the property and important additional information

Martin House Farm, a 50 acre colonial era property located at the corner of Rte 6 and Stoney Hill Rd in North Swansea, MA, has been owned by the National Society of the Colonial Dames in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (NSCDA-MA) since 1930. The farm is located 10 miles east of Providence, just over the Rhode Island / Massachusetts state line, adjacent to Fall River and close to the south coastal communities of these two states. On the property is an early 18th century gambrel roofed farm house that is open to the public during the summer months. In 1979 Martin House Farm was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is incorporated as Massachusetts 501c 3.

The lease does not include access to or responsibility for the historic house. The NSCDA-MA uses the house and outdoor space for occasional events; that occasional would not interfere with the lease as described above.