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## **Keep Connecticut's Farms in Farming: 2011 Legislative Priorities**

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**1. Bonding for Farmland Protection:** Authorize \$22 million in state bonding over the next two years for farmland preservation.

- \$10 million in each of FY 2012 and FY 2013 for the Farmland Preservation Program
- \$1 million in each of FY 2012 and FY 2013 for the Community Farms Preservation Program.

**2. Community Investment Act:** Revise the Community Investment Act to restore funding to the Farmland Preservation Program and continue the state's vital support of Connecticut dairy farms.

- Restore \$30 of the CIA deed fee to the purposes set out in the original Public Act, 05-228.
- Remove the sunset of PA 09-229 and dedicate \$10 of the \$40 deed fee enacted in 2009 for the dairy income safety net

**3. Protect State-Owned Farmland:** Permanently preserve the more than 1,300 acres of state-owned farmland on six properties, in accordance with the recommendations of the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board submitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture and the legislative Committee on the Environment on 1/15/2010.