



United States Department of Agriculture

**Connecticut Farm Bill Forum  
October 1, 2005  
Berlin Fair, Berlin, CT  
AGENDA**

- 9:00 AM Forum Begins/Moderator Opening Remarks
- 9:05 AM Pledge of Allegiance  
Justine Levesque, Berlin 4-H Trail Busters  
Shannan Crowley – Southington High School FFA
- 9:10 AM Introduction of Under Secretary Mark Rey
- 9:12 AM Under Secretary Mark Rey's Opening Remarks
- 9:23 AM Moderator explains rules of the Forum and the six questions/announces location of Help Desk
- 9:25 AM FFA Member Elyse Brodeur, Chapter President  
Southington High School FFA Chapter  
Responds to Question 1
- 9:28 AM 4-H Member Rebecca Harrison, Vice President  
Litchfield County Beef Club  
Responds to Question 1
- 9:30 AM Open floor for comments
- 10:30 AM Moderator announces 10 minute break
- 10:40 AM Open floor for comments
- 11:50 AM Moderator invites Under Secretary Mark Rey to make closing comments
- 12:00 PM Under Secretary moves to Press Conference

I 'don't have a connection  
with farming right now as I am  
retired.

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There must be help provided for farmers  
who are taken to court for unpleasant order  
to city folks who move next door and  
take offence to manure orders or a few  
flies, even when the farm is doing all  
the right things. Legal fees are way way  
too high, and time taken away from farmwork  
inexcusable. A way for free legal help  
to be provided.

Also please close big tax breaks  
meant to help low income farmers  
so wealthy entrepreneurs cannot take  
advantage of them.

Antoinette H. Willard  
retired from state of Connecticut  
former grower of ornamentals  
assisted husband when he worked with dairy  
farmers, as dairy herd improvement had supervisor &  
farm supplies business