

Request for Proposals
Nat's Farm: Agriculture

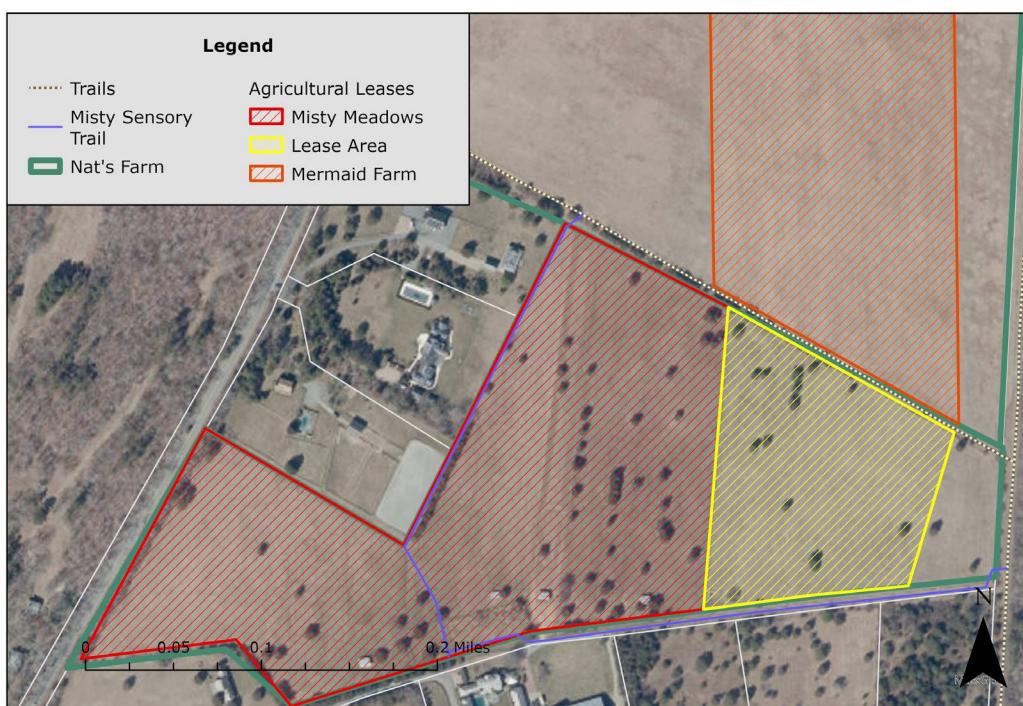
January 13, 2026

Sheriff's Meadow Foundation invites proposals for the agricultural use of a portion of the South Pasture of Nat's Farm. All proposals must be received by 9:00 am on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Nat's Farm is owned and managed by Sheriff's Meadow Foundation. Portions of the North Pasture are leased to Mermaid Farm, and portions of the South Pasture are leased to Misty Meadows Equine Learning Center. The land is subject to a conservation restriction held by the Town of West Tisbury. The conservation restriction allows for "the cultivation and harvesting of crops, flowers, haying, the mowing of grass, the grazing of livestock, animal husbandry, and the like agricultural uses and the construction and maintenance of fences...in connection therewith."

Proposals are being sought for the agricultural use of the 6-acre portion of the South Pasture that is nearest the State Forest. This area is outlined in yellow and labeled "lease area" on the map below.

Nat's Farm



The proposal must conform to the following restrictions:

- No structures may be erected, except for those related to animal husbandry and/or a well structure, if required.
- The proposed agricultural use must be organic, but need not be "certified organic."
- No vehicles, debris or other materials may be stored on the property.
- No nursery operations will be permitted.

Interested farmers should note the following.

- There is no well currently serving this area, but a well may be installed.
- There is no electricity currently serving this area, but electrical connections can be made.
- Vehicular access is available from Old County Road via the farm road that separates the North Pasture from the South Pasture; and
- Nat's Farm is open to the public for walking, bicycling and horseback riding. There is a path around the entire perimeter of the north pasture and along the western and southern lines of the south pasture, including three of the four sides of the area subject to this Request for Proposals.

To be considered, proposals must be submitted by 9:00 am on Monday, March 2, 2026. Proposals will be reviewed by Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's Agriculture Committee and by the Foundation Board of Directors. Sheriff's Meadow Foundation reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason.

If a winning proposal is chosen, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation will enter into a lease of this area with the successful farmer. The terms of the lease are negotiable.

Proposals may be submitted to:

Sheriff's Meadow Foundation
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Proposals may be submitted via first-class mail, email, or hand delivery. Please telephone Kristen Geagan with any questions. Thank you.