



Information Sheet

Protocol Title: The Value of Agricultural land in Connecticut: A Survey in Connecticut with PA 490

Faculty Advisor/Principal Investigator's Name, Phone Number, E-mail address: Charles Towe, (860) 486-2739, charles.towe@uconn.edu; Kimberly Rollins, (860) 486-4394, kimberly.rollins@uconn.edu

Student Researcher Name and UConn email: Ruirui Dang, ruirui.dang@uconn.edu

Study Sponsor: Connecticut Department of Agriculture

Key Information

You are being asked to volunteer for research. Below is some key information to keep in mind when thinking about why you may or may not want to be in the research.

Introduction

The purpose of this form is to provide you information that will help you decide whether or not to participate in this research study. The person performing the research will answer any of your questions. Take your time, read the information below, and ask any questions you might have before deciding whether or not to take part. If you decide to be involved in this study, this form will be used to record your consent. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

Purpose of the Study

You have been asked to participate in a research study about land values and preservation under the PA 490 program in Connecticut.

The purpose of this study is to gather information on land characteristics, rental rates, and timber sales to assess the economic value of farmland and forestland. This research aims to support policy decisions and land use planning for the sustainable management of open space in Connecticut.

Why am I being asked to take part in this research study?

You are being asked to take part in this study because you are a landowner or renter in Connecticut who may have relevant experience and insights regarding PA 490 land use and valuation. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or stop your participation in this research study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to you.



How many people will take part in this study and how long will it take?

This study will take approximately five months, from February 2025 to June 2025 and will include approximately 6,000 study participants in Connecticut.

Your participation will last for 10-15 minutes, which is the estimated time required to complete the survey.

Do I have to participate?

No, your participation is voluntary. You may decide not to participate at all or, if you start the study, you may withdraw at any time. Withdrawal or refusing to participate will not affect your relationship with the University of Connecticut in anyway.

If you would like to participate, please continue with the survey and submit your responses through Qualtrics. You can download a copy of this form for your records at any time.

Will participating in the study cost me anything?

No. There are no direct costs for taking part in this research study.

Will I be paid for taking part in this research?

No. Participants will not be paid for their participation.

Consenting to be in this Study:

You have been informed about this study's purpose, procedures. If you voluntarily agree to participate, please continue with the survey and submit your responses through Qualtrics. By agreeing to participate, you are not waiving any of your legal rights. You can download a copy of this form for your records at any time.