

A

Farm

A

Career

A Life Style

Are You Ready

The Di Meo's

Have the Land

Home

And Ideas

For you to

Become a

Farmer

A

Successful Farmer

A Farm For You

Farming is changing again. It needs to be re-invented. Are you ready? The Di Meo's operated the farm at 396 Greenville Avenue in Johnston RI for 108 years. The tradition is well known. Its time for someone else to expand the tradition.

At the turn of 1900, people did not have automobiles. There were nearly 800 farms in Rhode Island. Local farms sold their produce within walking distance of their location.

A group of entrepreneurs' became neighborhood peddlers. They used horse-drawn carts to sell fresh produce thru the neighborhoods. The market place came to the households.

As auto's became prevalent, fruit stands and supermarkets replaced peddlers. In today's busy economy, households need **YOUR help again**.

Most households have two wage earners. There is little time to travel from home-work-produce to select fresh locally grown products. The internet and your entrepreneurship can provide the households with a valuable service. Bring the new market to the wage earner's place of business. Let household personnel order fresh produce, eggs and meats like chickens via the internet from you. You assemble their needs and bring their boxed needs to the work place exit.

Large commercial parks will embrace your market place service because it supports improved employee satisfaction and work efficiency.

Avant-garde employees provide on-site daycare. This prevents employee tardiness and early release as well as improves their satisfaction.

Augment the daycare with fresh produce delivery. Internet orders will assure daily fresh products without over purchasing and quickly, efficiently deliverance to the end user.

There are two related changes. You need to request and receive permission from the large local employers such as Fidelity, Met-Life, FMGlobal etc. Secondly, you need to hire *High-Schoolers* with their own vehicles as independent contractors to deliver the products. As independent contractors you will not be responsible for vehicle cost, insurance or accidents. The contractor's can deduct these cost from the taxes and maximize their profits.

The growing season in Rhode Island is currently short, e.g. essentially June thru October. With the use of solar heated greenhouses, this season can be easily extended three months to include April/May and November or longer as technology improves.

Farming is becoming more exciting and profitable

Are you ready ?

Farming in Rhode Island has shrunk, less than thirty

Rhode Island is small

Farms in Rhode Island are then small

My farm is small but it is well located

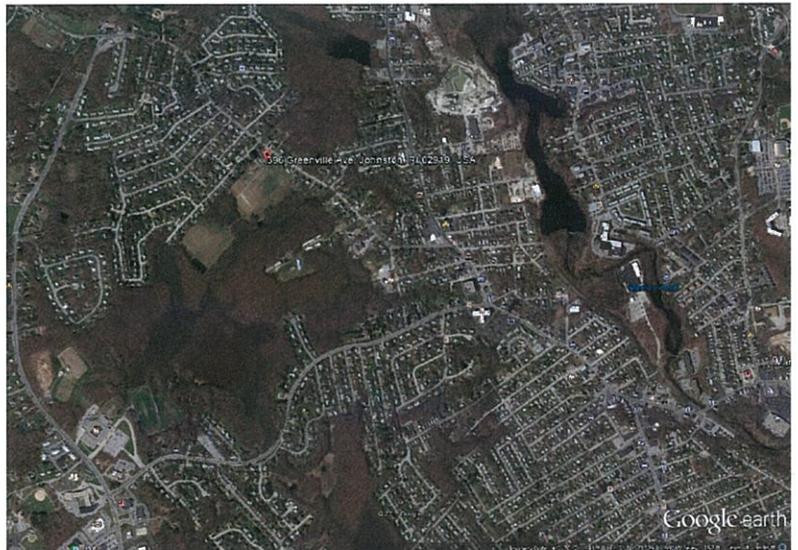
Less Farms mean Larger State Areas served by each Farm

The Di Meo homestead is centrally located in Johnston. It easily served North Providence, Greenville, Smithfield and areas of Cranston & Providence as well as Johnston. The Di Meo sweet corn was the main draw. But, many longtime customers came for the strawberries, raspberries and tomatoes. With good produce, fair prices and the above market delivery, your operation will be successful. The farm is also on a Bus line and easily reached by automobile.

Johnston wants the Di Meo farm to continue. Johnston will support an expanded Fruit Stand with other locally produced commodities. It is easy to envision local apples, peaches and poultry products supplementing the on-site greenhouse and field products. Let your imagination run.

The core farm being offered has 20 plus cleared acres with seven to eleven wooded acres for expansion. There are twenty five additional wetland acres which provide a cranberry crop option too. The wooded acres offer a fine hardwood firewood supply.

These photo's (Staples 1-A & 1-B), an aerial photograph illustrates the corn fields during the 1980's. There are two ponds for crop irrigation – one on the front area and one on the rear area. This computer aided drawing (Staples Figure 1) is a computer aided drawing depicting the Di Meo farm.



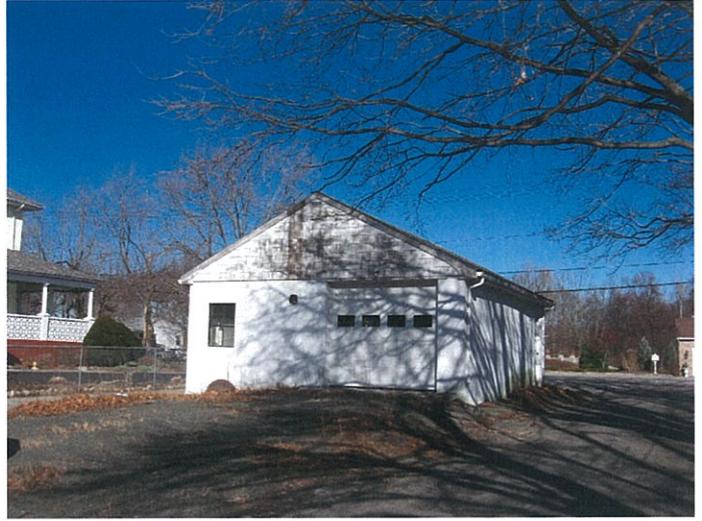
There are four existing buildings on the property.

- a two family two story house. The house can be rented individually or together, Photo 2



- the first floor has
 - two remote private Entries
 - two bedrooms
 - a full bath
 - an eat in-kitchen
 - pantry
 - living room
 - family room
 - an office
- the second floor has
 - two remote private Stairways.
 - two bedrooms
 - a full bath
 - an eat in-kitchen
 - a parlor
 - an office
- the house has full height basement
- the house has base board hot water heat on each floor on hot water furnace (e.g. AO Smith furnace installed in 1998)
- there are separate 30 gal electric water heaters for each floor
- the house has public waste sewers
- the house roof is about 15 years old the house has plastic double hung windows installed about 15 years ago

- a 22 x 30 ft concrete block Fruit Stand, Photo 3 A & B



- two 8 ft overhead doors and one 3 x 6'6 mandoor
- one 10 ft rear overhead door
- rear overhead door has automatic opener
- building has hot/coldwater and electric range connections
- Fruit Stand has 60 amp circuit breaker panel
- a pull down folding ladder to above grade attic storage
- outside perimeter lighting
- a 30 x 35 ft concrete block Equipment storage building, Photo 4



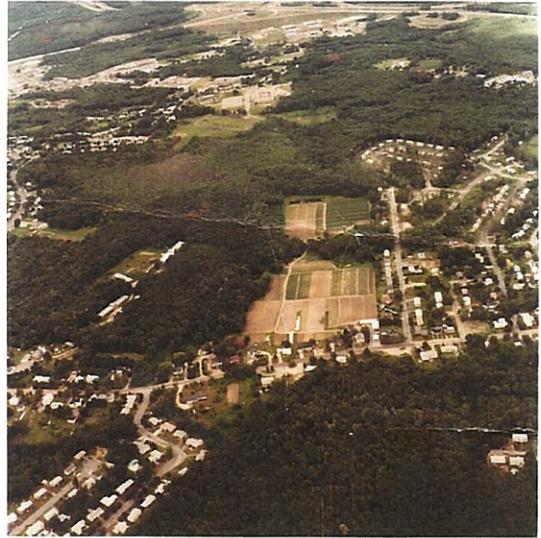
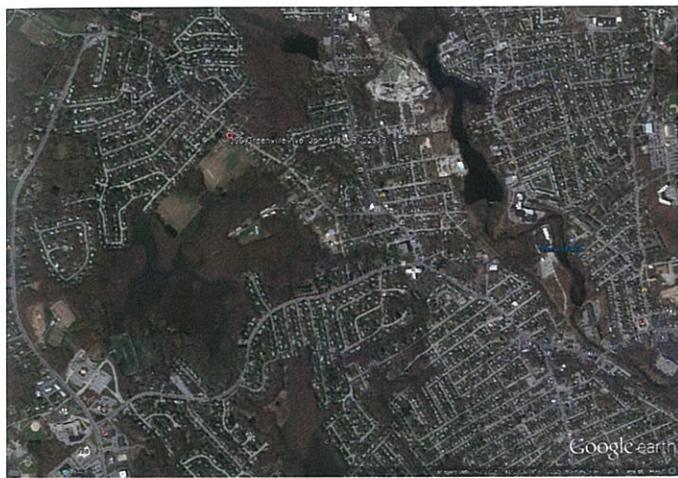
- w/two 10 ft overhead doors and one 3 x 6-6 mandoor
- two automatic overhead door openers
- a 150,000 btu/hr oil fired hot air heater
- a full bathroom
- 60 amp circuit breaker panel
- an office

- a pull down folding ladder to above grade attic storage
- outside perimeter lighting
- a 30 x 75 ft plexiglass covered Greenhouse. The Greenhouse is a galvanized steel frame structure, Photo 5 & 6, with:



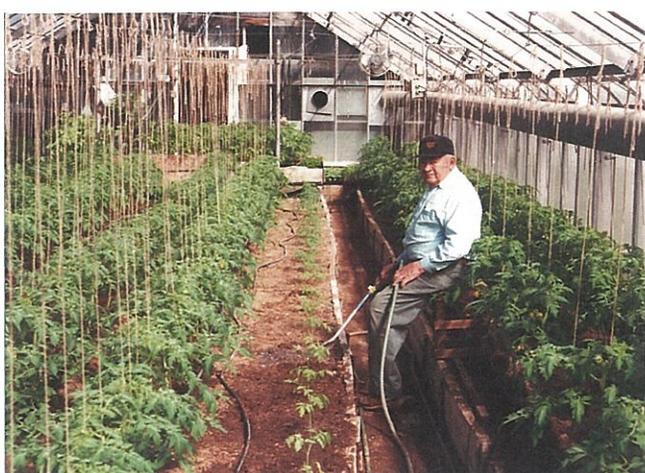
- full length ventilation louvers at top of A-frame
- the ventilation louvers are automatically controlled on temperature thermostats
- there are two electric fans automatically controlled on temperature thermostats
- there are two 120,000 btu/hr oil fired hot air furnaces, e.g. one on each side of greenhouse
- there is a 12 inch hot air heating duct the full length of each side of greenhouse
- there is a 12 x 30 ft shed on north end of greenhouse
- there is a drip irrigation hose system in greenhouse
- a one story 24 x 24 ft wood frame garage with
 - two 8 ft overhead doors
 - an attic storage area
 - exterior windows on two sides

This photo (Staples Photo 7) & Figure 1 illustrates the possible Farm expansion beyond the area already described. This Google Earth photograph shows there are several additional large acreage areas owned by neighbors. These additional areas maybe obtainable over the future years. Johnston, the RIDEM and neighbors have a distinct interest in keeping these areas in farming and out of subdivision development. Your farm could double in your life time.



Photos 8 thru 12 reflect crops in the field and Greenhouse.





Farming has another Opportunity
Customers need to learn how to cook
Invite customers to free vegetables
Ask them to cook their Grandma's recipes
Return their cooking for Samples by others and
Issue Booklet each Year – Free to Customers
With the Grandma's recipes
Farmers could work with Teachers

Or

The Farmers could provide cooking lessons

Form Gourmet Clubs

Provide Cook's to help

Select

Prepare

Present

Foods to Club Member's Homes

Are you ready to teach the next generation

To use your produce

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