

## Tea Lane Farm Draft Proposal for a Farm Plan

Proposals from Island Residents to lease the land and farmhouse at Tea Lane Farm in Chilmark should include the following seven categories. Proposals should be submitted to the Chilmark Board of Selectmen by January 15, 2012.

### 1. Use of Land and Buildings for food production.

The Farm includes approximately 20 areas for farm production, a mixture of crop and pasture land. 17 acres are owned by the MV Land Bank and will be leased to the farmer by the Land Bank. Three acres are to be leased from the Town of Chilmark and include the farmhouse, a garage, a barn, and other outbuildings.

### 2. Production Plan

What crops will be grown, what animals raised, what products will be sold? The plan should detail quantities of products expected to be produced for sale.

### 3. Marketing Plan

How is the farm product to be sold? Direct marketing, farm market, wholesale outlets, etc.

### 4. Business Plan

The Farm Plan should include a business plan predicting farm costs and farm sales. This should be for a five year period.

### 5. Proposed use of Farm Buildings

The farm currently contains five farm buildings. They are in various states of repair. The farm plan should contain a plan for use of these buildings.

### 6. Use of the Farm House

The Farm Plan should include a plan for the main house. Who will live in it? What repairs are necessary? How will those repairs be financed? How will the historic structure be maintained?

### 7. Experience of Applicant

The Farm Plan should include the qualifications and experience of the farmer. The town needs to feel that the new resident is capable of a successful farm operation.