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## **Bagwell Farms of RI, Inc. Receives 2022 Conservation Farm of the Year Award**

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District (NRICD) is pleased to announce that the annual Conservation Farm of the Year award has been presented to Bagwell Farms of RI, Inc. Bagwell Farms, founded and operated by Randy Bagwell, is a cow, calf, yearling and beef operation that also produces eggs, rabbits, poultry, and pork. Bagwell Farms utilizes a unique ownership structure where each cow is partially owned by a veteran, who then will either grow their herd when the cow breeds or partake in their share of the profits when the cow is sold. Randy Bagwell is a veteran himself, and benefitting fellow veterans with his farm is at the core of his mission. Randy rotationally grazes his cattle between several properties throughout Foster and Glocester, RI to minimize their impact on the environment, and has worked with USDA NRCS on a rotational grazing plan, pasture health, invasive species removal, and soil health.



*Bagwell receives his award from NRICD chair Dick Went*

NRICD's Conservation Farm of the Year award is presented annually to a Providence County agricultural producer who demonstrates a strong commitment to participating in voluntary conservation on their land. Says District Manager Molly Allard, "farmers who take care to conserve their land's water, soil, and other natural resources help ensure that these lands will remain productive and continue to feed Rhode Island for generations to come." Randy Bagwell was presented with his award at the Join Conservation Annual Dinner on Friday, November 18 at the Coventry-West Greenwich Elks Hall.

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