

Feb 13, 2009

Hello, I'm Tammi Avery. I live on Ward Lane in Franklin. We have a 40 acre pick-your-own berry and cut-your-own Christmas tree farm.

We use no pesticides or sprays on our fruit or fields. Our customers know that our berries are safe to eat as they pick. This is important to Moms that bring their children. We get more compliments every year on the quiet enjoyable experience they have at our farm.

We also raise our own chickens, pigs and beeves. We cut our own hay for our animals and to sell. Our chickens are free range, not in a coop. We have expanded into boarding horses soon to be completed. I'm concerned people won't want to keep their horses on our farm so close to an ash landfill. We are one of the closest properties to the proposed site.

We sell our produce and jams at local farmers' markets. We sell our cows and eggs to the public to eat. Three quarters of our farm sits over the same aquifer as the proposed ash dump. We have three wells, a pond and two streams on our property. Two of the wells are shallow used to water our produce and animals. We worry people will see that we're from Franklin and not buy from us. I feel we will lose customers because they will worry over the possibility of pollutants. There is a large fruit and vegetable stand that grows their own vegetables to sell on rte 32. Franklin is the home of Egglan's Best Egg Farm, one of Ct's largest remaining egg farms, Blue Slope Dairy Farm and Cushman's Dairy Farm. I'm sure these farms in our town have some of the same concerns as we do.

We also worry about the affect this will have on the wildlife in the area. There is every form of wildlife know to CT including bobcat, black bear, three types of owls, bald eagles and the rare wood turtle. We have native trout in our stream that is the same stream that cuts through the proposed dump sight.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tammi Avery

28 Ward Lane
N. Franklin, CT 06254
(860)642-6844