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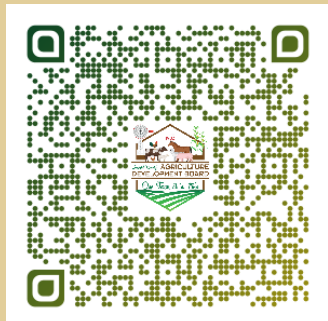
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The Baron Farm was owned by Stanley Baron who operated an 85-acre sheep farm on the property. Originally the Baron Farm had entered earlier versions of the program that consisted of 8-year terms of preservation; but in October of 1987, the farm was officially preserved, through the program we still utilize today. This program, originally called Somerset County's Agricultural Development Program, allowed for the County to purchase a development easement of the property to ensure only agricultural activities would continue to be performed on the farm. The farm was purchased by both the State and the County for \$630,000 through the 1983 Agricultural Retention and Development Act. The farm is now owned by the Somerset County Park System and leased out to farmers in the community.



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