Reading and Conserving the Vineyard
History’s Insights into Martha’s Vineyard —
Today and Tomorrow  
The 1850 Map by 
Henry Laurens Whiting
“Henry Whiting could make a better map of the far side of a hill without seeing it than others could while standing before it.”

– Science Magazine
1897
Woodlands from a Historical Perspective
A New Opportunity for Agriculture in Conservation

Farm Land -- Managed by Farmers

Conservation Land -- Managed by Conservationists
Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank. From Mowing Machines to Renters and now Owners…. of Goats
**Vineyard Food Self-Sufficiency**

Farms produce 4-7% of the food demand of the year-round population...

It could be 47% with...all existing farms and fields and 20% undeveloped prime ag soils...

**Land Base for Agriculture**

Existing Farm Land       1687 acres

Open Fields (not farmed)  693 acres
The Farm Institute