

Subject: Airline Pilot was Ag Hero Too

Story Summary: Airline captain John Ogonowski, who died in one of the Sept. 11 hijackings, was known for his efforts to preserve farmland and help immigrant farmers in Massachusetts.

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Suggested lead: One of the airline pilots lost in the September 11 terrorist attacks was also an agricultural hero. Tom Steever reports on efforts of friends and family to carry on his work.

Suggested supers: Dracut, Mass.
@ :25

Paul Fischer
USDA Farm Service Agency
@ :17

Jim Ogonowski
John's brother
@ :43

Carol Ogonowski
John's sister
@ 1:06

Sophyroth Sun
Cambodian immigrant farmer liaison
@ 1:28

Tom Steever
Reporting
@ 1:39

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October 25, 2001

<p>Ogonowski pilot portrait</p> <p>Still of John/loader tractor</p> <p>Cambodian woman</p>	<p>VO/ JOHN OGWONOWSKI WAS THE CAPTAIN ABOARD ONE OF THE AIRLINERS COMMANDEERED AND FLOWN BY TERRORISTS INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. BUT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS, HE IS A CHAMPION OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND A HERO TO CAMBODIAN IMMIGRANT FARMERS.</p>
<p>Paul Fischer USDA Farm Service Agency</p> <p>John w/Cambodians</p>	<p>SOT/ HE WAS THE MENTOR FARMER, HE WAS THE ONE SHOWING THESE GROWERS HOW TO PRODUCE THESE CROPS AND HOW TO UTILIZE THE BEST METHODS IN ORDER TO PRODUCE THOSE AND THAT MEANS, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE TRYING TO LEND A HAND AND MAKING SURE THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL.</p>
<p>Z-in Farm Bureau sign</p> <p>Tilt up photo still</p> <p>Ogonowski Farm sign</p> <p>Wide of farm house</p>	<p>VO/ HE WAS A FARM LEADER ACTIVE ON THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD AND FOR JOHN OGWONOWSKI, FARMING WAS A PASSION NURTURED THROUGH HIS UPBRINGING IN A FARM FAMILY.</p>
<p>Z-in John still Jim Ogonowski John's brother</p> <p>Pull out of John with family (still)</p>	<p>SOT/ TO UNDERSTAND JOHN YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND HIS FOUR LOVES: HIS LOVE OF THE COUNTRY, HIS LOVE OF FLYING, HIS LOVE OF FARMING, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, HIS LOVE OF HIS FAMILY.</p>
<p>Pan of field to house</p> <p>Pan of cornfield</p>	<p>VO/ THE HAY, BLUEBERRY AND PUMPKIN GROWER ENROLLED MUCH OF HIS LAND IN THE COMMONWEALTH'S</p>

Z-out from hay rake	AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION, PERMANENTLY PREVENTING DEVELOPMENT WHILE ALLOWING AGRICULTURAL USE. HE ALSO HELPED FOUND THE DRACUT LAND TRUST.
Carol Ogonowski John's sister Pan of farm	SOT/ HE REALLY WANTED TO PRESERVE THIS AREA AND HE'S DONE A GREAT JOB, YOU CAN SEE HIS BEAUTIFUL FARM AND THERE'S ANOTHER HUNDRED ACRES.
Ogonowski w/Cambodians C/u Phath 2-shot, Phath/Sophyroth	VO/ OGONOWSKI'S ASSISTANCE OF CAMBODIAN FARMERS ON HIS LAND ENDEARED HIM TO THE IMMIGRANTS, WHO YEARS AGO FLED OPPRESSION IN THEIR NATIVE LAND.
Sophyroth Sun Cambodian immigrant farmer liaison	SOT/ TO ME, IT'S SORT OF JOHN FINDING A PLACE AND SPACE IN HIS HEART, YOU KNOW, TO TELL THE WORLD THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT JUST ONLY CAMBODIANS, THEY ARE CAMBODIAN/AMERICAN, THEY ARE PART OF US.
Pan corn to open space	VO/ TO FURTHER OGONOWSKI'S LAND PRESERVATION EFFORTS, THE FAMILY IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS TO THE DRACUT LAND TRUST.
Jim Ogonowski sot Z-out from trees	SOT/ HIS LEGACY IS THE LAND WE STAND ON RIGHT NOW. THIS LAND IS GOING TO REMAIN AS OPEN SPACE FOREVER, FOR EVERYBODY.
Carol Ogonowski sot	SOT/ IT'S THE ONLY FITTING TRIBUTE.
Z-out still on tractor	VO/ FITTING, BECAUSE AT THE CONTROLS OF A MAMMOTH BOEING JET, JOHN OGONOWSKI WAS COMFORTABLE, BUT AT THE CONTROLS OF HIS FARM

	TRACTORS, HE WAS AT HOME. IN DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS, I'M TOM STEEVER.
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