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The University of Connecticut, University of Massachusetts, and University of Rhode Island Extension will host a Southern New England visit of Temple Grandin, a leading animal behaviorist and expert on humane treatment of our food animals, March 1 – 4, 2010. www.grandin.com

Dr. Grandin will make a public presentation on “Animal Behavior and Autism” on Monday, March 1 at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. This event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a refreshment period. Dr. Grandin will speak at 7:30 p.m. There will be a book signing opportunity after Dr. Grandin speaks. Tickets at \$15 each are available at www.osv.org or by calling Old Sturbridge Village at 800-733-1830. Advance tickets are recommended. For more information about the Old Sturbridge Village presentation please contact Alexis Conte at aconte@osv.org 508-347-0396.

From March 2 through March 4 Dr. Grandin will meet with students, faculty, and staff at the University of Massachusetts, University of Connecticut and University of Rhode Island. For more information about these on-campus events, please use the contact information below:

March 2, 2010 University of Mass.	Carrie Chickering-Sears, ccsears@umext.umass.edu 413-549-3257
March 3, 2010 University of Conn.	Sheila Andrew, sheila.andrew@uconn.edu 860-486-0803
March 4, 2010 University of Rhode Island	Katherine Petersson, kpetersson@uri.edu 401-874-2951

Sponsors to date for the entire four day program include:

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University of Rhode Island
University of Connecticut College of Agriculture & Natural Resources Alumni Association (UCANRAA)

The Temple Grandin event is part of a tri-state project “Producing Natural Local Meat for Consumers,” funded by the US Department of Agriculture SARE Professional Development Program. Project Coordinator is Michael T. Keilty, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Educator at the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Project Principal Investigators are: Joseph Bonelli, UCONN, Stephen Herbert, UMASS, and Kristen Castrataro, URI.

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