

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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## **NEW LAW MAKES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE LEAD STATE AGENCY FOR FSMA PRODUCE SAFETY RULE**

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The Dept. of Agriculture will be the lead agency for enforcing and assisting producers in complying with federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) rules on produce safety standards, under a bill passed unanimously by the General Assembly.

FSMA was signed into law in 2011 and is designed to create a nationwide integrated food safety system that focuses producers and regulators on preventing, rather than responding to, contamination and food-borne illnesses.

The Produce Safety Rule sets standards for growing, harvesting, packing, and holding produce intended for human consumption.

Produce is defined in the rule as any fruit or vegetable, including mushrooms, sprouts, peanuts, tree nuts, and herbs - but excluding grains.

The rule is one of seven new FSMA rules adopted by the federal Food & Drug Administration. It addresses a number of key areas in fresh fruit and vegetable production, including:

- Agricultural water quality and testing
- Biological soil amendments
- Worker health, hygiene and training
- Equipment, tools and buildings
- Domesticated and wild animals

The rule went into effect in 2016 and is being implemented in phases, depending on the size of the operation and its average annual produce sales. Farms that have between \$25,000 and \$250,000 in annual produce sales

have until 2020 to become compliant with the rule.

Those who sell between \$250,000 and \$500,000 of produce per year have until 2019, and all other farms must become compliant in 2018.

Farms that sell less than \$25,000 annually are exempt from the rule, although it is anticipated that many produce customers may expect even the smallest farms to employ at least some of the rule's provisions.

Connecticut has nearly 37,000 acres used for fruit and vegetable production.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the agency, supported by FDA funding, will be conducting outreach and training for producers and others affected by the rule.

"This is one of the most significant changes to agriculture in decades," Reviczky said. "It is going to require significant record-keeping, investment in infrastructure and enhancements to procedures on the farm to ensure produce makes it safely to market."

The bill passed by the General Assembly last month - H.B. No. 6333, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT - went into effect on July 1.

It allows the Dept. of Agriculture to inspect produce

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**USDA WHOLESALE CUTFLOWERS**

July 18, 2017. \$/pack as noted

AGERATUM, PA, PER BN	7.50	7.50
ALLIUM, STEM, NL	3.50	4.50
ALSTROEMERIA, 10/BN, CD	7.50	8.50
AMARANTHUS, NL, BUNCH, XL	35.00	35.00
ASTER, CA, BUNCH, LONG	7.50	8.50
ASTILBE, 10/BN, NL, LONG	12.50	15.00
CALLA, CD, PER STEM	4.00	4.00
CELOSIA, PA, BUNCH, 5s	8.50	8.50
DAHLIA, 5/BN, CA, LONG	12.50	15.00
DELPHINIUM, 10/BN, CA, LONG	12.50	12.50
GERBERA, STD, STEM, CD, LNG	1.20	1.35
GLAD, STD, 10/BN, CA, LONG	12.00	15.00
HYDRANGEA, STEM, NL, LNG	5.00	5.95
IRIS, DUTCH, 10/BN, CA, LNG	6.50	7.50
LAVENDER, PA, PER BN, LNG	9.50	9.50
LIATRIS, EC, 10/BN, LONG	7.50	7.50
LILIES, ASIA, /BN, CA, LONG	13.50	15.00
PEONY, 10/BN, NJ, LONG	20.00	25.00
QUEEN ANNE LACE, /BN, CA, L	8.50	9.50
RANUNCULUS, NL, 10/BN, LNG	13.50	15.00
ROSE, GARDEN, /STEM, NL L	3.50	3.95
SALVIA, PA, PER BNCH	8.50	8.50
SCABIOSA, PA, 10/BN, XLNG	12.50	12.50
SNAPDRAGON, CD 10/BN, EXL	12.50	13.50
STOCK, DBL, CA, 10/BN, LNG	8.50	9.50
SUNFLOWER, 5/BN, NENG, XLNG	6.50	6.50
YARROW, YLW, /BN, PA, LNG	8.50	8.50
ZINNIA, PA, PER BNCH, LNG	6.50	6.50

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.78	.92
LARGE	.73	.87
MEDIUM	.50	.63

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.25	1.36
LARGE	1.17	1.31
MEDIUM	.83	.94
SMALL	.48	.58

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	64.00	68.00
	300-350 lbs	63.00	66.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	55.00	64.00
	350-400 lbs	55.00	55.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	52.00	55.00
	500-800 lbs	51.00	55.50
Boars	500-800 lbs	5.00	8.50

**GREYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL, GA ANIMAL AUCTION**

July 13, 2017. \$ per lb or as marked.

Muscovy Ducks, Drakes	2.90	3.20
Goslings, each	6.00	10.00
Pekin Ducks, each	5.50	6.00
Red Fowl, 4-5 lb	.60	.80
Crossbred Rooster, 7-11 lb	1.10	1.10
Crossbred Fowl, 5-9 lb	1.80	2.05
Banty hens, each	2.00	4.00
Guinea fowl	2.50	3.50
Leghorn Hens, each	1.50	1.50
Broilers	1.20	1.40
Doves, each	8.00	9.00
Turkey Poults	2.75	2.75
Goose eggs, each	2.50	2.50
Pheasants, each	15.00	18.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	16.50
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEANS, GREEN, FLAT, BU	38.00	38.00
BEANS, GRN, HNDPKD, BU	28.00	40.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	38.00	38.00
BROCCOLI, 20 LBS LOOSE	16.00	16.00
CAULIFLOWER, 9S JKT PK	12.00	13.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
COLLARDS, 1-3/5 BU, 12 BN	12.00	13.00
CORN, BICOLOR, 5 DOZ/SACK	17.00	18.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12 BN	14.00	15.00
KALE, LACINITO, 12 BN	14.00	15.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 24	15.00	15.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, 1-1/9	58.00	60.00
RHUBARB, OPN FIELD, 20 LB	35.00	35.00
SQUASH, YEL STNK, M, 1/2 BU	8.00	14.00
SQUASH, YEL STNK, , 1/2 BU	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, S, 1/2 BU	12.00	12.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, MED, 1/2 BU	9.00	10.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, LGE, 1-1/9	12.00	12.00
TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 5 LBS	13.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00
TOMS, GHS, 11 LBS, ON VINE	11.00	12.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LBS LOOSE	15.00	20.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APRICOTS, WA, 2 LYR, 72	30.00	31.00
BEETS, NJ, BUNCHED, 12	15.00	16.00
BLACKBERRY, SC, 12- 6OZ	16.00	16.00
BLUEBERRY, NJ, LG, 12-1 PT	18.00	26.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU	20.00	26.00
BOKCHOY, SHANGHAI, NJ, 10 LB	14.00	16.00
BRSSLS SPROUTS, CA, 25 LB	48.00	52.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NJ, 1-3/4	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE, RED, NJ, 1-3/4 BU	16.00	18.00
CARROTS, BUNCHED, CA, 24	19.00	21.00
CHRRY, RANIER, WA, 15LB, 9-1/2	40.00	50.00
CHIN. CABBAGE, NJ, 50 LB, 12	22.00	28.00
CUKES, NJ, MED, 1-1/9	22.00	22.00
CUKE, PCKL, NJ, 1-1/9, 150-200	34.00	38.00
CUKE, PCKL, NJ, 1-1/9, 200-300	42.00	46.00
EGGPLANT, NC, MED, 1-1/9	22.00	23.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 13. BU, 24	15.00	16.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	15.00	18.00
FIG, BRWN TRKEY, CA, 12-1 PT	30.00	30.00
GAI CHOY, CA, 30 LBS	35.00	35.00
KHOLRABI, NJ, 12 BN	18.00	20.00
LEEKS, NJ, 12	18.00	20.00
MUSTARD, CURLY, NJ, 1-3/5, 12	15.00	15.00
NECTARINES, NJ, 1/2 BU, 2-3/4"	34.00	35.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, 60	20.00	22.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60	20.00	24.00
PEACH, YL, NJ, USX1, 1/2BU, 2-1/4"	22.00	24.00
PEACH, YL, NJ, USX1, 1/2BU, 2-1/2"	26.00	30.00
PEACH, YL, NJ, USX1, 1/2BU, 2-3/4"	28.00	33.00
PEPPER, GRNBELL, NJ, 1-1/9	24.00	34.00
PEPPER, CUBANL, NJ, 1-1/9	24.00	28.00
RASPBERRIES, CA, 12-6 OZ	27.00	32.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, 12 CT	16.00	16.00
TURNIPS, PRPL TOP, MI, 25LB	15.00	15.00
TURNIP TOP GREENS, NJ, 12	15.00	15.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - July 17, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	45.00	55.00
61-75 lbs.	65.00	77.50
76-90 lbs.	100.00	105.00
91-105 lbs.	110.00	112.00
106 lbs. & up	115.00	120.00
Farm Calves	125.00	130.00
Starter Calves	40.00	50.00
Veal Calves	97.50	100.50
Feeder Heifers	120.00	130.00
Beef Heifers	79.00	83.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	120.00
Beef Steers	80.00	111.00
Feeder Bulls	120.00	130.00
Beef Bulls	90.00	95.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	5@	50.00
Sheep each	87.00	180.00
Lambs each	180.00	240.00
Goats each	90.00	410.00
Kid Goats each	50.00	105.00
Canners	up to	66.50
Cutters	67.00	70.00
Utility Grade Cows	71.00	76.00
Rabbits each	5.00	16.00
Chickens each	3.00	17.00
Ducks each	5.00	11.00

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	73.00	77.50
boners 80-85% lean	73.00	77.50
lean 88-90% lean	63.50	70.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	120.00	122.50
Choice 2-3	117.00	121.00
Select 1-2	112.00	116.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Choice/Prime 3-4	102.00	107.00
Choice 2-3	89.00	96.00
Sel 1-2	82.00	88.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	117.50	118.50
Choice 2-3	113.00	117.00
Sel 1-2	106.00	111.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 104-130 lbs	117.00	127.00
90-102 lbs	135.00	137.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	220.00	227.00
110-130 lbs	215.00	223.00
130-150 lbs	215.00	215.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
50-60 lbs	170.00	175.00
60-70 lbs	175.00	217.00
70-80 lbs	195.00	215.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	215.00	240.00
130-180 lbs	250.00	280.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	260.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	345.00	380.00

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farms for compliance, issue inspection certificates, and issue other orders to embargo, destroy, quarantine, or release produce.

Under the bill, anyone aggrieved by such an order may request a hearing in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.

The bill allows the Dept. of Agriculture to inspect produce farms that are subject to FSMA at reasonable hours to ensure compliance with the federal produce safety rules and any related state regulations.

It allows the department to coordinate with a federal or state agency or state organization, municipality, or political subdivision to perform the inspections.

After an inspection, the department may issue an inspection certificate to the farm indicating the date and place of inspection and any other information the commissioner deems necessary.

“Our top priority is to work with the agricultural community to educate while we regulate,” said Dr. Bruce Sherman, Director of the department’s bureau of Regulatory Services, which will handle outreach and enforcement.

The bill also allows the department to inspect a produce farm that is not subject to FSMA at the request of the farm’s owner or operator.

The request must authorize the commissioner to inspect the farm in accordance with FSMA and issue an inspection certificate.

The bill requires the owner or operator of a produce farm who is subject to FSMA or who requests an inspection to maintain records as required under FSMA, the produce safety rules, or related state regulations.

The owner or operator must make the records available to the department at the request of the commissioner or his agent.

The bill also authorizes the agriculture commissioner to consult, collaborate, and enter into cooperative agreements with any government entity as necessary to carry out the bill’s provisions.

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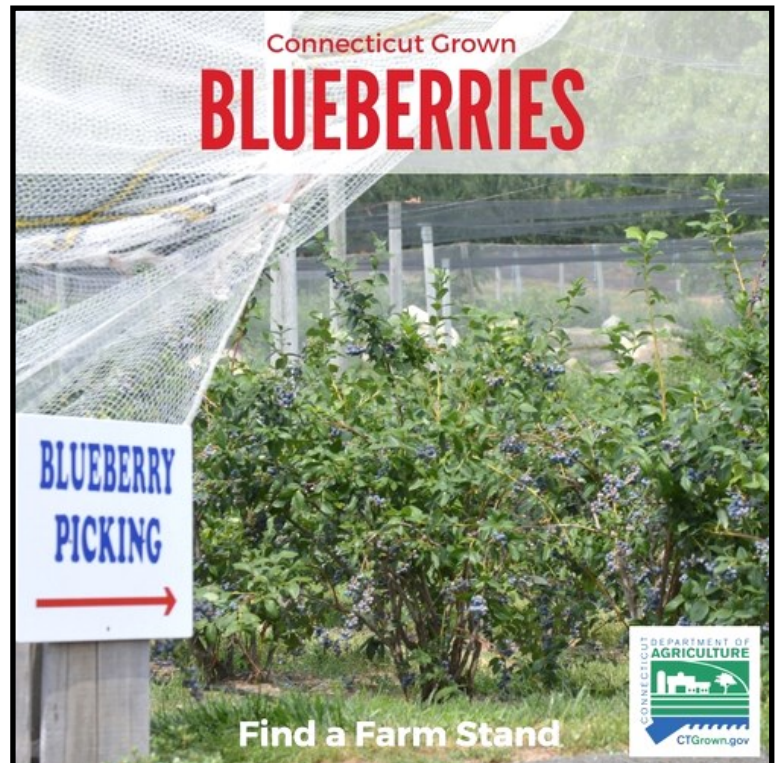
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## NEW ENGLAND/CT OBSERVATIONS FROM THE USDA/NASS CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION REPORT FOR 7/9 THROUGH 7/16

New England averaged 5 days suitable for field work last week. New England states received more rain to dampen their season.

Several days of wet weather with warm temperatures were reported throughout the states. Some areas reported hail and thundershowers but no significant crop damage has been reported.

Regional average weekly temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below to 5 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.05 to 3.52 inches throughout the region.

The persistence of rain this season has had a negative impact on crops so far; although yields may generally be up this year, quality is down. While some farmers have continued with their second cutting of hay, several others were reported as still working on their first cutting.

Several states described farm stands as 'bursting' with vegetables and fruits due to the abundant precipitation; however, for crops not already harvested pests were becoming an issue.

Reports of Spotted Wing Drosophila, Japanese Beetles, and Corn Earworm Moths have been seen damaging crops in the ground.

Field crops, especially tomatoes, have been experiencing the beginning stages of plant disease. Corn yields have been down, with some fields varying from shin to

waist-high stalks. Farmers are hoping to catch a break from the heavy rain this season so they can spray nitrogen in fields without the worry of runoff. Field activities for the week included tillage, side-dressing fields with fertilizer, cultivating, mowing weeds, as well as equipment repair and maintenance.

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#### • **Litchfield County/ Richard Meinert**

Normally wet fields are finally drying out so first cutting can be completed. Finally, corn is growing rapidly with some heat and sunshine. PSNT test results are running lower than normal due to denitrification and leaching of nitrogen.

#### • **Windham County/Alicia Mott**

Scattered thunderstorms throughout the week produced locally heavy rain, with some areas seeing 4" to 4.5". Producers are picking blueberries, raspberries, broccoli, kale, garlic, and green beans. Second cutting of hay continues, and field corn is growing well despite late planting in some areas due to wet conditions.

**The full report and other New England and Connecticut agricultural publications and information is available at:**

[www.nass.usda.gov/nh](http://www.nass.usda.gov/nh)

## AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING ASSOC. ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HARTFORD

The American Community Gardening Association is holding its 38th annual conference at Capital Community College in Hartford from July 27-30 - the first time in 10 years the conference will be in New England.

The conference features workshops covering topics including cutting-edge horticulture practices, community gardening start-up and sustainability, school/youth gardening curricula and innovative health and workplace programs. All-day tour excursions are available to major

community gardening and urban agriculture programs in Connecticut and Massachusetts, including Hartford/West Hartford, New Haven, New London/Mystic, Bridgeport and Colchester.

Speakers include Mark Winne, national Food Policy Council consultant and founder of the Hartford and Connecticut Food Policy Councils.

More information is available at:

<https://communitygarden.org/conference/>

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