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FARMERS' MARKETS SEEKING VENDORS Market Masters Must Submit Updated Information by April 3

The following is a listing of farmer's markets currently looking for vendors, as well as producers seeking markets.

Farmers' market masters are required to update market information with the Department of Agriculture annually, and this year's deadline is April 3.

Masters must submit:

- 2017 Certified Market MOU
- Exempt farmers' market statement
- 2017 Farmers' market date/time information

Farmers wishing to sell a fruit, vegetable, fresh-cut herb, or honey at a Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) authorized market are required to go through a short training/certification meeting.

The listing, above forms and information on FMNP are available at www.CTGrown.gov via the farmers' market link on the homepage

Questions about participating in a market and other market information may be directed to Jaime Smith at Jaime.Smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559.

Berlin: Sat 9-1 Cheese

Contact: janegeorgini@yahoo.com

Bristol: Sat 10-1 Local butcher

Contact: anic@bristolct.gov

Cromwell: Cheese, honey, seafood, chicken, CT authors

Contact: cromwellfarmersmarket@comcast.net

Farmington Library: Fri 3-6 Cheese, wine

Contact: bdayton@farmingtonlibraries.org

Hebron: Sat 9-12:30 Dairy, cheese, crafts, vegetables, fish/seafood, meat

Contact: ghbreadct@yahoo.com

Ivoryton: Sat 10-1:30 Coffee

Contact: dave@essexgarlic.com

Lebanon: Sat 9am-noon Baker, cheese, meat, specialty

Contact: farmersmarket@lebanontownhall.org

Ledyard: Wed 4-7pm Any farmer or vendor will be considered

Contact: hello@ledyardfarmersmarket.org

Madison: Fri 3-6pm Fruit, shellfish

Contact: kingsley@barberryhillfarm.com

New London County, Markets Vary: Seafood

Contact: cbarry@llhd.org



Newington: Sat 9-1 Organic/conventional fruits and veg (2 to 3), cheese (2) plants, flowers, herbs (2), eggs
Contact: val@jmalogos.com

Vernon/Route 30 Farmers' Market (at TAC): Thurs 9-1 Meat

Contact: arn824@aol.com

Scotland: Weds 3-6pm Meat, cheese, syrup, honey, fruit, vegetables

Contact: dquercia6@charter.net

Watertown: Sat 9-12 Any farmer or vendor

Contact: wtnspecialevents@watertownct.org or Hannah.cook.collier@gmail.com

Windsor Locks: Tues 4-7 Vegetables, baked goods, herbs, flowers, meat

Contact: mjperrier@aol.com

VENDORS LOOKING FOR MARKETS

Looking for M, T, Th morning/afternoon markets.

Offering eggs, meat, produce, canned goods.

Contact: kbfarmstead@gmail.com

Bakery/cakes/cookies vendor in Fairfield area looking for markets.

Contact: palmeriv73@gmail.com

Jobber with cut flowers, herb and veg plant plugs in Hartford area.

Contact: j13j13j13@yahoo.com

Cheshire grower with fig trees looking for market

Contact: wayne.howardpaving@icloud.com

Middletown baker offering pies, granola, cookies and all natural dog treats

Contact: tobrien@futures-ct.org

LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	60.00	64.50
boners 80-85% lean	57.00	62.50
lean 88-90% lean	51.00	56.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	130.00	133.00
Choice 2-3	123.50	127.50
Select 1-2	118.00	124.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	82.00	90.00
Sel 1-2	69.00	71.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	118.00	124.50
Choice 2-3	116.00	119.00
Sel 1-2	107.00	112.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1		
900-1720 lbs	92.00	99.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-128 lbs	111.00	111.00
No 1 94-112 lbs	130.00	140.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-90 lbs	300.00	300.00
90-110 lbs	240.00	240.00
110-130 lbs	215.00	217.00
130-150 lbs	190.00	190.00
150-200 lbs	185.00	215.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	110.00	140.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	120.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	120.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
60-70 lbs	210.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	175.00	241.00
130-180 lbs	215.00	275.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	185.00	275.00
150-250 lbs	295.00	350.00

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

N. Holland, PA, March 1, 2017. By the head.

FRESH COWS:

SUPREME	1550.00	1775.00
APPROVED	1100.00	1600.00
MEDIUM	950.00	1225.00

SHORT BRED COWS (1-3 MONTHS):

APPROVED	1150.00	1375.00
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SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):

SUPREME	1400.00	1600.00
APPROVED	1200.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1150.00

BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):

SUPREME	1400.00	1595.00
APPROVED	1150.00	1325.00
MEDIUM	775.00	875.00

OPEN HEIFERS

300-600 lbs		
APPROVED	525.00	600.00
MEDIUM	400.00	500.00
600-900 lbs		
APPROVED	800.00	875.00
MEDIUM	625.00	775.00
900-1200 lbs		
APPROVED	875.00	950.00

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
APPLE, CORTLND, XF, 12-3LB	21.00	21.00
APPLE, GALA, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 100	65.00	65.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 80	70.00	70.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 88	70.00	70.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, 80	40.00	40.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, 88	40.00	40.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 120	17.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 140	17.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, XFY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	22.00	22.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	22.50
EGGPLANT, THAI, 20 LBS	15.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, NG, SZA, 50LB	10.00	11.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, CHF, 50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, 10 LB FILM	2.25	2.50
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZB, 50 LB	11.00	11.00
POTATO, YELLOW, #1, SZA, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GHSE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00
TOMATO, GHS, ONVINE, 11 LBS	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB	10.00	14.00
TOMATO, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00

NORTHEAST & SOUTHEAST WHOLESALE HERBS

\$/Per unit.

ARUGULA, FL 2-1-1/2 LB BAGS	12.00	13.50
ARUGULA, FL, 4 LBCTN, LOOSE	12.00	13.50
BASIL, FL, 1 LB, 15 BNCHES	20.00	22.00
BASIL, FL, 1 LB, LOOSE	5.00	5.00
CHERVIL, FL, 1 LB, 15 BN	7.00	8.00
CHIVES, FL, 1 LB, 12 BNCHES	8.00	10.00
CIPOLINOS, NY, 10 LB MESH	16.00	18.00
DILL, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN	7.00	8.00
DILL, FL, 1/2 BU, 24 BNCHES	21.00	22.00
DRY ESCHALLOT, NY, 10LB	8.00	11.00
MARJORAM, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN	7.00	8.00
MINT, FL, 1/2 BU, 12 BN	7.00	8.00
MINT, NJ, 12 BUNCHES	10.00	12.00
OREGANO, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN	7.00	9.00
ROSEMARY, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN	7.00	10.00
SAGE, FL, 1 LB, 12, BNCHES	7.00	9.00
SORREL, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN	10.00	12.00
TARRAGON, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN	10.00	10.00
THYME, FL, 1 LB, 12 BNCHES	7.00	8.00
WNTRCRSS, GH, PA, 2.2 LB	13.00	16.00
WNTRCRSS, ORG, GH, PA, 2.2LB	26.00	26.00
WATERCRESS, FL, 24 BN/CTN	14.00	16.00
WATERCRESS, FL, 12 BN/CTN	10.50	12.00

HAY - LANCASTER, PA

Small squares, each.

ALFALFA	Good	155.00	210.00
ALFALFA/GRASS	Premium	235.00	330.00
	Good	165.00	230.00
GRASS HAYS	Premium	255.00	300.00
	Good	170.00	250.00
STRAW		95.00	155.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - March 13, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	20.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	32.50	35.00
91-105 lbs.	37.50	41.00
106 lbs. & up	42.50	44.00
Farm Calves	up to	57.50
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	100.00	130.00
Feeder Heifers	75.00	100.00
Beef Heifers	86.00	102.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	160.00
Beef Steers	77.00	85.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	90.00
Beef Bulls	60.00	87.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	1@	500.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	50.00	60.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	140.00	150.00
Lambs each	62.50	320.00
Goats each	145.00	345.00
Kid Goats each	90.00	170.00
Canners	up to	64.50
Cutters	65.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	74.00
Rabbits each	10.00	12.00
Chickens each	6.00	22.50
Ducks each	8.00	12.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.64	.79
LARGE	.58	.72
MEDIUM	.50	.63

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.14	1.19
LARGE	1.11	1.15
MEDIUM	.69	.77
SMALL	.61	.61

USDA - BISON MEAT REPORT

Prices for grain fed bison March 2017. \$/Cwt.

WHOLESALE MEAT - GRAIN FED - FRESH		
RIBEYE, LIP ON	1250.00	1779.00
CHUCKROLL/CLOD	620.00	775.00
FLATS, OUTSIDE RND	620.00	775.00
TOP ROUND	789.00	920.00
EYE OF ROUND	650.00	817.00
STRIP LOIN	850.00	1466.00
TOP SIRLOIN	700.00	949.00
TENDERLOIN	1725.00	2600.00
GROUND 90% BULK	680.00	750.00
GROUND 85% PATTIES	790.00	790.00
HEARTS	225.00	400.00
LIVERS	165.00	231.00
TONGUES	320.00	534.00
PEELED KNUCKLES	700.00	850.00
TRIMMINGS, 90% FRESH	675.00	849.00

USDA URGES FARMERS TO RESPOND TO 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Once every five years, the USDA conducts a nationwide agricultural census to create a statistical picture of the nation's land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures.

The 2017 Census of Agriculture, "Your Voice, Your Future, Your Opportunity," will be mailed to more than three million U.S. farmers later this year, and the USDA is urging every farmer to respond.

Those who receive the census raised or sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of fruits, vegetables or food animals during the census year. It includes even the smallest plots of land, rural or urban.

Through the Census of Agriculture, producers can show the nation the value and importance of agriculture, and help influence the decisions that will shape the future of American agriculture for years to come.

The last census in 2012 showed that Connecticut led New England in the growth of new farms during the previous five years.

Census of Agriculture data are used by all those who serve farmers and rural communities — federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, trade associations and many others. Farmers and ranchers can use Census of Agriculture data to help make informed deci-

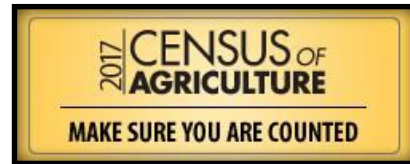
sions about the future of their own operations. Companies and cooperatives use the facts and figures to determine the locations of facilities that will serve agricultural producers.

Legislators use the numbers from the Census when shaping farm policies and programs.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will mail questionnaires for the 2017 Census of Agriculture to farm and ranch operators in December 2017 to collect data for the 2017 calendar year. Respondents can complete the Census online at www.agcensus.usda.gov or return their forms by mail.

United States law (Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113), requires all those who receive a Census of Agriculture report form to respond even if they did not operate a farm or ranch in 2017.

Census data is available through the local NASS field office in your area and is also available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For additional information on the Census of Agriculture and other NASS surveys, call the Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540.



FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

27-R. Quality hay for sale; large bales from fertilized fields no kicker bales. 25 bale minimum \$5.75 per bale. Call 203-453-9865.

28-R. Farm for sale. 9.2 acre, ~40000 sq ft greenhouses in Eastford, CT. Used to produce lettuce, cucumbers, herbs, tomatoes. \$399,000.00. 860-336-8000.

32-R. For sale: 2013 custom John Deere 2-row corn planter. MaxEmerge XP Row units. Dry fertilizer hoppers. CM-250 planter monitor. \$7,995.00. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.

33-R. For sale: Can-Car cable log skidder. \$11,995.00. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.

34-R. For sale: Straw bales for bedding, mulch, construction. \$4.00 per bale. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.

36. For Sale: Dearborn 2-bottom plow Model 10-156. Good Condition. \$375.00. Call or text: 860-836-2814.

WANTED

30-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/softwood, especially sugar maple/white oak. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

35. Wanted: Large Katahdin Ram, one to five years old. Call David 203-453-9865.

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL RESCHEDULED TO FRIDAY

Due to Tuesday's snow storm, Agriculture Day at the Capitol has been rescheduled to Friday, March 17, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the State Capitol.

Presentation of the annual Outstanding Young Farmer, Century Farm, and Journalism awards will be made at 10 a.m. in the Hall of Flags, rather than the traditional noon starting time.

The event features more than 40 tables hosted by agricultural non-profits, producer associations, cooperatives, federal and state agricultural agencies, and Connecticut municipalities.

For more information, visit
www.ctaginfocouncil.org.

VENDOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS' MARKET AT HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

The 2017 vendor application for the farmers' market at the Regional Market in Hartford is now available at: http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/regional_market/2017/Final_2017_HRM_FM_Application_.pdf

Please return application with payment and all applicable certificates, permits, licenses, reports, maps, and resale listings to Jane Murdock, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 703, Hartford, CT 06103.

Call 860-713-2588 or email
Jane.Murdock@ct.gov with any questions.



The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is promoting maple syrup during the month of March on several state radio stations, as well as Pandora radio and the agency Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ConnecticutGrown and at www.CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup.

The ads feature the message: "What do pancakes, ice cream, vegetables, coffee and oatmeal have in common? They all taste better with Connecticut Grown maple syrup. Find a sugarhouse near you at www.CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup and tap into the sweetness."

Also, visit our Pinterest page, pinterest.com/GrowCTAg, for sugaring facts, maple syrup recipes and sugarhouses open to the public.

SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROPOSALS SOUGHT

The Dept. of Agriculture is seeking concept proposal for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops.

Projects must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public.

Projects cannot begin until after January 1, 2018, and must be completed by September 29, 2020. The maximum award is \$75,000.

More info and complete application guidelines are available at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

Advertising Rates: Fifteen or fewer words: \$3.75 per insertion. More than 15 words: 25 cents per word per insertion. Ads must be related to agriculture in Connecticut and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be received by noon on Friday before publication the following Wednesday. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture, and mail copy and remittance to the department at 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 701, Hartford, CT 06103. For more information contact Jane.Murdock@ct.gov or call 860-713-2588.

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